

May 26, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 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 and Erik Stinson-PW.

Minutes

A Lorence/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 5/12/15 meeting.

Public Present

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise.

DNR Response

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the written response letter to the DNR written by Erik Stinson-DPW.

Voting Booths:

Clerk Ernst presented a brochure of voting booths that are made of plastic and weigh less and would be more efficient for election set up.

A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue and have Clerk Ernst get more pricing from other vendors.

Insurance:

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue of the Local Government Property Insurance Fund and the Governors proposal to close the Fund until more information becomes available as the LWMMI proposed to join with two other Municipal Mutuals to create a WI municipal property insurance carrier.

Hire WWTF Plant Operator:

Mel Lorence, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee gave a report on their process of hiring a wastewater treatment facility plant operator. The Committee recommended Todd Averill be hired with 1 week of vacation, starting wage rate of \$21/hour and a review in 90 days with possible wage increase to \$22/hour. A Knight/Maul motion and subsequent vote approved to hire Todd Averill with 1 week of vacation, starting wage rate of \$21/hour and a review in 90 days with possible wage increase to \$22/hour, with 1 No Vote by Pfeffer.

Parks & Rec. Update:

Pfeffer presented the Parks & Rec. meeting minutes from the 5/13/15 meeting. Discussions took place regarding Oryn Trucking leveling and grading the area from the volleyball pit to the ice rink bid up to \$8,000; Edblom Construction for concession stand improvements bid of \$6,891; Edblom bid for burned railroad bridge repair approx. \$9,000; The Crowley Park bathroom shower discussion will hold off till next year; The horseshoes pits are still presently located behind the Mill Pond Bathroom building. The unique tree by Master Packaging will remain; Goose control was discussed.

Parks Land:

A Night/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to designate the City land between the Dollar General and Master Packaging following down the alley and all the way north to the Owen public Library as land for Park use.

Park Bid:

A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the bid of up to \$8,000 from Oryn Trucking to do leveling and grading of the Mill Pond park area for the Carnival.

Concession Stand Bid:

A Lorence/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the bid of \$6,891 for improvements to Mill Pond Concession Stand.

File Cart:

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved for Clerk Ernst to take for personal use a filing rolling cart no longer used by the Police Department.

Training Report:

A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the training report for those who attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities 2015 Local Government 101 Workshop. Those in attendance were: Mayor Thomas Nelson, City Clerk Terri Ernst, Alderpersons John Mael, Pam Jaffke, Kelly Knight and Melvyn Lorence.

CDA Report

Those interested in applying for jobs at the Dollar General can now go online apply. Tim has been helping the Public Work's Department with mowing and watering flowers. The Woodland will be having the concrete steps redone. Mr. Mravik from Gilman is interested in our Depot building in hopes that is restored and reopened. He has a hobby of model trains. Banners and signage are being looked into and getting prices.

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Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23254, 23271, 23273, 23286, 23289. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23254-23293. City \$19,151.96, Water \$9,878.93, Sewer \$2,326.46, Lake \$56,023.18.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 5/26/15 open session meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 6/9/2015 Council Meeting. Published 6/3/2015.)