

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023
7:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR GARY BEAL
CHURCH OF JUBILEE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: COLLYN CORDS

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.

APPROVE 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 6, 2023

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023 as presented.

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

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 32, Taxation

City Manager Henne noted this amendment included minor language changes and had been reviewed and approved by Attorney Gould. The number of units is increasing from 50 to 53.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 32, Taxation, Article III, *Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Certain Housing Developments* of the Code of Ordinances.

There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and there being no one to be heard, motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika that the following amendment to Chapter 32, Taxation, Article III, *Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Certain Housing Developments* be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 842

**APPROVING AMENDMENT TO DIVISION 2, VENTURE RIVERVIEW FLATS, LDHA
OF CHAPTER 32, TAXATION,
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
TO AMEND THE PILOT AGREEMENT FOR THE RIVERVIEW FLATS**

WHEREAS, the Owosso Public Schools sold the former middle school building to Venture, Inc., a Michigan domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Pontiac, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Venture, Inc., plans to convert the building into a mixed-use development with residential spaces catering to people with low incomes funded in part by low-income housing tax credits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso agrees to forego property tax payments on the property to assist in the financial feasibility of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso previously amended this ordinance on September 19, 2022, and after working with the State of Michigan and the developers, additional amendments were required to said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on November 20, 2023, heard all interested persons, and deliberated on the proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Division 2, Venture Riverview Flats LDHA LP, of Article III, *Service Charge in Lieu of Taxes for Certain Housing Developments*, of Chapter 32, Taxation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso shall be amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 2. -VENTURE RIVERVIEW FLATS, LDHA LP

Sec. 32-50. - Preamble.

It is acknowledged that it is a proper public purpose of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions to provide housing for its citizens of low income and to encourage the development of such housing by providing for a service charge in lieu of property taxes in accordance with the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346. as amended, MCL 125.1401 et seq.). The City is authorized by this Act to establish or change the service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by any or all classes of housing exempt from taxation under this Act at any amount it chooses not to exceed the taxes that would be paid but for this Act.

It is further acknowledged that such housing for persons of low income is a public necessity, and as the City will be benefited and improved by such housing, the encouragement of the same by providing certain real estate tax exemption for such housing is a valid public purpose; further, that the continuance of the provisions of this article for tax exemption and the service charge in lieu of taxes during the periods contemplated in this article are essential to the determination of economic feasibility of housing developments which are constructed and financed in reliance on such ordinance and service charge.

The City further acknowledges that Venture, Inc., a domestic nonprofit corporation (a sponsor). has offered, subject to receipt of a mortgage loan from the authority, to erect and/or reuse an existing structure, own and operate a housing development Identified as Riverview Flats on certain property located at 219 N. Water Street (see legal description below) in the City to serve persons of low income, and that the sponsor has offered to pay the City on account of the development an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all taxes.

The City further acknowledges that Venture, Inc., a Michigan domestic nonprofit corporation, has offered, subject to receipt of low-income housing tax credits from the authority, to erect, own and operate the development to the required standards of SHPO, identified as the Riverview Flats on certain property located at 219 N. Water Street in the City, hereinafter referred to as the "Site" and further described as:

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Parcel Number: 050-470-038-002-00

to serve persons of low income, and that the sponsor has offered to pay the City on account of the development an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all taxes.

Sec. 32-51. - Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly Indicates a different meaning:

Act means the State Housing Development Authority Act. being Public Act 346 of 1966, of the State of Michigan, as amended.

Annual Rents means the total collections during an agreed annual period from all tenants representing rents or occupancy charges exclusive of charges for gas, electricity, heat, or other utilities furnished to the tenants.

Authority means the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Housing development means a development which contains a significant element of housing for elderly persons of low income or persons of low income and such elements of other housing, commercial, recreational, industrial, communal, and educational facilities as the authority determines improve the quality of the development as it relates to housing for persons of low income.

HUD means the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mortgage loan means a loan that is Federally-Aided (as defined in Section 11 of the Act) or loan or grant made or to be made by the Authority, for the construction, rehabilitation, acquisition and/or permanent financing of a housing project, and secured by a mortgage on the housing project.

