

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2024**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Jerome C. Haber.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Howell Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-01 for Howell Street from the south end to Clinton Street for street resurfacing. There were no citizen comments made prior to, or during the public hearing. The Council moved to change the corner lot discount from 25% to 40% from this point forward. The Council moved to approve the special assessment project as proposed.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Lynn Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-02 for Lynn Street from the west end to Howell Street for street resurfacing. The following people spoke in regard to the proposed special assessment project: Brooke Klockziem (via letter), Theresa Klockziem, and Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the project with the removal of the parcel at 221 S. Cedar Street from the roll.

OPRA Certificate – 207 N. Washington Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the application from Tammie Sanders to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate for the property at 207 N. Washington Street. The following people spoke in regard to the proposed tax abatement: Christa Rosac and Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the OPRA tax abatement for a period of years.

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-101 – Hazards and Nuisances. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-101, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances at 1404 South Chipman Street. The following person commented in regard to the proposed special assessment: Gary Molnar. The Council moved to approve the special assessment as proposed.

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-102 – Hazards and Nuisances. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-102, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances at 643 North Hickory Street. There being no one to be heard, the Council moved to approve the special assessment as proposed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Robert Doran-Brockway, 401 N. Washington Street, former Historic Facilities Director, said he was shocked at the actions taken by the City in relation to the sale of the Gould House. He asked about the status of dozens of artifacts that were previously located in the Gould House.

Jeff Turner asked if someone would look into the issue of a delivery truck that is parked at the corner of Comstock Street and Oakwood Avenue every night. He said the truck causes visibility issues at the intersection and shouldn't be on the street overnight.

Tom Manke spoke about the Labor Day Bridge Walk, thanked Council for helping a small business in town, commented on the great event that Owosso Motorsports Park held over the weekend, and discrimination against City Council candidates.

Councilmember Law responded to Mr. Manke's comments made during the public hearings, saying that special assessments are necessary to keep the base tax rate down and the City's tax rate cannot be raised without a vote of the people.

Mayor Teich asked his fellow Councilmembers if they would be in favor of issuing a proclamation in support of the Take Back the Night event to be held October 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. All were in agreement that a proclamation would be issued.

Councilmember Law briefly left the meeting from 8:27 p.m. until 8:29 p.m.

Mayor Teich recognized network administrator Todd Wyzynajty for his work in installing the new large screen monitor in the Council Chambers and for going above and beyond to make sure the sound system worked for tonight's meeting.

He also announced that the DDA is looking for volunteers for its fall clean-up, to be held September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Olson announced that she is looking for volunteers to help decorate the downtown for fall on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Daniel A. Law*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Mary Reid Long*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Erick Mogg	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Teri Mogg	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Sarah Moorodian*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Teresa Schneider*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2024
Travis Schneider*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Gordon Settlemyre	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025
Ross Stanley*	Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee	09-01-2025

\*indicates reappointment

Traffic Control Order Request – Bella Women's Center Fall Festival. Approved the request from Autumn Spooner for the partial closure of Ball Street between Mason Street and Exchange Street on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the Bella Women's Center Fall Festival, waived the insurance requirement, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1520 formalizing the request.

Study Authorization - Lime Calciner Feasibility Study. Authorized participation in the Mid-Michigan Lime Calciner Feasibility Study, approved contingency funds up to \$2,393.00, and further authorized the Director of Public Services & Utilities and the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent as the City's designated representatives for the project.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Professional Services Agreement—Water/Sewer Rate Consultant. Authorized engagement letter agreement with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC for a water and sewer rate study in the amount of \$23,500.00 and further authorized payment to the consultant upon completion of the work or portion thereof.

SATA Commitment. Approved the annual commitment to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$111,416.62 for the provision of public transportation.

Cable Franchise Agreement – T.V.C., Incorporated. Approved a Uniform Cable Franchise Agreement with T.V.C., Incorporated of Lennon to provide cable service to Memorial Hospital and Baker College for a period of 10 years with a 5% franchise fee.

Jerome Avenue Property Donation. Approved acceptance of the donation of property at 930 Jerome Avenue from Southwind Restaurants, LLC.

Marihuana Facilities Review. Conducted a review of the permitted number of marihuana facilities within the City limits per the terms Sec. 16.5-3(b) and Sec. 16.6-3(c) of the Code of Ordinances.

The Council agreed that no changes were necessary at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of August 12, 2024.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Robert Doran-Brockway continued his comments from the previous session saying the City did nothing to build on what he had accomplished while working for the City but threw it all away. He also said that he will continue to investigate what happened to all of the historical items that were at the Gould House, some of which had great value, saying that giving the items away was wrong.

Tom Manke said he agreed with Mr. Doran-Brockway and feels a police investigation is necessary to hold someone responsible. He also asked about what, if anything, is happening with the Fifth Third building, noting that it still looks terrible.

Jeff Turner asked where the money from the marijuana tax goes.

Mayor Teich announced that he will be out of town for the next Council meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Osika will be lead the meeting.

Councilmember Law reminded everyone about the Firefighter Memorial BBQ on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Conservation Hall. He said he was excited as the group might be able to start talking about a groundbreaking in another year.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, September 16, 2024

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2026

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025

Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027

Planning Commission - term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor  
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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