

September 8, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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-CDC, Erik Stinson-DPW, Police Chief Andrew Schade and Officer John Stubbe.

Minutes

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 8/25/15 meeting with Knight abstaining as she was absent.

Treasure's Report

A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the August Treasurer's Report.

Police Report

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

Police Training

A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the upcoming training for the Police Dept.

Public Works Report

A Hydrant was leaking near Golf Course by Tim Hansen's residence. Public Works was able to repair the hydrant without having to dig it up. There's been brush to pick up after the storms. Public Works cleared out brush near the burned rail road bridge for the contractors to have an easier access to it when they begin work on it. The basketball hoop at Crowley Park was up for a few days and got hit by a camper. Some areas where needed were black topped. A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved Erik Stinson's Public Works Report.

Public Works Training

Erik attended a workshop regarding the annual Wisconsin report using WISLR and PASER to report streets/road conditions in the City.

A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved Erik Stinson's training report.

Public Opinion

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Karen Swiggum, Jim & Louise Brower, Nathan LePage, Jeanne Heyboer, Mark Hanson, Mathew Riihinen and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Jeanne Heyboer reported that on August 25th and September 3rd she suffered a mild stroke and thanks to Officer John Stubbe who helped Jeanne and realized her symptoms were that of a stroke and with his quick response she's doing very well today. Jeanne presented Officer Stubbe with cookies and money clip and thanked him for his quick response and wanted the City Council know how proud she was of Officer Stubbe. Mark Hanson reported his name was used in a newspaper report and he asked that he be asked first before using name in any article. Hanson also reported that he had Louks investigated by Police Chief Schade. Schade called Minnetonka, MN and they had nothing good to say about James Louks.

Appointments

A Pfeffer/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral appointments of Nancy Garrett to the Planning Commission and Jon Harms to the Zoning Board.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported that Louks has been charged by the S.E.C. with fraud. It appears he was defrauded as well but that doesn't change anything. The S.E.C. has assured me that the City of Owen is solely a witness. Tim wants to remind everyone that our investment in the Agribusiness Park was at the behest of the CWAIC Board and not Mr. Louks. We are only out our time and energy. Pfeffer noted that the position of CDC should be discussed. The DRC is working hard and meeting weekly on Oktober Fest. Flyers should be out soon. A Lorence/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Budget Schedule

A Pfeffer/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the 2016 Budget Schedule and a Personnel Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5 pm.

License Applications

A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Application for Class B Beer License to Jim's Café.

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A Pfeffer/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Application for Operator's License to Andrea Childs.

Disbursements

Questions were answered for Check numbers 23621, 23676 & 23685. A Lorence/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23601-23688. City \$78,517.89, Water \$4,433.49, Sewer \$13,194.74, TIF 3 \$11,536.50, TIF 4 \$68,938.50.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 9/8/15 open session meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be Approved at the 9/22/2015 Council Meeting. Published 9/15/2015.)