

JANUARY 24, 2017

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7 pm at City Hall. Council President Allen Wagner presided and City Clerk Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call: Alderpersons: Mauel, Milliren, Wilczek, Jaffke, and Knight. Absent was Mayor Tom Nelson. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Dulcie Lilly-Owen PD, Tim Swiggum-CDC and Erik Stinson-DPW.

Open Public Hearing at 7:01 P.M. for the City's Community Development Block Grant (PF) for E. 4th Street and Lift Stn. #1 projects. Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services explained the process of the CDBG grant and the status of both projects. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes

A Jaffke/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the minutes of the 1/10/17 meeting.

Public Opinion

Public Present: Daniel Hooks Sr., Nicole Shattuck and Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News, John Ross and Steve Pott-Clark Co. Emergency Mgmt., Allison Milbert, Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise. Daniel Hooks Sr. questioned sewer issues on E. 4th Street.

Owen Water Tower

John Ross with Clark County Emergency Management and Steve Pott were present to discuss installing an antenna on the Owen water tower and present a lease agreement. Clark County is working on a major upgrade to our Public Safety Communications System. Owen is a desirable location. This system upgrade will improve communications capabilities for all responders serving Clark County. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the lease with Clark County Emergency Management. Bob Wilczek abstained.

EIF Force Acct. Certification

Mike Voss-MSA Professional Services presented the Environmental Improvement Fund Force Account Certification. \$24,500 is available for the City's own public works employees for project planning. A Jaffke/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the EIF Force Account Certification and the electronic signature of Mayor Nelson.

Personal Vehicles

The City's liability insurance carrier present a memo concerning employees park their personal vehicles in municipal garages. Their recommendation is to not allow this practice as it is an added exposure the City would not want to assume. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved that employee personal vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the City municipal garage.

219 E. 3rd Street

The Council reviewed a letter received from the City's Building Inspector, Robert Christensen, concerning the uninhabitable property at 219 E. 3rd Street. His recommendation is to contact the City Attorney concerning the underlying issues, legality and liability of this property. Donna Hester also issued a letter to the Council stating that she would like to do a quit claim deed to the City for the property. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to have Clerk Ernst look into further resources and to contact the City Attorney if needed.

Insurance Renewal

Clerk Ernst presented the renewal of the City's municipal property and equipment insurance. A Mauel/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the renewal for the term 3/1/2017 to 3/1/2018.

Training

Council member Charlie Milliren has registered for a communications skills workshop under the program Leadership Wisconsin. A Wilczek/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the \$65 workshop but no mileage reimbursement.

Operator's License

A Knight/Wilczek motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator's License Application to Allison Milbert for Creekside Convenience upon completion of the beverage server course.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported there will be a photo opportunity on Monday when the City presents the check to Heartland CO-OP Dennis Schultz for the development of their business expansion at the OMI site. The Chamber's Business gathering will be February 27, 2017. The United Communities of Clark County met and introduced was the County Treasurer Mary Domanico. A DRC meeting will be scheduled soon. The owners of the soybean plant are wanting to move forward with their railroad project which the City promised to construct and pay for in their 2007 agreement. A Wilczek/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Disbursements

Check #25654 was questioned. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #25587-25659. City \$29,877.94; Water \$26,991.04; Sewer \$8,525.70; Tax Roll \$129,421.70.

Adjourn

A Knight/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 1/24/17 open session meeting at 8:03 p.m.