Low income Persons and Families means persons and families eligible to move into a housing development project who fall within income limitations set in this act or by the authority in its rules.

Sponsor means persons or entities that receive or assume a Mortgage Loan.

State Historic Preservation Office means The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) helps property owners, developers, and local and state agencies recognize and seize opportunities to maintain and rehabilitate structures that define communities and define Michigan. The SHPO encourages the rehabilitation of historic buildings so they can continue to enrich communities where people want to live and visit. Through the protection of historic and archaeological sites and other cultural resources, preservation provides a record of Michigan's history and creates a link between Michigan's residents: past, present, and future.

Utilities means fuel, water, sanitary sewer service and/or electrical service which are paid by the housing development.

Sec. 32-52. - Class of housing developments.

It is determined that the class of housing developments to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes shall be multiple dwellings for persons of low income and any social, recreational, commercial and communal facilities as may be necessary to serve residents of the housing development and the area in which it is located, which are financed or assisted by the authority, or which have a federally aided mortgage, as defined in the Act. It is determined that Riverview Flats is of this class.

Sec. 32-53. - Establishment of annual service charge for Riverview Flats.

The housing development identified as Riverview Flats and the property on which it shall be constructed shall be exempt from all property taxes from and after the commencement of construction. The City, acknowledging that the sponsor and the authority have established the economic feasibility of the housing development in reliance upon the enactment and continuing effect of this article and the qualification of the housing development for exemption from all property taxes and a payment in lieu of taxes as established herein, and in consideration of the sponsor's offer, subject to receipt of a mortgage loan, to construct, own and operate the housing development, hereby agrees to accept payment of an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all ad valorem property taxes. The annual service charges shall be equal to four (4) percent of the difference between annual rents actually collected and utilities.

Sec. 32-54. – Payment of service charge.

The service charge in lieu of taxes as determined under this article shall be payable in the same manner as general property taxes are payable to the City except that the annual payment shall be paid on or before March 31 of each year.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, should the Sponsor fail to pay the final adjusted service charge in lieu of taxes granted hereunder by the due date, or fail to submit along with the payment such financial information as is necessary to support the calculations used to make a payment, the City may determine that the Sponsor has violated the Ordinance and may then follow the collection procedures pursuant to the provisions of the General Property Tax Act (1893 PA 206. As amended; MCL 211.1, et seq) in order to collect the service charge.

Sec. 32-55. – Duration.

The tax exempt status of a housing development approved for such status by the City council shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as the mortgage loan for such housing development remains outstanding and unpaid, as long as the housing at the property is subject to restrictive rents in compliance with the low income housing

tax credit program administered by MSHDA, or for such period as the authority or other governmental entity has any interest in the property; provided, the construction of such development commences within two (2) years from the effective date the City council approves the housing development for tax exempt status as provided in this article.

Sec. 32.56. – Contractual effect.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 15a(5) of the Act (MCL 125.1415a(5)), to the contrary, a contract between the City and the sponsor with the authority as third part beneficiary thereunder, to provide tax exemption and accept payments In lieu thereof as previously described is effected by enactment of this article.

Sec. 32.57 – Severability.

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance, other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Sec. 32.58 – Inconsistent ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such consistency or conflict.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the City Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective December 11, 2023.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Caroline Wilson, County Clerk, noted that her office is back in the Courthouse as remodeling is complete. She gave a brief update on Early Voting, highlighting that 20 of the 21 jurisdictions in the County have partnered for the host site at the Veterans Building. She spoke on CPL information and the Red Flag law. She distributed updated County directories.

Ed Urban, 601 Glenwood, urged Council to consider the repair of dangerous condensers on his street.

Tom Manke, 2910 W M-21, inquired about the cost of the City hosting its own 9-day Early Voting site and detailed the financial status of the country. He is concerned with future generations and the debt they will be saddled with as this generation seeks out grants.

