

JANUARY 10, 2017

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call: Alderpersons: Mauel, Milliren, Wilczek, Jaffke, and Knight. Absent was Wagner. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Andy Schade-Owen PD, Tim Swiggum-CDC and Erik Stinson-DPW.

Minutes

A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes of the 12/13/16 meeting.

Treasure's Report

A Wilczek/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the December's Treasurer Report.

Police Report

A Wilczek/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the December police report.

Police Training Report

A Knight/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the "scenario instructor training" for Chief Schade and "FBI basic crises negotiation" for Office Boie.

Police 2017 Training Schedule

A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the 2017 Police Dept. training schedule.

Property 219 E 3rd Street

Chief Andrew Schade reported that he and Dr. Jonathon Justice inspected the property at 219 E. 3rd Street. Both concluded that the home has mold throughout the house, 6' of frozen septic in the basement and deemed the property uninhabitable. A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved for Chief Schade request Donna Hester make a written statement to turn over the property to the City.

Public Works Report

Erik Stinson-DPW prepared a report for 12/14/2016 to 1/10/2017. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report.

Public Opinion

Public Present: Daniel Hooks Sr., Nicolle Shattuck and Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News, Joe Konwinski and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise. Daniel Hooks inquired why the PSC did not provide public notice to the City of Owen utility customers and when is the train siren issue going to be worked on.

Appointments

A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Mayoral Appointments of Joann Jalling and Megan Wilczek to the Police Discipline Committee. Bob Wilczek abstained.

Owen Jr Fair

Co-Chairman Rocky Lehr informed City Hall that the Owen Jr Fair will held this year on July 21-22-23, 2017 with plans of a bigger carnival.

Withee Water Rate

Clerk Ernst has had discussions with the PSC and the City's auditor. The PSC insists the City do a full rate application.

Proposal PSC Application

Clerk Ernst reported that the City's auditor has a team that specifically handles full rate applications to the PSC. It will also require participation from the Director of Public Works Erik Stinson and Clerk/Treasurer Terri Ernst. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved Clifton Larson complete the PSC rate application for the City at a cost of \$5,000.

PSC Fee

Clerk Ernst reported the PSC has given an approximate cost for the full rate application of approx. \$4,025. No motion necessary.

Waterworks Agreement

Pam Jaffke reported that when the Village built their Water Plant, the Waterworks Agreement between Owen & Withee was written to ensure that the City would pay 50,000 gallons/day whether used or not to Withee for the cost of the Withee's Water Treatment Plant. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to have DPW Erik Stinson consult with the Village of Withee

Legal Firm

Alderperson's Wilczek and Jaffke both made phone calls to two different law offices and a few of their current municipal customers. Both reported that the firms have interest in being the City's attorney and have many years of municipal law experience. The recommendation made was Wolfram, Gamoke & Hutchinson and Pietz. A Maul/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved Wolfram, Gamoke & Hutchinson and Pietz as the new City Municipal Attorney.

4th Qtr. OT Report

A Knight/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the 4th quarter overtime report.

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Resolution #2017-1

A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the Resolution #2017-1 Authorizing issuance of \$685,500 G.O. Promissory Note & Issuance & Sale of a \$685,500 taxable note Anticipation note in anticipation thereof for the public purposes, including financing community development projects in the City's TIF #4 specifically, providing development incentive to Heartland Cooperative Services pursuant to an agreement dated October 25, 2016.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported the grant application for the railroad project at Heartland is almost completed. There is an interested party in lot at the East Commercial Park but no offer has been received yet. A Wilczek/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Disbursements

No questions. A Mauel/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #25483-25586. City \$164,282.32; Water \$7,388.62; Sewer \$15,998.40; TIF #4 \$1,416.00.

Adjourn

A Knight/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 12/13/16 open session meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Thomas Nelson, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Approval at the 1/24/17 Council Meeting. Published 1/17/16)