

Owen County Council
Minutes-January 9, 2023

Meeting was opened by Deputy Auditor Nicole VanDerMoere in the absence of Auditor Reeves.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Members Present: Polly Chesser, Verl Keith, Amy Casebeer, Nick Robertson, Steve Carrell, and Anton Neff.

Election of Officers-

A motion for Polly Chesser as President was made by Verl Keith; seconded by Anton Neff. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to appoint Verl Keith as Vice was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Amy Casebeer. Carried 6-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from December 12th and 27th was made by Verl Keith; seconded by Anton Neff. Motion carried 6-0.

Copies of the LOW Monthly and Annual Financial Report to date was provided for review.

BBP Water Corporation submitted a proposal in the amount of \$250,000 for State Road 43 Water Projects. The amount was approved for advertising to be paid from the ARPA Fund#8950 with a motion made by Anton Neff; seconded by Verl Keith. Motion carried 6-0.

2023 Meeting Dates and Time were proposed. Following discussion a motion to approve the dates as stated on sheet with a new start time beginning at 6pm. Motion seconded by Nick Robertson; motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Ryan White presented a request for a loan from Jail Housing 4906 to supplement vehicle rotation in the Fund #1170 amount of \$80000.00 with an ordinance to pay back by 12/31/2023. (Reeves called in later in the meeting to give correct Fund #'s and that it was to be a Resolution) A motion to approve the request was made Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried 6-0.

Circuit Court presented a request to payout retiring employee Marty Figg for her vacation/personal/comp time in the amount of \$8814.84. A motion to approve advertising the amount from Riverboat Fund#1191 Cash was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried 6-0. New hire Valerie Wells was starting, and the wages were to be monitored if additional funds would be needed.

Health Department Christine McBride had to cancel due to her mom being rushed to the hospital. Mr. Burton related that the Commissioners have asked Terry Fender to help with Septic Inspections while John Reeves was out due to surgery, and would be paid from contract services, not as an employee.

A motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Confirmations was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to approve all 2023 Wages & Salaries was made by Anton Neff; seconded by Nick Robertson. Motion carried 6-0.

Elected Officials-

Commissioner Burton related that the Sheriffs Department is getting ready to retire two K-9's Bear and Chewy. He would like for them to consider approving \$24000.00 from the ARPA Funds for two new ones.

No other discussion was given by Auditor or Council. A motion to adjourn was made by Anton Neff at 7:48pm.