

## March 10, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Stephen Heggemeier presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Hanson, Tolzmann, Lulloff, Lorence, Pfeffer, and Kiviko. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Erik Stinson-PW and Chief Andrew Schade.

### Minutes

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 2/24/15 meeting.

### Treasure's Report

A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the February Treasurer's Report.

### Police Report

Presented to the Council was the February Incident report. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

### Police Reserves

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved for the Police Dept. to spend their reserves for 3 digital radios \$262.88, pads for AED's \$564.46 and a rifle \$314.46.

### Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-Director of Public Works reported they had a water main leak near the County garage, the new Case wheel loader & IH truck are working out nicely, ice skating rink is closed, silver maple tree was taken down near Amy Mauel residence by power company, the 1968 Ford can go out for bids, Ovyn is working at Master Packaging this week and could possibly take down the old railroad building if the City would like.

### Disposal RR shed

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to have Ovyn take down the old railroad shed, save boards with writing on them and dispose at the City dump.

### Public Present

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Pam Jaffke, Sandy Deacon, Karen Swiggum, Connie Felton, James Louks, Paul Heggemeier, Gail Muehlbauer, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. James Louks reported to the Council that he still has strong intentions of bringing business to Owen. Alderman Tolzmann asked when ground breaking would happen and James indicated June. State plans would need approval and permits issued. James does not plan to use the entire Innovation Center for his businesses. 20,000 to 30,000 square foot facility would be underground called a bunker. That is to ensure climate control. Alderman Hanson mentioned that the previous plans were for a green building. James likes this community and location and strategically is very attractive. James indicated that 200 jobs could be created immediately. Connie Felton of 125 Altenburg. She likes the idea of the Police purchasing the radios and medical equipment. Her concern is about the patrol rifle. Schade explained they only have 1 rifle now and having 2 would be more efficient for training purposes. Connie asked the caliber of the rifle and Schade replied 223. Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services presented a project schedule for the E. 4th Street Sewer and Water main replacement and the Upgrade to Lift Station #1. Grant application is due May 22nd. Mike feels we have a good chance getting grant money.

### Resol. #2015-5

A Lulloff/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2015-5 to amend the code of ordinances Sec. 2-4-14(a), to include Downtown Revitalization Committee.

### Parks & Rec.

Dennis Lulloff reported the Parks & Rec. Committee met on 2/18/15. Discussions about the redoing the volleyball court and horseshoe pits took place and level off the park area for carnival this July. Tim

Swiggum was present to report that because Clark County is behind on their plans for Outdoor Recreation, so the City can not apply for the DNR trail grant. Mill Pond ice rink was a great hit this winter. Possibly improving the warming shed was discussed and maybe moving the door to the other side. Heater needs to be checked that it's turned off. The park bathrooms need to be unlocked on the weekends. The OW Lions had a very successful ice fishing contest. Quite a selection and nice sizes of fish were caught. 13-13 ½" croppies, perch and a 4 # northern. If funds are available, maybe some buildings could be sided. The grills in the concession stand needs replacement and maybe some equipment moved around.

#### Fire Dept. Report

Mel Lorence reported that the OWC Fire District bought an EMS Support Command vehicle from Courtesy Thorp for \$12,000. The next April meeting, options for fire protection assessments will be discussed. Equipment is in need of some updates. The pumper truck has received a few bids for \$2,000, but the Fire District would like \$3,000 for it. The Curtiss fire dept. will be constructed this year.

#### CDA Report

The Dollar General will be breaking ground soon. James Louks is in town today. He met with Sheila Nyberg and discussed new market tax credits that he can take advantage of. Master Packaging and Taylor's surveyor will be around soon. Woodland Hotel was bought last week and renovation work is ongoing. The asbestos report for the old railroad shed came back clean. The Downtown Revitalization quorum issue will be taken care of in April. They are moving forward with the Car Show and Battle of the Bands. More vendors for the Farmer's Market are wanted.

#### Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 22983, 22989 and 22996. A Tolzmann/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check#22950-23008. City \$49,796.41, Water \$11,715.59, Sewer \$7,628.79, TIF #3 \$2,810.50 and TIF #4 \$17,264.50.

#### Closed Session

Convened into Closed Session: A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to convene into closed session at 6:24 pm. Roll Call Vote: Hanson-Yes, Tolzmann-Yes, Lulloff-Yes, Lorence-Yes, Pfeffer- Yes, Kiviko-Yes. Consideration of the possibility of leaving the Position as is, possible dismissal, or the reduction in work hours and/or compensation for CDA Director, under Wis. Stats; 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:12 pm by a Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote to take action, if any, on the matter discussed in Closed Session.

#### Action from Closed Session

A Pfeffer/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to keep the CDA as is for right now and post a new job position in June, hours stay the same at 32 hours a week at \$12.99 per hour and same benefit package. Roll Call Vote: Hanson-Yes, Tolzmann-Yes, Lulloff-Yes, Lorence-Yes, Pfeffer- Yes, Kiviko-Yes.

#### Job Description

A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved in June to advertise for a new job position CDC (Community Development Coordinator) which would be a City paid position at \$12.99, benefit package will remain the same, 40 hours a week and through the development of this position, it will also entail as a fill in to the Public Works Department on an as needed basis due to them being short staffed and anyone can apply for this position.

#### Adjourn

A Kiviko/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 3/10/15 open session meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 3/24/2015 Council Meeting. Published 3/25/2015.)