

## **APRIL 11, 2017**

Clerk, Terri Ernst, presented outgoing Mayor Thomas Nelson with a certificate of appreciation for his two years of service. Thank you Tom.

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Thomas Nelson presided and City Clerk Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Mauel, Milliren, Wilczek, Jaffke, Wagner, 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 3/28/17 meeting.

### **Treasure's Report**

A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the March Treasurer Report.

### **Police Report**

A Knight/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the March police report.

### **Public Works Report**

Erik Stinson-DPW prepared a report for 3/15/2017 to 4/11/17. A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Report.

### **Public Works Training Report**

Erik Stinson-DPW reported that he and Dennis Looker attended the annual Rural Water Conference. Both earned 15 credits for water certification. A Knight/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the Public Works Training Report.

### **CDC Report**

CDC Tim Swiggum reported the application for the T-Grant is almost ready for submission, for the Heartland Development Project. Also, the DNR will fund the Phase 1 study. Once completed, the City can move forward in obtaining the VPLE Insurance. A meeting was held with the interested party in the Agri-Business Park/Commercial Park along with representatives from USDA Rural Dev., UWEC, CCEDC, Erik Stinson-DPW, Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., and Wisconsin Central Wisconsin Regional Planning. The project is planned for 2018. The City will need to look into street costs. The DRC met and is planning an ATV pull at their Autumn Fest in October. Parks & Rec. met. Erik-DPW is looking into streets, water and sewer in the Country Side Estates. A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

### **Public Opinion**

Public Present: Nicole Shattuck & Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News, Melvyn Lorence, Ken Truman and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise. Lorence inquired if the no train whistle will happen soon? Rogers thanked Tom Nelson for his service as Mayor on the Council.

### **Pay Request #3**

Clerk Ernst presented Pay Request #3 to August Winters for the Lift Station #1 project for \$502,930.00. A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved Pay Request #3.

### **Easements**

The following three easements were presented for the Lift Station #1 project. 1) A Mauel/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved the conversion of storm easement and water easement into utility easement over parcels owned by Town & Country. 2) A Mauel/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the conversion of Town & Country confinement of Easement. 3) A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved to grant easement to WE Energies over City property to Lift Station #1.

### **Personnel Committee Report**

Pam Jaffke-Chairman reported the committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A 3 month review was completed for Officer Dulcie Lilly with a wage change from \$20.25 to \$20.75. A Wilczek/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved the pay increase to Officer Lilly. The committee also discussed possibly amending the residency requirement. Other municipalities were discussed who have dissolved the requirement altogether. A Milliren/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved to table the issue until the next Council meeting.

### **Overtime Report**

The 2017 1<sup>st</sup> quarter overtime report was presented. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the report.

### **CCEDC**

The Clark County Economic Development annual meeting will be held in Loyal on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Any Council members who want to attend must reply to Clerk Ernst before the 15<sup>th</sup>. A Knight/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved

### **Parks & Rec. Report**

The minutes for the 4/5/17 Parks & Rec. Committee meeting were presented. The Committee requests to increase their \$3,000 budget for concession stand improvements up to \$10,000. Their next meeting will be held 4/19/17 at 6 pm. A Mauel/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved the budget increase to \$10,000.

### **Disbursements**

One question on Check #25943. A Wilczek/Knight motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #25896-25947. City \$51,513.95; Water \$27,135.30; Sewer \$104,581.03.

### **Adjourn**

A Knight/Milliren motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 4/11/17 open session meeting at 8:02 p.m.