

JUNE 14, 2016

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call: Alderpersons: Mael, Milliren, Wilczek, Jaffke and Wagner. Absent: was Knight. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDC and Erik Stinson-DPW.

Minutes

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes of the 5/24/2016 meeting.

Treasure's Report

A Jaffke/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the May Treasurer's Report.

OWC Fire District

Mark Renderman was present to explain a number of needs the Fire District is looking at. He presented reports showing: 1. Using an Equalized Assessment for Fire Protection; 2. Borrowing for the Fire District Special Assessments; 3. Ambulance Service and Fire District Consolidation; 4. Hire 2nd Full Time EMT; 5. A letter from the Fire District explaining their history, the issues at hand and options for their needs. Mark will bring back these issues when he needs Council approval.

Police Report

A Milliren/Mael motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-DPW prepared a report for 5/11/16-6/13/16. A Milliren/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved Erik Stinson's Public Works Report.

Public Opinion

Public Present: Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Diana Wagner, Mark Renderman-OWC Fire District, Joy Palmer-Clifton-Gunderson, Derrick Collier and Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise. Alderman Wilczek questioned about the E. 5th Street Sidewalks and also about train silence or a quiet zone in the City.

2016 Audit

Joy Palmer-Clifton-Gunderson was present to report on the City's 2015 Annual Financial Audit. Discussed were the Governmental Funds which showed no carry over of funds. Also discussed was the Proprietary Funds showing expenditures and operating revenue for the Water Utility and Sewer Utility. Her recommendation was to consider rate increases for both utilities. TIF #3 and TIF #4 were both reported and TIF #4 continues to pay for its debt payments and TIF #3 has always struggled, because of very low assessment value. The City needs to bring in more business into the TIF #3 to increase the increment and assessment to pay the debt payments. A Mael/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the City's 2015 Financial Audit.

Intersection Signage

The 4-way stop signs at Altenburg and Bjornstad were brought to the Council by Alderman Milliren. A Milliren/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to remove the two stop signs on Altenburg.

Emergency Training

John Ross, Director of Clark County Emergency Management requested input into a possible training for municipalities in Clark County. The training "Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities" may come to Clark County at no charge if there is enough interest in the County. Owen has seven interested in the training.

Power to Tractor Pull

DPW Erik Stinson reported that the organizers of the Owen Junior Fair Days Tractor Pull would like if the electrical power could be extended to the area of the Tractor Pull Food Stand. Scott Baehr would donate his time to install it but would cost the City approximately \$1,000. A Milliren/Mael motion and subsequent vote approved to install the underground electric for the Tractor Pull Event in July.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported that the Goose permit has been approved and received. It will be 2 or 3 weeks when the round up happens. The Community Gardens are full and doing well. The strawberry beds are ready for planting and the raspberry area needs to be prepared yet. The City's flower baskets are being watered everyday. The Owen Junior Fair asked if the DRC members could assist with the fair events. Property owners along N. Paul Ave. have been asked if they want to purchase land to the back of their properties. When responses are received, a Planning Commission meeting will then be held. The Clark County Health Care Center will be putting up a new electronic sign to be seen from Highway 29, on City property. They requested that the Samuel's trailer be removed. Mike's Bar has turned in his Liquor License Application for the new year. A Mael/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

License Applications

A Mael/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator's License Applications to Gerald and Nancy Johnson.

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Disbursements

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #24720-24787. City \$73,772.43, Water \$17,306.55, Sewer \$35,504.10.

Mayor Tom Nelson announced that the Closed Session indicated on the agenda for tonight’s meeting was improperly noticed, therefore the council will not be entering into closed session at this time.

Adjourn

A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 6/14/16 open session meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 6/28/16 Council Meeting. Published 6/21/16)