

CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Approved 3/11/25

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 6:00pm

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling

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

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

COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Peter Kaz, Larry Klabon

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

Approve 02.11.25 Meeting Minutes: Mael/Kilty motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Crime Stoppers: Crime stoppers is a nonprofit organization and is run by volunteers made up of community board members that are not connected to law enforcement at all. Crime stoppers help the local law enforcement solve crimes by people calling in tips. Calling in a tip is completely anonymous; you may even be rewarded for your tip if there is an arrest. Crime stoppers have a 95% success rate and Clark County started crime stoppers 6 years ago. They get their funding by donation letters that are sent out every year to municipalities and they do fund raisers, they would like to get corporate sponsors as funding is difficult right now. None of their money comes from your tax dollars. Crime stopper would like to put a sign on each population sign, each sign cost approximately 400.00.

OW Lions License/Operator: Wilczek/Mael motion to approve Sandi Petke operator license and the OW Lions Beverage License for the fishing contest if they pick up the license as last year there was an issue. Motion carried.

Consideration in Adopting Clark County's Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Ordinance: Mael/Kilty motion to approve adopting Ordinance # 01-14-2025. Motion carried.

Approve Countryside Estates sign: Thornton/Wilczek motion to approve a lot for sale sign for the Countryside Estates. Clerk Rau questioned where the funding will come from for the signs for the Business Park and Countryside estates but did not get a clear answer. Motion carried.

Other Reports: Chad Smith our DPW was nominated for Wastewater Operator of the Year by the DNR. Chad was presented at the annual Governmental Affairs Seminar February 20th. This came as a complete surprise to Chad. Clerk Rau read a very impressive letter that the DNR wrote about Chad that they sent in to nominated him. Chads co-workers see this side of Chad every day, but it is nice to see others see him the same way we do. After the letter was read there was a round of congratulations and appreciation. Wilczek went on to say he really appreciates the City Hall and Public Works team that we have, everything seems to follow in the right direction. The councils are proud that they have such a great team. Larry Klabon also said thank you to Chad for helping Withee out.

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: Mael/Thornton. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: 2nd Street Property

Adjourn: 6:54pm Mael/Thornton. Motion carried.

Respectfully, Tracy Rau, Clerk