Jeff Turner addressed the Council regarding the grading of the alley near his residence and his disappointment with the City's lack of response to his request.

Councilmember Law noted the absence of a pertinent traffic sign at Woodlawn and Monroe. It will be brought to the attention of the Engineering Department.

Councilmember Olson noted she was not present at the previous meeting where the sale of the Gould House was decided upon. She voiced her concerns regarding that decision stating it was duplicitous with regards to the 501(c)3 that had existed and her disappointment regarding the lack of a public hearing for the public to discuss the sale of property they were taxed for.

Mayor Teich and City Manager Henne assured Mr. Turner his concerns would be addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Law to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

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 Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 9:00 p.m. until Monday, January 1, 2024 at 1:00 a.m. for the New Year’s Eve Block Party and further approve Traffic Control Order No. 1510 formalizing the action.

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

COSSAP Subcontract Agreement. Approve subcontract agreement with Shiawassee Health and Wellness for the implementation of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 192-2023

APPROVE SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND SHIAWASSEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COSSAP GRANT

WHEREAS, in May of 2021, the City of Owosso partnered with the Michigan State Police and Shiawassee Health and Wellness in applying for a COSSAP grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

WHEREAS, in October 2022, Owosso City Council approved the acceptance of the COSSAP grant.

WHEREAS, the grant requires a subcontract between the City of Owosso and Shiawassee Health and Wellness outlining administration of the grant.

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

- FIRST: the subcontract agreement between the City of Owosso and Shiawassee Health and Wellness, substantially in the form attached, is hereby approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and instructed to execute said document.
- SECOND: it agrees to maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records, and to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
- THIRD: it shall comply with any and all terms of said agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

2024 Schedule of Meetings. Adopt the 2024 Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule as follows:

**CITY OF OWOSSO
SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act 267, Public Acts of 1976, of the schedule of Regular Meetings of the City of Owosso, County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2024. The Board, dates, time and place of said regular meetings shall be as follows:

CITY COUNCIL					
The 1 st and 3 rd Monday of each month, except as noted – 7:30 p.m., local prevailing time					
Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers					
JAN 02*	MAR 04	MAY 06	JUL 01	SEP 03*	NOV 04
JAN 16*	MAR 18	MAY 20	JUL 15	SEP 16	NOV 18
FEB 05	APR 01	JUN 03	AUG 05	OCT 07	DEC 02
FEB 20*	APR 15	JUN 17	AUG 19	OCT 21	DEC 16
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY / OWOSSO MAIN STREET			DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION		
The 1 st Wednesday of each month, except as noted – 7:30 a.m., local prevailing time			The 3 rd Wednesday of each month - 6:00 p.m., local prevailing time		
Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers			Owosso City Hall, Conference Room		
JAN 03	MAY 01	SEP 04	JAN 17	MAY 15	SEP 18

FEB 07	JUN 05	OCT 02	FEB 21	JUN 20*	OCT 16
MAR 06	JUL 10*	NOV 06	MAR 20	JUL 17	NOV 20
APR 03	AUG 07	DEC 04	APR 17	AUG 21	DEC 18
OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION			PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION		
The 2 nd Monday of each month, except as noted – 6:00 p.m., local prevailing time			The 4 th Wednesday of each month, except as noted – 7:00 p.m., local prevailing		
Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers			Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers		
JAN 08	MAY 13	SEP 09	JAN 24	MAY 22	SEP 25
FEB 12	JUN 10	OCT 15*	FEB 28	JUN 26	OCT 23
MAR 11	JUL 08	NOV 12*	MAR 27	JUL 24	DEC 04*
APR 08	AUG 12	DEC 09	APR 24	AUG 28	
PLANNING COMMISSION			WWTP Review Board		
The 4 th Monday of each month, except as noted – 6:30 p.m., local prevailing time			The 4 th Tuesday of each month, 4:30 p.m., local prevailing time		
Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers			Owosso Wastewater Plant, Administration Building 1410 Chippewa Trail, Owosso		
JAN 22	MAY 28*	SEP 23	JAN 23	MAY 28	SEP 24
FEB 26	JUN 24	OCT 28	FEB 27	JUN 25	OCT 22
MAR 25	JUL 22	NOV 25	MAR 26	JUL 23	NOV 26
APR 22	AUG 26	DEC 09*	APR 23	AUG 27	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS			* = Rescheduled due to legal holiday on regular meeting date or other scheduling conflict		
The 3 rd Tuesday of each month, except as noted – 9:30 a.m., local prevailing time					
Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers					
JAN 16	MAY 21	SEP 17			
FEB 20	JUN 18	OCT 15			
MAR 19	JUL 16	NOV 19			
APR 16	AUG 20	DEC 17			

