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CITY OF OWEN COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
LOCATION: City Hall
TIME: 6:00pm
CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Scott Jalling
Alderpersons: John Mauel, Ray Kilty, Bob Wilczek, Pam Jaffke, Jason Thornton and Ken Martine
ATTENDANCE LIST: Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Rau, DPW Chad Smith
COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE: Cindy Cardinal/O-W Enterprise, Kelly Booth, Juan Ochoa, and Valeria Medina

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

Public Comment: Juan Ochoa and his wife Valeria were concerned about the parking if they were to build a house off 3rd Street(blocking of alley ways). There are ordinances in place that would prevent any blockage with plenty of parking available. Alderperson Wilczek said he has been approached by several people in his Ward concerned about the increase in taxes this year. He would like to see a meeting set up with Bowmar to explain the assessment increase. A meeting with Ehlers and the Auditors also needs to be set to get them on the same page with the TIF 4 numbers.

Approve 12.09.25 Meeting Minutes: A Kilty/Wilczek motion to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on 2nd Street Property: The Chief reported it was postponed at the courts till March. He is waiting to hear from the City Attorney.

Approve Teamsters Contract: A Wilczek/Martine motion to approve. Motion carried.

Reevaluate Bank Accounts: A Wilczek/Mauel motion to move the sewer and water accounts to a higher interest account with the Local Government Investment Pool. Motion carried.

Class B Temporary License OW Lions Ice Fishing: A Mauel/Thornton motion to approve. Motion carried.

Operators License: A Mauel/Jaffke motion to approve. Motion carried.

Class B Temporary License OWACC-Murder Mystery: A Mauel/Martine motion to approve. Motion carried.

Class B Temporary License OWACC-Expo: A Martine/Wilczek motion to approve for April 11, 2026. Motion carried.

Update on Playground Equipment: There may be an extensive donation for the playground equipment if the donor has naming rights to the park. A Wilczek/Kilty motion to approve. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on Senior Center: The Senior group has money to give the city but would like to see the windows replaced as well as the doors. The bathrooms have been fixed to accommodate ADA compliance. A Mauel/Martine motion to replace windows, doors and any additional money would be used on the Senior Center. Motion carried.

DPW Report: It was talked about that if we were attacked by China who is going after our water system a virus can be put in a Scada System and the whole thing could be wiped out. The ground reservoir inspection went smoothly, we must replace the top latches, which we can do ourselves. There was a main water break by

Meadowview Golf Course, which was caught early and we got back up and running. We have had fire suppression systems freeze as well as meters in these cold temperatures. We have started to rebuild the inside of the sewer vac truck. The seals need to be replaced, and we will install them ourselves. We have sent out our yearly phosphorus and sludge reports. We sold 2 trailers and the chipper. We purchased a new large trailer. The materials for the garage are all here and it will make a good inside winter project that the department of public works will do. We started plowing snow at 4 a.m. opening the businesses first on main street and then the residents. By 6:30 a.m. people should be able to get through downtown. With warm weather, we have been able to open the storm drains. The dam inspection went well waiting to hear back from Cedar Corp., but they do not see anything wrong. The county held a Statewide Sizzling Summer Exercise that was well attended. It is good that these are put on, I was able to put myself in that situation and look at how the city would react in a disastrous situation. Some of the 2025 highlights were the 2nd Street project being completed, the new roof on the train depot, Green Grove Supply land purchasing and the breaking of ground for them, the Standpipe at the WWTP was rebuilt, and I was selected for the 2024 DNR operator of the year as well as the West Central Wastewater Operator of the year. It goes without saying that neither of these awards could happen without the support of a great team, thank you!

Mayors Report: Our condolences go out to the family of Mary Lynn Kiviko a former council member. The Centennial Committee will have its last meeting tomorrow night, so our City DPW can go ahead and order Christmas lights for the main street.

Other Reports: None

Disbursements/Accounts Payable: Wilczek/Jaffke motion to approve. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Lot on 3rd Street, Building Permits

Adjourn: 7:03 pm Thornton/Wilczek motion. Motion carried.

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