

August 11, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

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The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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-DPW and Officer John Stubbe.

Sign on City Property

Fred Schindler-Supervisor on the Clark County Board reported to the Council that with the recent name change of the Clark County Health Care Center to Clark County Rehabilitation and Living Center and the age of the their current sign on Highway 29, they are proposing a new electronic message board. The WDOT will not allow the new sign to be located where the current sign is. They would however approve it if it was located on City property, which is approx. 275' to the west of the current sign. The message board would advertise County wide events.

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the electronic message board, contingent with Zoning approval, to be located on City property.

Minutes

A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 7/28/15 meeting with Lorence abstaining as he was absent.

Treasure's Report

A Lorence/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the July Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

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

Police Training Report

Officer John Stubbe read the report from Chief Schade. A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the training report.

Public Works Report

Public Works has been working on trouble trees in the City. A few inspections for sump pump have been completed. Erik and Todd worked on phosphorus report due to DNR. The bathroom building at Crowley campground was painted. A flooding issue was discussed regarding Dorothy Gehrke's property. The 30" culvert put in at Cnty. Hwy. X by the County created a larger amount of water flow. With the recent down pour on Sunday, Dorothy's smaller culvert couldn't handle all the water. Public Works and Dorothy will need to change their culverts for larger ones. A Mauel/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved Erik Stinson's Public Works Report.

Public Opinion

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Dorothy Gehrke, Karen Swiggum, Dennis Lulloff, Fred Schindler-CCRLC and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Mayor Nelson announced that the City has been awarded \$500,000 of CDBG funds for the lift station and E. 4th Street project to take place next year.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported that the Dollar General has opened and has been consistently busy. The DRC is preparing for the 3rd Annual Car Show this Saturday with Vendors in the Mill Pond Park from 8am to 4pm. The burnout contest is at 5pm. September 12th is the Battle of the Bands event. Louks has responded that things are going well. There are 3 parties interested in the OMI Building. Tim will be attending his final class for the International Economic Development Council in Baltimore, MD in September. He thanked the Council for their monetary support. He has applied for a scholarship but will not find out if he is awarded it until after completion of the class. A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Hitching Post

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the new 24' hitching post to be built by Dollar General in a new location in the alley next to the Dollar General.

Consideration of Parks Proposals

Chairman, Dennis Lulloff was present to explain the proposals received for repairing the burned rail road bridge and for the warming house. A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the bid received from Edblom Construction of \$14, 232.75 for the bridge repair and to table the proposal of \$4,645.90 for alterations to the warming shed for more information.

License Applications

A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Application for Operator's License to Lisa Milliren.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23531, 23548, 23552 & 23560. A Lorence/Pfeffer motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23510-23573. City \$54,922.72, Water \$5,264.44, Sewer \$12,974.25.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/11/15 open session meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 8/25/15 Council Meeting. Published 8/19/2015.)