

May 12, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Mauel, Jaffke, Knight, 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 4/28/15 meeting.

Treasure's Report

A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the April Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

Law Enforcement Training

Chief Schade reported that both Officer Stubbe and Officer Boie attended advanced sexual assault training. A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the law enforcement training report.

Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-Director of Public Works reported they have flushed fire hydrants, did some sewer jetting, hired summer lawmowing employee, there are two leaks going on: Scharer Chiropractic is a water main leak and Dan Parker on 2nd Street is leaking from the turn off valve. The Mill Pond bathrooms have been locked up at night and opened during the day on the weekends. The concrete pile at the dump has been moved by the General Dollar Contractor. It looks a lot nicer. A Pfeffer/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

Public Works Trainings

Erik attended a training held in Rice Lake. Good information about a CMOM report that is required by all municipalities to have. A Jaffke/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the training report.

CMOM

Erik reported that a CMOM (Capacity Management Operation & Maintenance Policy) report is required by all municipalities to have.

A Pfeffer/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved Erik to complete the required report.

Public Present

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise.

DNR Enforcement

Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services reported on the DNR Enforcement Conference that Erik, Mike and Brad attended in Black River Falls. A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to move on with the next steps as outlined in the enforcement letter from the DNR. A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to authorize Erik-DPW to write a written response to the DNR under the advisement of Mike Voss.

Personnel Meetings Update:

Melvyn Lorence-Chairman reported that on May 5th a Personnel meeting was held with Officer Stubbe and Officer Boie. Evaluations were discussed and corrections were taken care of. On May 11th, the Committee met to review approximately 20 resumes. Six resumes were chosen for interviews which will begin on Thursday, May 14th. A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Personnel meeting update.

Certified Survey Map:

A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Certified Survey Map for the new survey for Master Packaging and David and Tracey Taylor. The surveyor costs are being split between the two.

CDA Report

Parks & Rec. is meeting tomorrow night. Tim will bring up the idea of weekly community events and Tim did talk to the Fair Board and they don't feel they can take on more events and don't know if they would have time and enough volunteers. Farmer's Market started last Saturday. An Ad has been sent out for vendors for Farmer's Market and the Car Show. Master Packaging dock has been moved and approved. Tim received good questions from Louks this week, more detailed in nature. Community Gardens is going well and there is 1 garden remaining. There will be Farmer's Market workshop in Loyal next week. Clark County has begun to write their outdoor recreation plan. This will allow the City of Owen to apply for grants for parks and trails. Tim did some research on street signs, which are made at the Stanley prison.

Panda Garden:

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to charge the Panda Garden a one time annual seller's fee of \$20.00 and \$5.00/day for electric use in the Park and to have the Ordinance Committee meet and change Ordinances 7-4-4 and 12-1-1. In 2014 the Panda Garden was paying \$45 each Monday according to the revised 2012 City Code of Ordinances.

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CCEDC 25th Anniversary:

The Clark County Economic Development Corporation is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a special event "Gala" at the Winery on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Clerk Ernst encouraged that it was important that the City should be represented at this special event by sending members of the Council interested in going. A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to send up to 4 members at the cost of \$50 per attendee. Clerk Ernst will pay her own way to allow Council members to attend paid for by the City. If members would like to bring their spouses, they would have to pay their own way.

Mayoral Appointment:

A Mauel/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointment of Art Feldman to the Sewer Commission replacing Bernie Shelton.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23190, 23212, 23224, 23225, 23226, 23227 and 23230. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23189-23253. City \$35,566.29, Water \$16,055.90, Sewer \$10,534.98.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/12/15 open session meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 5/26/2015 Council Meeting. Published 5/20/2015.)