

## September 22, 2015 **City Council Minutes**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 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: Erik Stinson-DPW and Officer John Stubbe.

### Minutes

Clerk Ernst reported that Nathan LePage brought to her attention that there possibly were two inaccuracies he noted in the published unapproved minutes in the OW Enterprise. Those corrections were made and shown to the Council and Mark Hanson. A Lorence/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes for the 9/8/15 meeting including the changes made since the unapproved minutes were published.

### Public Opinion

Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Karen Swiggum, Dennis Lulloff, Mark Hanson and Cindy Cardinal, O-W Enterprise. Mark Hanson wanted the Council to be aware that at no time did Hanson ask Chief Schade to investigate Louks.

### Holiday Decorations

Phil Greschner approached Erik-DPW about purchasing a few new Christmas decorations. A Mauel/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved to purchase 1 of each 4 designs from Northern Lights Display for \$249 each and to use celebration outlay funds.

### Trap Shoot

Wade Hatlestad requested permission from the Council to hold a trap shoot behind his residence during a family function. A Jaffke/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the trap shoot.

### Response unfit dwelling

A response letter was received at City Hall from Daniel Parker @ 319 E. 2nd Street of what he plans to repair/fix at his residence by the end of November. After discussion, A Jaffke/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved that Daniel Parker must have repairs completed by October 31, 2015 and if he is not in compliance by 10/31/15 the Council will move forward to condemn the property.

### Personnel Meeting

The committee has picked out an employee self evaluation and an employee evaluation forms. A Mauel/Kiviko motion and subsequent vote approved the new evaluation forms.

### Clerk Training

A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to send Clerk Terri Ernst to Community Development Block Grant Project Implementation mandatory Training.

### Parks & Rec.

Dennis Lulloff was present to report that the committee cancelled the goose hunt this year due to the repairs being done to the burned railroad bridge. The vandalism in the bathrooms was discussed ideas to try to curb the vandalism. More and bigger signs and a camera have been installed. The Mill Pond RR Bridge is completed according to the bid. At each of the trail ends the approaches were improved with left over materials. After the rail was installed, it was decided that another 2 x 4 rail would be installed for safety. Denny inquired to Bruce Mound Builders on a ready made 20 x 14 shed with four windows for \$5,892. The Committee is still looking around at other buildings. The current building may be used again this winter and a decision made next year. The infield at Crowley Park needs work and new dirt. A disk golf course at Crowley has been discussed. Fire pits need attention. An event called Sno-Mobile Oval Racing is being considered to do on the Mill Pond. More information will follow. A Knight/Jaffke and subsequent vote approved the Parks & Rec. Meeting minutes update.

### Disbursements

A question was answered for Check number 23707. A Lorence/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #23689-23732. City \$30,335.85, Water \$12,350.41, Sewer \$5,564.27.

Adjourn

A Kiviko/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 9/22/15 open session meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be Approved at the 10/13/2015 Council Meeting. Published 10/7/2015.)