Professional Services Agreement – Private Credit Assessment Services. Approve professional services agreement with S&P Global Ratings for the provision of private credit assessment services in the amount of \$26,062.00, and further approve payment to the firm upon satisfactory completion of the contracted tasks as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 193-2023

**AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
S&P GLOBAL RATINGS
FOR CREDIT ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, will be asked to approve a resolution of intent to issue revenue bonds per Public Act 94 of 1933, as amended; and

WHEREAS, such revenue bonds will be purchased by the state of Michigan under their Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program and Clean Water State Revolving Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan programs require municipalities to include a private credit assessment with their applications; and

WHEREAS, professional services are exempt from the city’s adopted purchasing ordinance; and

WHEREAS, S & P Global Ratings provides such service that meets the requirements of the state of Michigan programs.

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 waive competitive bidding requirements and enter into a professional service agreement with S&P Global Rating to provide two private credit assessments for two separate revenue bond issuances involving the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program.
- SECOND: the contract between the city of Owosso and S & P Global Ratings shall be in the form of a city purchase order.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to pay S&P Global Ratings for work satisfactorily completed at a cost estimate of \$26,062 under the terms of said professional service agreement.

FOURTH: the above expense shall be paid from the Water Fund 591.200.801.000-DWRLF24-25 and WWTP Fund 599.901.977.000-CWSRF24-25.

Purchase Authorization – Four City Fleet Vehicles. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize a purchase agreement with Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC for the purchase of four (4) 2024 Ford Escape Sport Utility Vehicles in the amount of \$121,264.00 under the terms of State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700180 / Macomb County Contract # 21-18, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle for use in the Fleet Motor Pool as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 194-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
FOUR (4) FORD ESCAPE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES FROM
LUNGHAMER FORD OF OWOSSO, LLC
FOR USE IN THE FLEET MOTOR POOL**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a need from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the replacement of four (4) vehicles used for General Administration, Public Services, and Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, four (4) vehicles are at the end of their useful service life, and no longer cost efficient to maintain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the replacement equipment on the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract as priced by Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC, and recommends authorizing a purchase agreement between the City of Owosso and Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC for the acquisition of four (4) Ford Escape Sport Utility Vehicles on the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract, 071B7700180 in the amount of \$121,264.00 total; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the purchasing policy formal bid requirements is requested, to initiate procurement upon approval and authorization.

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 purchase four (4) each Ford Escape Sport Utility Vehicles from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC utilizing the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract No. 071B7700180/Macomb County Contract # 21-18, with a per vehicle cost to the City of Owosso of three at \$30,241.00, and one at \$30,541.00, for use in the Fleet Motor Pool and a total cost of \$121,264.00.

SECOND: the Finance Director and Director of Public Services and Utilities are hereby instructed and authorized to sign documents necessary to complete the purchase.

SECOND: the Accounts Payable Department is authorized to submit payment to Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC in the amount of \$121,264.00 upon delivery of said vehicles.

