

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022  
8:14 P.M.  
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

**OPENING PRAYER:** PASTOR BILL MOULL  
OWOSSO FREE METHODIST CHURCH

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** COUNCILMEMBER JEROME C. HABER

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Emily S. Olson, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

**ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

Motion by Councilmember Pidek to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2022 as presented.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CDBG Grant Application -- 114-116 W Main Street**

**Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.3, 1.9, 5.11, 5.13, 6.6**

City Manager Nathan R. Henne indicated the application before Council is for a rental rehabilitation grant. The application requests \$700,000 in federal grant monies for the creation of seven new apartments on the third floor of the building at 114-116 West Main Street. The City will contribute approximately \$158,500 to the project in the form of a twelve-year OPRA Certificate, and approximately \$400,000 will be privately funded. The City will hire a third-party administrator to oversee the grant itself.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed application for a CDBG grant for the 114-116 W Main Street Redevelopment Project.

The following people commented regarding the proposed application:

Randy Woodworth, building owner, commented that the process to get to this point has been long, starting before COVID. He indicated he was hoping for Council's support of the project and said he was available to answer any questions.

Rose Hooper, 708 Fletcher Street, inquired whether the new apartments will be handicap accessible. She said she knows of numerous handicap folks that are looking for homes that are accessible. Mr. Woodworth responded, saying a brand-new elevator will be installed as a part of the project and the apartments will be accessible as required by the building code.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all interested parties, motion by Councilmember Pidek that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 174-2022**

**APPROVING CDBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE RENTAL  
REHABILITATION PROJECT LOCATED AT 114-116 WEST MAIN STREET  
AND DESIGNATING CITY MANAGER AS CERTIFYING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Community Development Block Grant Program to support 114-116 W Main Street – a seven unit Rental Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso desires to request \$700,000 in CDBG funds to create seven rental units; and

WHEREAS, there are going to be four low to moderate income units and three market rate units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso commits local funds by prior approval of a twelve year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate on April 20, 2020 – worth an estimated \$158,587 in abated property taxes over the life of the certificate; and

WHEREAS, Ruesswood REI Group, LLC is investing private funds in the amount of \$402,593; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the City of Owosso Master Plan completed in 2021 – specifically in goals related to adding new housing in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 51.37% of the residents of the City of Owosso are low and moderate income persons as determined by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's list of low and moderate income community customers dated 8/4/2022; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incure costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: City Manager Nathan R. Henne is hereby designated as the Certifying Officer, the Certified Environmental Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to implement and execute the grant
- SECOND: a public hearing was held on November 21, 2022 to receive public comment on the CDBG application for the 114-116 W Main Rental Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$700,000.
- THIRD: due and adequate notice was provided in compliance with CDBG grant rules requiring 5 calendar days of said notice in a local media publication.
- FOURTH: the grant application is hereby approved and the above-named certified officer is hereby directed to implement the requirements of the grant to complete the project.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Haber, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Law, Pidek, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, claimed that something went wrong at the last election. He has heard of numerous problems during the election, including processing issues and inaccurate results being posted to the web. He also spoke about the election in August and the general election two years ago. Mr. Cline ran out of time before concluding his comments.

Mayor Teich asked the City Manager if he had anything to add to Mr. Cline's comments. He indicated he did not.

There were no Council comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

**Contract Extension - IT/Network Engineering Services**. Authorize extension of the contract with Logicalis, Inc. for the provision of network administrator services for the 2023 calendar year in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor for services rendered up to the contract amount as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 175-2022**

**ADOPTING THE LOGICALIS, INC. NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR STAFF AUGMENTATION FOR JEFF KISH**

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, a Michigan municipal corporation, utilizes a sophisticated network of computers to facilitate day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, said network requires the services of a skilled professional to continue to function properly; and

WHEREAS, the city contracts with Logicalis, Inc. for the provision of network administrator services; and

WHEREAS, the city council must adopt a resolution authorizing the terms of the contract for the calendar year effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: it has been determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to continue the contract with Logicalis, Inc. for network administrator services for the year beginning January 1, 2023.
- SECOND: the mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Network Administrator Staff Augmentation, Quotation # 2022-146654v1, between the City of Owosso and Logicalis, Inc.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to pay Logicalis, Inc. for work satisfactorily performed in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid from Account No. 101-228-818000.
- FIFTH: all prior resolutions and documents for the *Logicalis Network Administrator Staff Augmentation and/or Staffing SOW* are rescinded as of January 1, 2023.

