

AUGUST 23, 2016

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call. Alderpersons: Mael, Wilczek, Jaffke, Wagner and Knight. Milliren arrived 7:41 p.m. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present was: Tim Swiggum-CDC.

Minutes

A Mael/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes of the 8/9/2016 meeting, with changes noted.

Public Opinion

Public Present: Linda Wyeth-Sentinel & Rural News, Diana Wagner, David Krugler & Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services, Mel Lorence, Kurt Redfern-Express Disposal, Mark Hanson, June Roohr, Leo Burkhalter and Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise. Mark Hanson reported that he did not hear the final report of the goose round up conducted earlier this year and that the other day he counted 55 geese and maybe a different method of removal should be looked at for next year. **Tim Swiggum reported the cost was approximately \$1,800.** June Roohr requested the City to reinstate the tree board. June also reported that 219 E. 3rd Avenue has been vacated and is a public health hazard.

UCC Garbage Contract

A Knight/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved to accept the recommendation from the United Communities of Clark County to award the bid for garbage and recycling services for a term of 3 years.

Phosphorus Plan Agreement

A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved for MSA Professional Services to prepare the preliminary phosphorus compliance plan preparation agreement at a cost of \$15,000.

Land Acquisition

A Jaffke/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved MSA Professional Services recommendation of land acquisition assistance agreement for lift station #1 site at a cost of \$10,000.

Municipal Advisor Disclosure

A Mael/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved MSA Professional Services as the City's municipal advisor.

Insurance Renewal

A Jaffke/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the City's annual insurance renewal for liability, workman's compensation and auto.

Delinquent Taxes

Clerk Ernst presented three personal property tax bills for 2015 that are delinquent and are uncollectable. A Mael/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved resolution #2016-14 to write off the 2015 delinquent personal property taxes for a total of \$570.97.

Equipment Inventory

A Knight/Mael motion and subsequent vote approved that a Police Department equipment inventory be conducted.

ATV Map

A Wilczek/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved that the Clark County Highway Department add to their September 2016 Board meeting the City's ATV route requests and to have city council members call the Clark County Highway Department Board Members requesting that they approve the City's requests. At last month's CCHD August meeting, a motion was made to approve the City's request with no second being made so the motion did not pass and reasons were not discussed at that meeting.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported that the OMI property DNR Study is still in process. The City does not know what that cost will be to correct the environmental issues. The rail costs need to be more concrete and the rail representative is working on a rail plan. The developer's agreement has gone to the City Attorney and their responses are being reviewed by Heartland. The car show was a rainy day but had a good turnout with 42 cars attending. The vendors and rummage sale did well and the street dance was a colder evening and not well attended. The Curb Appeal winners were announced. 1st place of \$300 Chamber Bucks went to the Leeder family; 2nd place of \$200 Chamber Bucks went to Pippin's Pub and Grub and 3rd place of \$150 Chamber Bucks to Allison Milbert. An unknown distribution center is looking for a 60 acre site for a 1 million foot building. A Mael/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Employee Resignation

Mayor Nelson was sad to announce that Police Officer John Stubbe has accepted a position with another municipality. A Mael/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the resignation letter from Police Officer John Stubbe and his last day with the City will be September 3, 2016.

Disbursements

No questions. A Mael/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #24996-25048. City \$28,573.45, Water \$5,783.37, Sewer \$7,012.63.

Adjourn

A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 8/23/16 open session meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer