## CITY OF OWOSSO

## 5th monday MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## Monday, July 29, 2019

## 7:30 P.M.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. EVELETH

**OPENING PRAYER:** ROXANE CRAMER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** councilmember nicholas pidek

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Loreen F. Bailey, Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law and Nicholas L. Pidek.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Char Hebekeuser, from Tri-Mer; Justin Horvath and Brent Jones from Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership.

**ABSENT:** None.

***APPROVE AGENDA***

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve the agenda as is.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF*** ***July 15, 2019***

Motion by Councilmember Fear to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2019.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

***citizens comments and questions***

None.

***consent AGENDA***

 Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Moonlight Market. Approved request from Tracey Peltier, Executive Director of the Downtown Owosso Farmer’s Market for closure of Curwood Castle Dr. from M-21 to M-52, August 1, 2019 from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. for Moonlight Market and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1423 formalizing the action.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Pidek, Bailey, Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmember Haber, Fear, Law, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

***ITEMS OF DISCUSSION***

**Tax Abatement Programs and Current status**.

City manager Henne presented a power point presentation to council explaining that he wanted everyone to have an understanding of where the city was at with abatements. City manager explained, in detail, each tax abatement available.

Councilmembers and city manager had a lengthy discussion about tax abatements. City Manager Henne along with Justin Horvath also highlighted the benefits from tax abatements.

Char Hebekeuser also pointed out the benefits afforded to Tri-Mer because of tax abatements and that in turn benefited the city. She also shared that they bring people into the city to stay locally at the Comstock and also use local restaurants when suppling meals. Ms. Hebekeuser continued their leased vehicles are local from Young’s or Signature.

Councilmembers agreed they would like follow up to make sure that the entity issued a tax abatement is following through with the terms of that abatement.

***citizens comments and questions***

Ed Urban commented on factories that are empty and if they could be rented out to be put on the tax roll.

Justin Horvath replied that most are filled with product or machinery not people it is different economy.

Mayor Eveleth reminded everyone that the Moonlight Market is Thursday starts at 5 p.m. and he also shared he enjoyed participating in the river cleanup.

Councilmember Bailey commented that there will be a kitten shower this Saturday at the Farmer’s Market they will be adopting out kitties and accepting donations. They will be located near the fountain.

City Manager Henne shared that he will be at D’ Mar tomorrow at noon for a local mini housing conference.

Mayor Eveleth asked City Manager Henne about a lot that the city had purchased off South Washington Street quite a few years prior and wondered what the plan is or if they should consider selling it.

City Manager Henne explained that the lot is on Vandekarr Road and the city is going to use part of that property for a wellfield because the city will be abandoning all 3 Palmer Street wells.

Councilmember Fear asked about the 8 vacant city lots. She thought that there were more.

City manager Henne explained there are more but some are irregular, may not be big enough to accommodate a home.

***BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS***

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2019

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022

Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2021

Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2019

Shiawassee Airport Board – term expires December 31, 2019

***ADJOURNMENT***

Motion by Councilmember Bailey for adjournment at 7:54 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek and concurred in by unanimous vote.

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 Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

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 Roxane K. Cramer, Deputy City Clerk