**Bid Award – 2023 Street Program Engineering Services - Contract No. 1**. Approve bid award to Eng., Inc. for engineering and construction administration services for the 2023 Street Program – Contract No. 1 in the amount of \$57,990.00, contingent upon a construction contract being awarded, and approve payment to the engineer upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 176-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH ENG., INC. FOR THE 2023 STREET PROGRAM – CONTRACT NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is considering the necessary resurfacing of Center Street, from King Street to North Street, as outlined within its RFP for professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, this project requires the services of a professional engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, the City sought proposals from its Qualification Based Selection (QBS) list of firms to perform such work; and

WHEREAS, Eng., Inc. is selected as the most qualified firm to perform such work and offers to complete construction administration services of said project, in an amount not to exceed \$57,990.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to employ the firm of Eng., Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the 2023 Street Program – Contract No. 1, contingent upon a construction contract being awarded.
- SECOND: The Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in the form attached as Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Eng., Inc..
- THIRD: The Accounts Payable department is authorized to make payment up to the amount of \$57,990.00 to Eng., Inc. upon successful completion of stated work.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from Local Street Acct No. 203-451-818.000-CENTERST21 and other funds as appropriated.

**Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.10**

**Balancing Change Order – 2022 Street Patches Program.** Approve Balancing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with TJ Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc. for the 2022 Street Patches Program, adding \$2,487.90 for additional street patches and authorizing payment up to the contract amount, plus Change Order Nos. 1 & 2, for a total contract amount of \$122,720.40 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 177-2022**

**AUTHORIZING BALANCING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND  
TJ SMITH SAND & GRAVEL, INC.  
FOR THE 2022 STREET PATCHES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a contract with TJ Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc. on May 15, 2021 for street patches on various streets throughout the city during the 2022 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 was approved on September 6, 2022 to add a second round of street patches to the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is now complete, and a balancing change order is necessary to reconcile contract quantities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: it has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve Balancing Change Order No. 2 to the 2022 Street Patches Program contract with TJ Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$2,487.90 to reflect actual unit quantities used in completion of the project.
- SECOND: the mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Balancing Change Order No. 2 to the Contract for Services between the city of Owosso and TJ Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc., increasing the total contract amount from \$120,232.50 to \$122,720.40.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to pay TJ Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc. for work satisfactorily completed up to the revised contract amount of \$122,720.40.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid from Major and Local Street Account Nos. 202-463-818.000 (\$12,339.42) and 203-463-818.000 (\$5,881.04), Sewer Fund Account No. 590-549-818.000 (\$15,318.73), and Water Fund Account Nos. 591-552-818.000 (\$81,863.60), 591-552-818.000-LSL-ID0000 (\$161.85), and 591-552-818.000-LSLREPLACE (\$7,155.76).

**Professional Services Agreement - Governmental Accounting Services.** Authorize a professional services agreement with Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C. for the provision of onsite governmental accounting services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, and further authorize payment to the firm for services rendered in accordance with the contract as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 178-2022**

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
TAYLOR AND MORGAN, C.P.A., P.C.  
FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is required to complete an independent audit per Section 8.4 of the Owosso City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has statutory responsibilities per Section 7.5 of the Owosso City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C., a full-service public accounting firm, submitted a proposal for onsite accounting services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso would like to continue a professional relationship with Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C. for accounting services in its Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, the employment of professional services is an exception to competitive bidding per Section 2-346(2) of the City of Owosso Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to enter into a professional service agreement with Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C. for governmental accounting services, annual budget creation and annual independent audit preparation services.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Professional Services Agreement between the City of Owosso and Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C.

THIRD: The accounts payable department is authorized to pay Taylor and Morgan, C.P.A., P.C. for work satisfactorily completed, estimated at \$45,000, under said professional services agreement.

FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from General Fund Account 101.201.818.000.

**New Year's Eve Block Party Permission.** Approve request from Owosso Main Street for the closure of South Washington Street from Comstock Street to Jerome Street on Friday, December 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. until Saturday, January 1, 2023 at 12:00 a.m. for the New Year's Eve Block Party and approve Traffic Control Order No. 1491 formalizing the request.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 4.2, 4.6, 5.9, 5.12

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Haber, Pidek, Law, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Lot Split Authorization – 623 South Chestnut Street**

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 4.8

Motion by Councilmember Pidek authorizing the division of a City lot under the Michigan Subdivision Control Act for platted lot at 623 South Chestnut Street as follows:

**Current Descriptions:**

Address	Status	Parcel #1
623 Chestnut Street	Before Split	050-546-000-019-00
<b>Description:</b>		
COM 563.68' N OF CEN SEC 23 TH N 180.295' E 254' N 64.30' S 81° E 108.28' N 99' S 81° E 20.72' S00°24' W 200' S81°E 163', N00°24' E 200', S81° E 336', S14° 05' W 356.95', W 439.78', N 100', W 361.68' TO BEG. PART OF SEC 23 T7NR2E		

