

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Approved 2/25/25

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

Alderspersons: John Mauel, Ray Kilty, Bob Wilczek(absent), Pam Jaffke, Jason Thornton and Ken Martine

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Kevin & Julie Baker

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

Public Comment: Kevin & Julie Baker want to add a chain link fence approximated 5' in an L shape. This would start coming out of the front door. The intent is to have a place for the dogs to run. They have contacted the DPW and Austin Aull, Zoning. The Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Rau, read a letter from Austin Aull, Zoning. The DPW Director, Chad Smith, was not at the meeting but did express concern about the stop sign and the side road. They were told the city will get the ball rolling by setting up a zoning meeting and looking into the variance requested.

Approve 01.28.25 Meeting Minutes: Thornton/Jaffke motion to approve minutes with addition of adjournment time. Motion carried.

Operator License: Mauel/Kilty motion to approve Marcela Hansen, Dollar General and Steven Ditsch, Taproom. Motion carried.

Consideration in Adopting Clark County's Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Ordinance: A Mauel/Jaffke motion to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

Update on Business Park Sign: Alderperson Kilty can get 4X8 signs at \$125/sign that say, "Lots for Sale". A Martine/Mauel motion to purchase 3 signs. Motion carried.

Lot Purchase Country Side Estates: Alderperson Kilty wants to purchase Lots 21/36 for a price of \$3000 each lot. Forward Bank originally wanted to purchase lots for low-income housing, but they need to withdraw at this time as our covenants cannot change for 30 years per City Attorney. A Mauel/Martine motion to approve the sale to Kilty with Kilty abstaining. Motion carried

Mayor's Report: Wanted to discuss Forward Bank situation. Since they needed to pull out of the Countryside Estates there are only a few other lots available to them. The mayor will reach out with this information.

Other Reports: The Planning Committee met, talked about expansion in Countryside Estates (where to possibly expand and how it will be funded) the possibility of adding a \$3.00 surcharge for street maintenance to each utility bill as a separate line item; a possible solution to the expansion of revenue. They also talked about a developer's agreement where you must be completed within two years, no sale of the lot, you are taxed on what you have completed after six months, all of which our City Attorney would have to go over. The DRC also had a meeting, the minutes were attached to the council packet.

Treasurer's Report: Talked a lot about the TIF money and where it is allocated. The City Clerk, Tracy Rau, along with Mayor Jalling and Alderperson Kilty will reach out to the auditors in the morning to discuss further. A Mauel/Thornton motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: Mauel/Jaffke motion to accept. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Street maintenance surcharge; Developer's Agreement; Crimestoppers; Fence Variance/Meeting; Countryside Estates Sign

Adjourn: 7:06 pm Martine/Kilty motion. Motion carried.

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