

OWEN COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes-December 27, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Polly Chesser.

Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were given.

Present: Polly Chesser, Verl Keith, Andy Wood, Anton Neff, Chuck Hess, and Nick Robertson.

Absent: Amy Casebeer.

Sheriff Hobbs was allowed to speak and thank members and commissioners and he feels they are heading in the right direction. Sheriff Hobbs wanted to end his term and comments by saying "Put GOD 1st", and that everyone needs to continue in coming together and that great things have happened and need to continue. Chuck Hess wanted it known that Hobbs was one of his best friends and thanked him for all he has done for him over the years at his best and worst times. Others added for his communication/responses, opening doors with the Department, long time support as friend and co-workers and has given 110% dedication for all. A motion to approve the minutes presented for October 11th Public hearing, October 11th Regular Meeting, October 27th Budget Adoption, and November 14th was made by Chuck Hess; seconded by Andy Wood. Motion carried 5-1/abstention Hess.

A copy of the current dated Financial Monthly Report was provided for review. Ms. Reeves related that an Annual Report would be provided in January.

The 2023 Budget was reviewed with no further changes made/needed at this time.

A copy of the 2022-0022 Ordinance for County Wages 2023 was provided for review/approval. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Chuck Hess; seconded by Anton Neff. Carried 6-0.

Mr. Neff noted that all the Summary Copies will be presented at the January Meeting.

The 2023 Approved Budget was received earlier today by DLGF, copies were provided to members.

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation Requests was opened by Ms. Chesser.

A motion to approve the requests as presented/read was made by Mr. Hess; seconded by Mr. Wood. Carried 6-0. Public Hearing was closed by Ms. Chesser.

A motion to approve the Transfers as presented/read was made by Mr. Hess; seconded by Mr. Neff. Carried 6-0.

No Salary Confirmations were presented.

Elected Officials & Department Heads-None

Chuck Hess-It's Been a Pleasure!! Taking a break for a while and available for phone calls.

Thanked those that were present with his personal comments and relationships with him over the last twelve years and included those he has served as a Liaison for over the years. Many comments of admiration, trust, gratitude, kindhearted, passionate about his friends and community, straight-forward and yet gentle were just a few words offered by members and public present.

A final motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hess.