



**CITY OF OMRO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Tuesday, March 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Attendance Mayor Robert R. Breu, City Administrator Linda K. Kutchenriter, Attorney Lud Wurtz, Aldermanic Representatives Ken Cady, Steve Jungwirth, Gordy Garvens, Larry Wright and Jason Reeves. Public Works Director Mark Van Pelt, Chief of Police Jim Reed, Omro Herald Reporter Julie Schmidt, and Residents Rick Christl, Gary Davies, Bob McKay, Herb Hellwig, Jeanne Sedlack, Molly Dake and John Steen. Rod Brusius was absent.

Call to Order Mayor Breu called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the council chambers at Omro City Hall.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance The invocation was given by Steve Jungwirth followed by presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Rod Brusius was absent. A quorum of the city council members were in attendance to conduct the official business of the city.

Agenda Approval **Steve Jungwirth motioned and Jason Reeves seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.**

Citizens Statements Businessman Gary Davies, owner of 103 East Main Street, discussed the parking situation for his building. There are 7 stalls next to 103 E. Main that I am asking to have 90 minute parking for. Someone is interested in the building, I want to have parking available for them. There is plenty of parking behind the golf cart area for the business employees. I'd appreciate a little help. The place is just about done with the remodeling and hopefully sometime in April will be opening. The employees at this location will not park on the street.

Rick Christl of 103 West Main Street stated that he has the business directly opposite of Davies, he is the President of Future Omro and the Chair of the Business Improvement District. Parking in downtown Omro should be fair to everyone. The BID members are opposed to restricting parking for just one business. There should be a comprehensive study. Those employees will now be by me and I have a problem with that. I would not be opposed to 90 minute parking on my side of Webster. All parking should be 90 minute or 60 minute.

Bob McKay of MasterCarts noted that he had to fill in an area with golf carts to

keep people from parking in his lot. He noted concerns that people would move to other locations if 90 minute parking was imposed only at 103 E. Main.

Chief Reed noted that he speaks with a local business every year about parking issues and where their employees can park. All businesses should work together. If we have timed parking it will be handled on a complaint basis.

Linda Kutchenriter suggested the department treat it like they do with the canine at the school, pick a random day to enforce around once a month.

Gary Davies stated they had the same problem in Oshkosh and the 90 minute parking took care of it. The signage takes care of it.

Steve Jungwirth noted that 50 years ago there were a lot more businesses including grocery stores and people parked quite a distance down the street without problems.

Jason Reeves stated he would like to see the business organizations or a committee investigate a solution. He stated he would prefer to see a 90 minute limit in the entire downtown.

The Future Omro/BID will provide a recommendation to the council by May 29th for the June 3rd Council Meeting.

Minutes **Larry Wright motioned and Jason Reeves seconded to approve the February 18, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.**

Expenditures **Larry Wright motioned and Jason Reeves seconded to approve RES: 140318-A 'Expenditures' as presented. Ken Cady/Aye, Steve Jungwirth/Aye, Gordon Garvens/Aye, Larry Wright/Aye, Jason Reeves/Aye. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.**

Carryovers **Larry Wright motioned and Steve Jungwirth seconded to approve RES: 140318-B 'Authorization for 2013 Budget Carryovers' as presented. Ken Cady/Aye, Steve Jungwirth/Aye, Gordon Garvens/Aye, Larry Wright/Aye, Jason Reeves/Aye. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.**

DPW and Cemetery Lawnmower **Ken Cady motioned and Jason Reeves seconded to approve RES: 140318-C 'Award of Bids for Purchase of DPW and Cemetery Lawnmower'. Ken Cady/Aye, Steve Jungwirth/Aye, Gordon Garvens/Aye, Larry Wright/Aye, Jason Reeves/Aye. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of the council members present.**

Highway 116 Reconstruction The 2018 Highway 116 Reconstruction was discussed and recommendations were made for the state as follows:

Roundabout vs. Signaled Intersection at 116 and 21:
4 aldermen voted for the roundabout, 1 (Jason Reeves) against (mainly due to loss of real estate).

East River Drive at Pine Street:
All 5 aldermen voted to leave as is.

Reasons included:

Unnecessary Costs

Currently quick and straight exit for cars and especially cars pulling boats. Moving entrance to Pine with right turn would cause backups that don't currently exist and rear end accidents.

No accidents in the past.

Alternative discussed by Plan Commission to change to 1 way in and out. Planning Commission also discussed as their third alternative the "offset" intersection utilizing the existing triangle. Also as fourth alternative creating a right turn lane (East Bound 116 traffic) in conjunction with a typical 4 way intersection. All recommendations are in order of preference.

116 at Fox Trail and Hawthorne:

Dangerous intersection.

Several fatalities in the past.

Much more concerned about this than Pine Street.

Curve and high speeds.

Buses have trouble. First bus takes a gamble and then radios others that it is clear!

Motion by Jason Reeves, second by Larry Wright to strongly encourage the state to lower the speed limit to 25 mph from Fox Trail to Whispering Way due to violent history and fatalities, to increase safety, and to allow for safe trail connection from the school to the Whispering Way subdivision trails. Ken Cady/Aye, Steve Jungwirth/Aye, Gordon Garvens/Aye, Larry Wright/Aye, Jason Reeves/Aye. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of members present.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the common council will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers of city hall.

Adjournment **Steve Jungwirth motioned and Jason Reeves seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of the council members present.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Kutchenriter
City Administrator