

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Jerome C. Haber, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Carl C. Ludington, Emily S. Olson, Rachel M. Osmer, and Christopher D. Owens.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

Utility Rates Presentation. City Manager Henne gave a presentation detailing the history of the utilities systems, the projects that have already been completed, future needs of the systems, and potential compromises to keep the rates low enough for residents to afford while accomplishing the necessary repairs. He also explained the difference between governmental funds and enterprise funds.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The following people commented regarding the City's utilities systems: Brianna Marrah, Charlotte Hinks, Mark Pendergraff, Karen Mead-Elford, Odell Rogers, Karen Horn, Linda Koch, Chris Reliuga, Greg Milbrath, John Schaar, Max Walker, Ashley Shortz, Rick Morrice, Kaleigh Wiseley, Craig Brand.

A brief break was held from 8:18pm – 8:40pm

The Citizen Comments period continued with the following people commenting: Cristen Bodtker, Jane Ferraro, Jerry Jones, Larry Alpert, Charles Sumrack, Craig Weaver, Jim Frederick, Mark Semans, Marcy MacGregor, Colleen Drolett, Tom Dragos, Dave Ramirez, and Steve Willis.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Owens said he doesn't want to see people leave the City due to high utility bills, but the water and sewer systems have to be fixed. He said the ultimate goal was to invest in the systems, so they are able to safely provide service to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 07, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

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

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

DDA/OMS Board x 2 – terms expire June 30, 2028

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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

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