

OWEN-WITHEE POLICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

LOCATION: Owen City Hall

CITY OFFICIALS:

OWEN: Pam Jaffke, Bob Wilczek, and Jason Thornton

WITHEE: Randy Shelton, Larry Klabon, and Susan Kalepp

Attendance List: Chief Fehlman, Officer Scheffler, Officer Haugstad, Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Rau, Kelly Booth, Cindy Cardinal, Enterprise/Sentinel, Ray Kilty, Mayor, Scott Jalling, and Marissa Scheffler

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Jaffke

Public Comment: None

Approve Minutes from 3.18.25: Thornton/Kalepp motion to approve minutes. Motion carried

Budget/Finance: Discussed the 2026 Budget; will have a meeting on October 7 at 6:00 pm; Tabled

Union Contract Amendment: Created before we hired a third officer. Changes will be made by our union representative they send us a draft; we will have a final copy at the next meeting. A Wilczek/Thornton motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with changes. Motion carried

Personnel Update: Officer Haugstad has been part of the police department for the past 6 years; he is paramount to this department. He was here with the past officers and has helped bring the department together. The Chief would also like to give Accommodation to Officer Scheffler for his dog bite of a resident he responded to on July 22, 2025. Without his quick response the outcome could have been a deadly one. Along with the Chief the resident also wrote to them, thanking Officer Scheffler for saving her life; and stated that we are lucky to have him in the police department. It is an unusual circumstance for this to happen, it is good to see the units working together. Chair Jaffke was very grateful to both parties. Along with Officer Scheffler, his wife Marissa, accepted the Accommodation Award with a picture.

Treasurers Report: A Thornton/Kalepp motion. Motion carried

Payable Disbursement: A Wilczek/Shelton motion. Motion carried

Future Agenda Items: Budget, Wages Chief, Savings Account, Union Contract

Adjourn: 7:30 pm Kalepp/Thornton motion. Motion carried

Submitted to the best of my ability, Kelly Booth