Address	Status	Parcel #2
1620 Gregory Street	Before Split	050-546-000-033-00

<b>Description:</b> PART OF W 1/2 NW 1/4 SEC 23, BEG AT PT N02°01'00"E 273.73' & N79°51'31"W (REC AS N81°W) 332.10' FROM NE COR OF LOT 7, STACHURSKI SUB, TH S01°55'00"W, 328.59' TO NLY ROW LN OF GREGORY ST, TH N89°22'00"W, 186.29' ALONG SAID ROW LN, TH N14°21'29"E (REC AS N14°05'E) 356.95', TH S79°51'31"E, 110.48' TO POB. (1.154 ACRES M/L)
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**Descriptions After Split:**

Address	Status	Parcel #1
623 Chestnut Street	After Split	050-546-000-019-00
<b>Description:</b> PART OF NE 1/4 SEC 23, T7N R2E, COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00°31'16" WEST 1868.65 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 23 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°15'20" EAST 254.27 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°39'34" EAST 64.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81°20'18" EAST 108.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°08'26" EAST 99.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81°24'51" EAST 20.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°24'55" WEST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81°21'40" EAST 163.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°46'18" EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 81°24'51" EAST 110.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 03°42'07" WEST 382.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°18'22" WEST 272.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°25'57" EAST 100.04 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°41'37" WEST 361.36 FEET TO SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH 00°31'16" EAST 180.29 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE CONTAINS 3.53 ACRES; MORE OR LESS, AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.		

Address	Status	New Parcel
1620 Gregory Street	After Split	050-546-000-033-00
<b>Description:</b> PART OF NE 1/4 SEC 23, T7N R2E, COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 00°31'16" WEST 1662.86 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 81°24'51" EAST 661.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 81°24'51" EAST 337.38 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°41'53" WEST 327.53 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GREGORY STREET; THENCE SOUTH 89°18'22" WEST 354.36 FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE EXTENDED; THENCE NORTH 03°42'07" EAST 382.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE CONTAINS 2.81 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD.		

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Law, Haber, Fear, Olson, Pidek, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

**Stock Sale Authorization**

City Manager Henne indicated he was unsure how the City came to own stock from American Financial Group, Inc., but it needed to be sold to bring us back into compliance with the City's Investment Policy. The funds resulting from the sale will go to local streets.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika authorizing the sale of 270 shares of American Financial Group, Inc. stock to bring the City back into compliance with its Investment Policy as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 179-2022**

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC STOCKS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is a political subdivision of the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso is required to follow Public Act 20 of 1943, Investment of Surplus Funds of Political Subdivisions, and has adopted an investment policy in accordance of such public act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso created a 10-year special assessment district in 2009 to improve Ball Street, Water Street, Dewey Street and Park Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso acquired shares of American Financial Group, Inc. stocks to pay for an unpaid special assessment in the 2009 special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the special assessment district has been paid in full and closed as of 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: it has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to sell 270 shares of American Financial Group, Inc. stocks.
- SECOND: the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Finance Director are authorized to complete and sign the Broadridge Shareholder Sale Request Form on behalf of the City of Owosso.
- THIRD: the Finance Department is directed to deposit this one-time revenue into the Local Street Fund.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Pidek, Fear, Law, Haber, Olson, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

#### **Small Cell Wireless Facilities Permit – 825 W. Main Street**

**Master Plan Implementation Goals: 5.15**

City Manager Henne said he was vexed by Verizon's latest application for a small cell wireless facilities permit. The request is for a new pole, despite the fact that the City has made a concerted effort to have Verizon co-locate their equipment on existing poles. He further noted that the proposed pole is too tall, the application fee has not been paid, and no written explanation was offered, other than a map, as to why they could not co-locate. He recommended Council deny the request as it would be in violation of the requirements of the City's Small Cell Wireless Facilities Ordinance.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to deny the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Permit application from Verizon Wireless for the location of a new pole and small cell wireless facility at 825 West Main Street as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 180-2022**

#### **DENYING THE SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES PERMIT APPLICATION FROM VERIZON WIRELESS FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW POLE AND A SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITY IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 825 W. MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2022 the City of Owosso received a Small Cell Wireless Facilities Permit Application from Verizon Wireless, 24242 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, Michigan 48075; and

