

July 14, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 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, and Kiviko. Absent was Pfeffer. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDA Director, Erik Stinson-DPW, Todd Averill-Sewer Plan Operator and Chief Andrew Schade.

Minutes

A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 6/23/15 meeting with one change, Jaffke was absent, and 7/9/15 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

A Lorence/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the June Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

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

Public Works Report

The Willow Road Culvert project is complete. Everything went well during the Owen Jr. Fair. Painting curbs, parking lines and hydrants was completed before the Fair. A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved Erik Stinson's Public Works Report.

Public Works Training Report

Erik attended a water loss training sponsored by S.E.H. on June 18, 2015. The training was free and a lot of knowledge was gained. A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the training report.

Appeal for Operator's License

A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the appeal for an Operator's License to Julie Oestrich with the stipulation that if any laws are broken at the establishment where she works, her license will be revoked.

Public Present

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Conni Felton, Karen Swiggum, Dawn Hill, Julie Oestreich and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Conni Felton thanked Tim Swiggum and Carol Devine for helping with the Owen Jr. Fair set-up and watering of flowers. Felton also inquired why the fire dept. did not sound their sirens in the parade and also how much it cost the City to use the County squad car for the fair weekend and Chief Schade replied there was no cost to the City and Fire Chief Mark Renderman requested no sirens during the parade.

Resolution #2015-12

A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the Compliance Maintenance 2014 Annual Report to the DNR under Resolution #2015-12.

Hire City Employee

A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Tim Swiggum for the City position of Community Development Coordinator at 40 hours per week, \$12.99/hour and to use flex time when attending evening and some weekend events or meetings.

Owen Jr. Fair Events Update

Tim Swiggum reported that the Fair was a big success this year. The amusement rides fit just fine and next year they plan to bring two larger rides. Numerous compliments were heard on how pleased the community was with the Fair and amusement rides and events.

Parks & Rec.

Committee Member Mary Lynn Kiviko reported on the Parks & Rec. meeting minutes for June 24, 2015. An update was given by Tim Swiggum regarding the progress made on the Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan. The City list is due by the end of December 2015. The food stand improvements were completed in time for the fair. No new information on the Mill Pond railroad bridge. The horse shoe pits will stay where they are for this year. They plan to move them to the south side of the Master Package building. The taverns may use them or if they wish may build their own pits north of 5th street on grassy lot. Future possibilities for Crowley Park were discussed such as basket ball hoops, baseball infield for practices and disc golf course.

License Applications

A Lorence/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Application for Class A beer and Class A Liquor Licenses to Dolgencorp, LLC dba The Dollar General.

CDA Report

The Dollar General will possibly change ownership by July 20th. Hiring may begin before the 27th. The City will try to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony. The closing documents are ready for signature by the City for the sale to Master Packaging and David Taylor. Louks has been in touch and says the money is coming soon. Mary Ellen Hughes asked to remind the Council that the 100th Anniversary of the Owen Public Library and the Retirement of Librarian Director Shirley Lehr will be celebrated on July 29, 2015 at the Owen Public Library. Council members and the public are encouraged to participate in the "100 Minutes of Reading" Event on July 29th. Each person would read for 1 minute.

Disbursements

Question was answered for Check number 23430. A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23392-23464. City \$54,521.20, Water \$37,605.74, Sewer \$7,401.31.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 7/14/15 open session meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Approved at the 7/28/2015 Council Meeting. Published 7/22/2015.)