

June 23, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Present Alderpersons: Mauel, Knight, Lorence, and Kiviko. Absent was Pfeffer and Jaffke. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director.

Minutes

A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/9/15 meeting.

Public Present/Opinion

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Kevin Wyeth, Karen Swiggum, Gail Muehlbauer, Mark Hanson, Jacalyn Reinke, Dawn Hill, Nathan LePage and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Gail Muehlbauer questioned if the City could do anything to reduce the amount of train horn sounding when traveling through the City. Clerk Ernst will contact the RR and the City of Marshfield and Spencer. Mark Hanson reported that the last meeting was done unprofessionally and it looked bad for an Alderman to speak towards an employee the way it occurred. Mark went on to say the he thinks the Council priorities are misdirected. He thinks the Police Dept. should better spend their time enforcing the law and catching drug dealers instead of locking the bathroom doors every evening. Mayor Nelson responded it's not high priority that the bathroom doors be locked every night especially if the Police are busy with enforcement. But if the Police are on duty and the Public Works are not, and they have time to check and lock the bathroom doors then that's what they are to do. Jacalyn Reinke requested permission to speak later during consideration of liquor/beer/wine license applications.

Contribution

A Lorence/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved up to \$1,500 to the Library Board and Committee planning the Library's 100th year Anniversary Celebration and Librarian Shirley Lehr's Retirement on July 29th which will be paid out of Celebrations-Outlay Account.

Handbook Amendment

A Mauel/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Amendment to the Employee Handbook's drug testing policy as presented.

HR Services

A Lorence/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Human Resources program through M3 for 1 year at \$500.

Resol. #2015-13

A Mauel/Lorence motion and subsequent vote approved the Amendment to the Sewer Use Ordinance to include Sump Pump and Regulations Ordinance Sec. 9-2-5 (a).

Resol. #2015-14

A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Amendment to the Ordinance Sec. 2-4-14 (a) to include Community Development Authority as excepted from the residency requirement.

Resol. #2015-15

A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Amendment to the Ordinance Sec. 7-2-15 (b) to read 6:00 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. according to State Stat. 125.68 (4) (b)..

Appointment

A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointment of Linda Susa to the CDA.

Hire Librarian

The minutes of the Owen Public Library Board were presented for June 15, 2015. On this day the Board conducted two interviews and approved to hire Lorelee Petersen as the new Owen Public Director after the retirement of Director Shirley Lehr. A Mauel/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote

approved the report.

Lublin Centennial Dinner

A letter was received from the Lublin Parks & Pavilion Committee inviting local Municipal officials to attend a special celebratory dinner, for \$15, along with dignitaries and religious clergy from Poland. A Lorence/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to send those who would like to attend with Tom Nelson and Terri Ernst responding yes.

CDA Report

The Sperling Auction was held on Friday, June 19th. The building is now empty with just a few larger items that need to be picked up. It is now ready for the Parks & Rec. Committee to meet and decide what they want to do with the building. The closing papers for Master Packaging and David Taylor have been received and are awaiting signature and payment. The concession stand is getting new siding and other improvements and should be done in time for the fair. The posters are out for the Car Show to be held August 15th. The last few Saturdays at the Farmers Markets have been rainy but a good amount of vendors and customers still show up. A letter has been sent to local radio stations to advertise the battle of the bands in Owen on September 12, 2015. The older banners that City once used are now hanging on Central Avenue. They are a bit worn but still look good and should last us a few years. The Woodland will not be open in time for the Owen Jr. Fair. Louks informed Swiggum that the bonds are in place.

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Consideration of Liquor/Beer/Wine Licenses

According to prior background checks and inspections, Chief Schade approved the following licenses with two provisionally approved:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE

- Owen-Withee Vets Club, Agent Dennis Henke @ 118 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460
- Meadowview Golf Course Inc., Agent Louann Hanson, @ 800 West 3rd Street, Owen 54460
- Pippin's Pub & Grub, Agent Connie Pippin @ 246 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460
- Mike's, Agent Mike Arneson @ 234 Central Ave., Owen 54460
- The Thirsty Squirrel LLC, Agent Kellie Hanson @ 907 E. 3rd Street, Owen 54460
- Woodland Hotel, LLC, Agent Tim Swiggum @207 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460=Provisionally Approved Pending Local Health Inspection, Law Enforcement Inspection after construction is complete. Tim and other owners are encouraged to take the Responsible beverage serving course.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL CLASS A BEER LICENSE

- Creekside Convenience LLC, Agent Dawn Hill, @ 132 W. 3rd Street, Owen 54460
- O-W Sports & Liquor, Agent Jacalyn Reinke, @ 107 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460
- Scott & Lori's Family Foods LLC, Agent Scott Jalling, @ 707 W. 3rd Street, Owen

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE

- Creekside Convenience LLC, Agent Dawn Hill, @ 132 W. 3rd Street, Owen 54460
- O-W Sports & Liquor, Agent Jacalyn Reinke, @ 107 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL CLASS B BEER LICENSE

- Ruby's Gaming Café, LLC, Agent Marcia DeLuca @ 238 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460= Provisionally Approved Pending Local Health Inspection, Law Enforcement Inspection after construction is complete. Marcia and other owners are encouraged to take the Responsible beverage serving course.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL CLASS C WINE LICENSE

- Ruby's Gaming Café, LLC, Agent Marcia DeLuca @ 238 N. Central Ave., Owen 54460= Provisionally Approved Pending Local Health Inspection, Law Enforcement Inspection after construction is complete. Marcia and other owners are encouraged to take the Responsible beverage serving course.

A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the above listed applications as noted.

Jacalyn Reinke was given permission to speak at this time. Jackie explained the laws and regulations regarding Classes of liquor/beer licenses and the issue of establishments having gambling machines present. Jackie said all licensee applicants received this Manual with their applications and this information is found on page 15.

Consideration of Operator Applications

According to prior background checks and inspections, Chief Schade approved the following licenses with exception to one and denial to another: Abby Pippin, Jennifer Pippin, Nelson Niemi, Louann Hanson, Allan Hanson, Kimberley Dartt, Joan Jalling, Megan Rodel, Kristine Kaduce, Kelly Hatlestad, Theresa Frankewicz, Lee Kenney, Kayleigh Pfeffer, Bailey Kilty, Canice Parnewicz, Scott Jalling, Lori Jalling, Gloria Blum, Jennifer Quinter, Susan Koltis, Sara Koller, Corrie Bottlemy, Jackie Jo Peissig, Julie LaFave = Pending completion of beverage course and Julie Oestreich = Is Denied. A Mauel/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator Applications as listed.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23387 & 23388. A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23349-23391. City \$40,776.13, Water \$1,389.07, Sewer \$6,966.99.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/23/15 open session meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

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