THIRD: the above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.2

Warrant No. 636. Authorize Warrant No. 636 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Gould Law	Services from October 10, 2023 – November 13, 2023	Varies	\$14,115.44

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Establish Early Voting Location

City Manager Henne explained the resolution would establish the nine-day early voting center location in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Motion by Councilmember Law to approve establishing the City Council Chambers at Owosso City Hall as the 9-Day Early Voting Center Location to serve registered voters of the City of the Owosso for all State and Federal elections as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 195-2023

**ESTABLISHING THE NINE DAY EARLY VOTING CENTER LOCATION
SERVICING CITY OF OWOSSO VOTERS
FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, in November 2022 the voters of the State of Michigan passed a citizen initiative amending the State of Michigan Constitution of 1963 to require all municipalities to provide nine days of early in-person voting prior to each State and Federal election; and

WHEREAS, the site for said early in-person voting shall be in compliance with Michigan Election Law and shall be approved by the Owosso City Council as required by MCL 168.720(i); and

WHEREAS, it is determined the Virginia Teich Council Chambers of Owosso City Hall, located at 301 West Main Street in the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan meets said requirements.

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

FIRST: the Virginia Teich Council Chambers of Owosso City Hall in the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan located at 301 West Main Street in Owosso, Michigan is hereby designated as the site chosen to host nine (9) days of early in-person voting for registered voters in the City of Owosso.

SECOND: said site shall remain as the officially designated early voting polling location prior to all State and Federal elections until such time as the Council deems it necessary to change said location.

Motion supported by Councilmember Olson.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

SATA Millage Request

City Manager Henne outlined a short history of the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) millage. He explained the reasoning behind waiting a year to ask for the millage again was due to the fact funds had been saved to meet the expenses for a year, but those funds are now exhausted. It was noted if the millage does not pass, the City would pay the 2024 commitment in accordance with the contract terms.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve resolution authorizing the millage proposal for Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency funding be placed on the 2024 Presidential Primary election ballot as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 196-2023

PLACING A PUBLIC TRANSIT MILLAGE ON THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

WHEREAS, the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) is an intergovernmental agency with no taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has an intergovernmental agreement with SATA whereby SATA provides transit services to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the voters of the City of Owosso approved a 0.3333 maximum millage for five (5) years on all property within the City, the levy of which was dedicated to support public transit; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 millage has expired and the Owosso City Council believes that it is desirable to continue to provide for the future of public transportation in the City through the levy of another .3333 maximum millage for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that such levy would generate \$104,888 in the first year from property within the City of Owosso which will be sufficient to operate the system for the year without further contributions from the City of Owosso; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Presidential Primary on February 27, 2024 is the next available election when the millage question can be placed on the ballot.

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

FIRST: the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a request with the Shiawassee County Clerk's Office requesting the SATA millage proposal be placed on the 2024 Presidential Primary election ballot for February 27th, 2024.

SECOND: the proposition to be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters in the City of Owosso be printed as follows:

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE
FOR FUNDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM
IN THE CITY OF OWOSSO**

This proposal requests authorization for the levy of a millage upon real and tangible personal property for the purpose of supporting the provision of a public transportation services in the City of Owosso. The millage proceeds would be used according to Section 3.2(8) of the Owosso City Charter. It is estimated that the levy of the entire millage would generate \$104,888 in the first year.

Shall a millage for a public transportation services be levied in the amount of 0.3333 mills (\$0.33 per \$1,000 of taxable value) annually for five (5) years beginning in 2024 and ending in 2028?

YES
NO

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.
Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2023 Building Department Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2023 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2023 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. October 2023 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. October 2023 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. October 2023 Fire Report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke, 2910 W M-21, detailed additional history regarding what owning the Gould House has cost the City. He applauded City Manager Henne for being fiscally responsible with the SATA millage. He noted it is prudent to save money when possible.

Pastor Gary Beal inquired about possible hours for the 9-day Early Voting site and what measures were being put in place to safeguard election integrity. He also expressed his satisfaction with moving to the area, despite the weather.

Ed Urban, 601 Glenwood, complimented Tom Manke and encouraged those present to get rid of things that are not needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika reminded everyone of the Glow Owosso events the day after Thanksgiving and Small Business Saturday. She thanked the volunteers for their efforts.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 04, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025
Downtown Development Authority – term expires June 30, 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika for adjournment at 8:07 p.m.

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

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Carrie A. Farr, Deputy City Clerk