

March 24, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 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, Sergeant John Stubbe and Dennis Looker-Public Works Maintenance Technician/Operator.

Bids

Six sealed bids were received for the Ford 1968 Ford Dump Truck. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the high bid of \$2,551.50 to Ronnie Erickson.

Minutes

A Tolzmann/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 3/10/15 meeting.

Public Opinion/Present

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Gary & Sally Smith, Pam Jaffke, Sandy Deacon, Karen Swiggum, Gail Muehlbauer, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, Kelly Knight, Tom Nelson, Mike & Michelle Renderman and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. No public comments.

Police Training

Sergeant John Stubbe attended training for interviewing and interrogation at CVTC. Stubbe commented it was a good learning experience.

Spring Election

Mayor Steve Heggemeier reported that he discussed with Chief Andrew Schade and that there will be no law enforcement posted at the Spring Election on April 7th.

Pay Request

A Pfeffer/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved Pay Request #1 to Earth Inc. for \$69,918.15 for the Willow Road culvert project.

Task Order

A Pfeffer/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved to table the Task Order of \$8,750 for preliminary design/study for the Main Lift Station #1 and East Side Commercial Park Lift Station until more information is gathered by MSA.

CDBG

Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services reported that Kirk Skoog with MSA Professional Services will be at the April 14, 2015 meeting to conduct a Public Hearing regarding its proposed application for CDBG –Public Facilities.

Dam Inspections

Two proposals were submitted to the City for the DNR required Mill Pond Dam Inspection. A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved the lower bid of \$1,025 from Morgan Parmley from Ladysmith. MSA Professional Services submitted a bid of \$1,150.00.

East 10th Street

A Pfeffer/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to have Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services create a proposal for Phase 1 to install water main, sewer main, curb/gutter and street.

CDA Report

The Dollar General contractor is in town and the concrete base is in. Master Packaging basement walls are going back up on their warehouse. The surveyor will be here this week. The survey costs will be paid by Master Packaging and David & Tracy Taylor. Highway 29 Partnership met on Monday. The discussed a program partnership for prosperity. Louks email today says he will have his money today or tomorrow. Hanson asked if Louks is going to purchase the lot where the innovation center was

going to be. To extend the sewer and water for new construction, the TIF #4 will make the payments. Electric and gas will also need to be installed.

Parks & Rec.

Dennis Lulloff reported the Parks & Rec. Committee met on 3/18/15. The money resulting in the land transaction with the railroad is \$81,079.03 and would like it to be designated to the Parks Outlay Budget. A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the \$81,079.03 designated to the Parks Outlay Budget. A Pfeffer/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to spend up to \$3,000 at the Fanny Hill Auction to purchase a better grill, vent and stainless steel counters. A Pfeffer/Hanson motion and subsequent vote approved to request bids for siding of park buildings. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to request bids for fixing the burned railroad bridge to finish off the walking trail. A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to spend funds to fix rotting lumber in the food stand on the swing up doors. Also discussed was getting fill and sod in as soon as possible in the area of the park where the Owen Junior Fair Rides will be in July. A suggestion was received to fix the Crowley Campground Bathroom facility and add showers.

License Application

A Tolzmann/Lulloff motion and subsequent vote approved the application for a temporary liquor license to the Owen Ambulance Dance to be held on April 11, 2015.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23027, 23037 & 23039. A Lorence/Tolzmann motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check#23009-23049. City \$43,441.07, Water \$4,965.78, Sewer \$3,116.54.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 3/24/15 open session meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Stephen M. Heggemeier, Mayor
Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 4/14/2015 Council Meeting. Published 4/1/2015.)