

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2024

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00 pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: Ray Kilty, Ken Martine, Jason Thornton; Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, John Mauel

ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith, Deputy Kelly Booth

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/ES-Enterprise Sentinel, Tom Jirschele, Charlie Milliren, Tony Wallace, Carey Hargot, Tim Swiggum, Rick Nelson, and Mark Hanson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jalling at 6:00 pm & the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Tom Jirschele questioned building permits for Mr. Bohl; and owing money to the city. Rick Nelson was concerned about the Agenda with Last Ace on it and this is a business/building that could be an asset to the community; it was felt that Aldersperson Thornton should abstain from any decision made by the council as he owns a similar business; the council should not make a hasty decision in regard to this matter; also the meeting time/city hours if it is not broke, don't need to fix it.

Approve 06.11.24 Meeting Minutes: A Jaffke/Wilczek motion to approve minutes as written. Motion carried.

Kerry Tax Update: Nothing we can do right now, but we can fight the 2023 taxes by staying on top of it so it is not a recurring issue. The state appealed their own appraisal. Aldersperson Kilty has a call into the state, waiting to hear back. It was felt that Kerry was doing this to smaller towns that do not have the means to pay.

Delinquent Water Bills: Two residents will be shut off, the rest have paid something and have set up a DPA.

Operator License:

Dollar General-Martine/Mauel to approve all five operators; motion carried.

One Shot-Martine/Mauel to approve all three operators; motion carried.

Last Ace Again-Jaffke/Martine to approve one operator; motion carried.

Beverage License: Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve Dollar General; motion carried

New license was discussed for L.A.S.T Ace Again and #Red Daisy Girl. Both parties were able to speak on the business's behalf. Aldersperson Wilczek said L.A.S.T Ace Again, has several things to fix before approval according to the last inspection by the fire dept. The #Reddaisy is classified as a mercantile business, and she would not be able to have an upholstery business in the back of her building. Aldersperson Kilty agreed with what was said by Aldersperson Wilczek and that the board should table the decision to give a license to either business until they provide state approved plans(which could take up to 3-6 weeks). A Kilty/Wilczek motion to table for two meeting dates; motion carried.

Audit update: On page 26 Aldersperson Jaffke brought up an excess of expenditures for \$198,715 for 2022 to the general fund. The Auditors will be on screen during the last meeting in July, this is at our cost; we will be able to question them on this. A Wilczek/Martine motion to table the audit until the discrepancy can be explained; motion carried.

City Hall Hours: At this time no change needs to be made.

Discuss and Act on Meeting Time: Aldersperson Wilczek said it is a bad idea, residents have a hard time getting to the meeting as the time sits now. Aldersperson Jaffke agrees with Wilczek. Leave the time as is, no change needs to be made.

Mayors Report: Nothing to report at this time; after the parade the past mayors can join him for a picture. He addresses Mr. Jirschele's questions, there was no written agreement for the curb and gutter on file for Mr. Bohl; and as far as the taxes go, he was not assessed as the assessor did not know his duplexes were completed.

Other Reports: Dog park is in the works, we can go an additional 2 feet, H&S will be here tomorrow; would like to get trees out before; trees inside will be protected for a few years.

Treasurer's Report: Wilczek/Thornton motion to approve; motion carried.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: Wilczek/Kilty motion to approve; motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Audit Report, Delinquent Water Bills, Bowmar, Police Meeting, Car Show Approval, City Hall Report, DPW Report, Payments for lots

Adjourn: 7:09 pm Wilczek/Mauel motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully given to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth, Deputy Clerk