WHEREAS, as provided under the Small Cell Wireless Communications Facilities Deployment Act, Act 365 of 2018, and City of Owosso Ordinance No. 813, adopted on November 2, 2020, Verizon Wireless is seeking a Small Cell Wireless Facilities Permit to install a new pole and antenna in the city's right-of-way at 825 W. Main Street in accordance with plans as submitted;

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the application and recommends denial of said application due to non-compliance with PA 365 of 2018 and the City of Owosso Code of Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the Small Cell Wireless Facilities Permit application for a new pole and small cell wireless facility at 825 W. Main Street, received October 10, 2022 from Verizon Wireless, is hereby denied for the following reasons:
- The new support structure and facility height does not meet the City's design standards set forth in the Zoning Code (Secs. 24-353 and 34-355)

- No detailed evidence given as to why or how Consumers Energy denied permission to co-locate on existing Consumers Power poles (Sec. 34-352 (h)(10))
- Non-payment of the \$1,000 application fee for a new support structure and the \$500 fee for a new small cell wireless facility (MCL 460.1317(4)(a & b) and City of Owosso 2022 Fee Schedule)

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2022 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2022 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2022 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2022 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. October 2022 Fire Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. October 2022 Police Report.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of November 2, 2022.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Rose Hooper, 708 Fletcher Street, asked if Council could require that a certain percentage of new housing is handicap accessible and if such a requirement could be enforced on all future developments.

Randy Woodworth indicated that his development would have a brand-new elevator, accessible entrances, and accessible apartments.

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, said he visited several polling locations in the City on election day and thought that workers did a great job and nothing nefarious was going on. He went on to ask why there were so many anomalies with the election, saying he has fielded calls from outside the state and outside the country wanting to know about the election in Shiawassee County. He alleged that all the tabulators in the City were tampered with via the internet or the phone lines for the benefit of a "plant". Mr. Manke's time expired before he could conclude his comments.

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, asked about the details of a conversation alleged to have taken place between the Mayor and City Manager.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, urged people to please eat the refreshments that he brought to share.

Joe Moore, property owner at 304 Michigan Avenue, thanked Council for handling things cordially. He went on to note that he is a small landlord and is wondering if there was something the City could do to help small landlords because COVID hit them hard.

Mayor Teich asked City Manager Henne for his perspective on Mr. Cline's inquiry. Mr. Henne indicated that there was no conversation that took place between he and the Mayor regarding the details of election day. He said the best account of what happened that day is the November 10<sup>th</sup> Argus Press article written by Matthew Bartow. He said the day was challenging, but the results were correct.

Councilmember Haber said he has received many phone calls about anomalies in the November election. He said he was not sure how someone that hasn't lived here long placed second in the City Council race. He asked how long the City will remain contracted with Dominion and whether it was possible to tamper with the tabulators. City Clerk Amy K. Kirkland indicated the City is under contract with Dominion for another four years and that it was technically possible to tamper with any piece of equipment. She went on to express her frustration that people don't trust election results and continue to spread inaccurate rumors about elections yet remain willfully ignorant as to how elections are actually conducted. She spoke about the public testing of equipment, the laws, rules, and procedures in place to prevent fraud, and the overall mission of the Clerk's Office to conduct accurate elections. Councilmember Haber said he had faith in the Clerk and her staff, but not the equipment. He said he simply could not understand how a newcomer to the City could receive enough votes to be the second-place vote getter in the City Council race. He asked if it was at all possible for a tabulator to be wrong. Ms. Kirkland indicated that her office does everything possible to make sure the tabulator results are accurate, and that the chances of a tabulator counting votes for the wrong candidate during an election were infinitesimally small.



Karen Mead-Elford of The Independent noted that the decision to contract with Dominion for election equipment was made at the county level, not by the City.

Matthew Bartow of The Argus-Press said he was told by the County Clerk that the results reporting error was made at the county level.

Councilmember Law said he too had received a lot of phone calls about the results of the election, but no one questioned the integrity of the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Pidek welcomed Councilmember Olson to the Council, saying that while he may not agree with her on everything, he appreciated her standing up for what she believes in – an example of democracy in action.

Councilmember Olson thanked the citizens that voted for her. She credited her vote count to the fact that she is a business owner, the founder of a women's group, and the recent negative press that may have given her exposure to people in other social circles.

Councilmember Fear reminded everyone to attend the Glow Owosso events on Friday.

Councilmember Haber said he would like it noted for the record that he is not questioning the City Clerk or the Deputy Clerk.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, December 05, 2022

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2026  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025  
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2023  
Downtown Historic District Commission - term expires June 30, 2024  
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2025  
Owosso Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2022  
Owosso Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2023  
SATA Board of Directors – term expires October 1, 2025

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika for adjournment at 9:07 p.m.

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

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Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

\*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.