

OCTOBER 24, 2017

The City of Owen Common Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7 pm at City Hall. Mayor Charles Milliren presided and City Clerk Terri Ernst served as secretary. Roll call of Alderpersons: Mauel, Renderman, Wilczek, Jaffke, Wagner and Martine. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Also present were: Tim Swiggum-CDC and Carol Devine-City Deputy Clerk,

Minutes

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

Treasure's Report

A Jaffke/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved the Treasurer Reports for September.

3rd Quarter Overtime Report

A Wagner/Mauel motion and subsequent vote approved the 3rd Quarter Overtime report.

Public Opinion

Public Present: Greg Herrick- Clark Co. Sherriff, Charlie Ramberg-Clark County Sheriff's Dept., Todd Kurtzhals-Dunn County Investigator, Kitara Mills, Nicole Shattuck, Travis Rogers-Sentinel & Rural News, Jackie Reinke, Daniel Hooks, Dennis Potocnik, Jon Wogernese, Sandy Deacon, Elizabeth Bourdon, Cami Simenson-HOF, Mark Hanson, Ken Truman Jr., Thomas Clark, Anthony Wallace and Cindy Cardinal-OW Enterprise. Sheriff Greg Herrick introduced himself to the Council and those in attendance. Sheriff Herrick reported that his department is present in Owen and Withee. Herrick also asked if anyone had any concerns for his department. Daniel Hooks reported he had to put added security to protect his belongings. Mark Hanson mentioned cars are still speeding out of town on N. Paul Avenue. Ken Truman questioned the progress of his complaint against Chief Schade. Due to the investigation only urgent matters will be addressed by the County. Tom Clark questioned if the Council will be hiring soon.

House of Friends Funding

A Renderman/Martine motion and subsequent vote approved \$3,000 funding to the House of Friends.

Operator's License

A Mauel/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved the Operator's License for Anthony Wallace, at his appeal. 4 yes & 2 no votes.

Resolution

A Martine/Renderman motion and subsequent vote approved Resolution #2017-13 amended and restated, authorizing sale of up to \$545,851 sewer revenue bonds and approval of related \$1,201,351 Financial Assistance Loan, from the Clean Water Fund Loan.

Sewer Commission

The Owen-Withee Sewer Commission met 10/18/17 and approved the sewer utility budget for 2018 at \$431,000.

Rail Spur Plans

Dennis Potocnik and Jon Wogernese were present to address concerns they have regarding the planned rail spur. The railroad property is very close or part of their buildings sit on railroad property. Swiggum had talked to Heartland previously and was assured that they will work with the neighbors to prevent any problems moving forward.

CDC Report

CDC Tim Swiggum reported on the DOT TEA grant. Cost estimates have risen and may need to scale back. A conference call will be held Wednesday morning to bring out final issues. Easements are needed for grant as well. Road from mill to County Rd. D is complete and looks good. DRC held its Autumnfest. It was a fun and family oriented. Not a big money maker but wasn't meant to be. Christmas decorating is coming soon and the DRC is in need of volunteers. County D property sales are being completed as the buyers are able to pay. Lehn Street issues are resolved as well and the paperwork has gone to the County. A Mauel/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved the CDC report.

Future Agendas

None.

Disbursements

Question Check 26634. A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to pay the disbursements: City Pooled Check #26613-26648. City \$48,688.65; Water \$3,370.52; Sewer \$19,426.14, TIF #3 \$375, TIF #4 \$75.

Closed Session

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to convene into closed session at 7:52 pm. Roll Call vote: Mauel-yes, Renderman-yes, Wilczek-yes, Jaffke-yes, Wagner-yes, Martine-yes. Under the following WI Statutes:

ITEM (#1) Under WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

To wit: (1) Consideration of proposed severance agreement for the Chief of Police; and

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ITEM (#2) Under WI S. S. 19.85 (1) (b) Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the faculty member or other public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. This paragraph and par. (f) do not apply to any such evidentiary hearing or meeting where the employee or person licensed requests that an open session be held. To wit: (2) Consideration of Extension of Chief of Police's Administrative Leave.

A Wilczek/Wagner motion and subsequent vote approved to reconvene into Open Session at 9:36 pm.

Open Session

Item #1: Under WI S. S. 19.85 (1)(e) Consideration of proposed severance agreement for the Chief of Police.

A Jaffke/Wagner motion and subsequent vote to not accept any severance agreements and the City will accept a resignation if dated by November 20, 2017.

Item #2: Under WI S. S. 19.85 (1)(b) Consideration of extension of the Chief of Police's administrative leave.

A Wilczek/Martine motion and subsequent vote to extend the administrative leave for 30 days from today.

Adjourn

A Wilczek/Jaffke motion and subsequent vote approved to adjourn the 10/24/17 open session meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Charles Milliren, Mayor

Terri Ernst, City Clerk/Treasurer

(To be considered for Approval at the 11/14/17 Council Meeting. Published 10/31/17)