

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026**

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.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Promotional Ceremony – Police Department Employee. Mayor Teich led a ceremony recognizing the promotion of Timothy Applegate to Owosso Police Department Sergeant.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Daniel Vargas complained that he had to pay \$375.00 in fees related to his landlord’s lack of keeping up the property. He asked why he had to pay if it was her junk?

Mike Cline reported that a Councilmember has code violations on his property, he has been seeing lots of political signs in the right of way lately, there is indoor furniture on a vacant lot owned by the City, and a building downtown has broken windows, to say nothing of the condition of the streets.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich acknowledged Mr. Cline’s concerns and said they would be investigated. City Manager Henne indicated that the downtown building owner has already contacted the City to report they are in the process of getting estimates for the necessary repairs to the building. Utilities Director Suchanek reported that in an attempt to provide a short-term solution to the pothole problem the City plans to expand the street patch program to replace poor sections of street instead of sticking strictly to pavement cuts.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Traffic Control Order— Back to the Bricks. Approved the request from the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, for the closure of Washington Street from Main to Mason, Exchange St. from Ball to Park, Park from Exchange to Main, Comstock from Water to Park, Washington St. from Speedy Print to Jerome, Park St. from Main to Jerome Ave, a portion of the NCG lot and a portion of Jerome Ave., on Thursday, July 30th from 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the Back to the Bricks Owosso Car Show, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1558 formalizing the action.

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Kevin Maurer*	Building Board of Appeals	6-30-2028
Barbara Baker-Omerod*	Shiawassee Council on Aging	6-30-2028
Miriam Skarich	Parks and Recreation Commission Junior advisor	6-30-2027
Carol Smith*	Parks and Recreation Commission	06-30-2028
Dennis Mahoney*	Parks and Recreation Commission	06-30-2028
Josh Ardelean*	Downtown Development Authority	06-30-2030
Jill Davis*	Downtown Development Authority	06-30-2030
Jeff Ferweda*	Downtown Historic District Commission	06-30-2029
Sue Osika*	Local Development Finance Authority/ Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	06-30-2030
Sue Osika*	Planning Commission	06-30-2029

Thomas Taylor*	Planning Commission	06-30-2029
Charles Suchanek*	Zoning Board of Appeals	06-30-2029
Justin Horvath*	Zoning Board of Appeals	06-30-2029

* Indicates reappointment

2026 Fee Schedule Update. Approved adoption of the proposed 2026 Fee Schedule updating various fees and charges for City services, effective July 1, 2026.

Change Order – Public Safety Building Improvements Project. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Public Safety Building Improvements Project with Spicer Group, Inc., in the amount of \$19,000 for items not included in original agreement and further approved payment to the contractor upon completion of the project or portion thereof, not to exceed a total cost of \$146,500.

Change Order – Legal Services. Authorized an increase of \$3,500 to the annual purchase order for legal services provided by the City Attorney, Gould Law P.C., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Payment Authorization – Emergency WTP Pipe & Re-carbonation Tank Cleaning. Approved payment to SET Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$51,981.88 for emergency professional cleaning services to remove lime build up at the Water Treatment Plant to return the plant to full operating capacity.

Payment Authorization –Emergency Repair WTP South Clarifier Main Shaft Bearing. Approved payment to WestTech Engineering, LLC., in the amount of \$46,745.00, plus an additional contingency amount of \$5,000.00, for a total amount of \$51,745.00 for the emergency repair of the inoperable WTP South Clarifier.

Purchase Authorization - MMRMA Insurance. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of general liability, property, and auto insurance policies from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for the coverage period from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027, in the amount of \$343,941.00, and authorized payment up to the total premium amount for the coverage period.

Purchase Authorization - DPW Fleet Pickup Trucks. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of two Ford F350 4x2 pickup trucks for the DPW fleet from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$96,912.00 utilizing State of Michigan MiDeal Contract # MA 40000001208, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicles.

Purchase Authorization – Police Vehicle. Waived competitive bidding requirements, utilizing Macomb County Contract No. 21-18, and approved the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Police Utility at a cost of \$49,571.00 from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso to be paid upon delivery.

Purchase Authorization - BSA Cloud-based Transition Contract. Authorized entering into an agreement with BS&A Software to transition to their cloud-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software program and further authorized payment for the implementation fee and annual module fees, with an initial cost of \$172,900 including implementation.

Tentative Bid Award — Gute Hill Booster Station Improvements Project. Approved tentative bid award to Sorensen Gross Construction Company LLC., for the Gute Hill Booster Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$2,639,200.00, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Tentative Bid Award — WWTP Towers Improvements Project. Approved tentative bid award to RCL Construction Co., Inc., for the WWTP Towers Improvements Project in the amount of \$10,123,500.00, contingent upon the receipt of CWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Downtown Revolving Loan & Grant Program Revisions. Approved revisions to the Downtown Revolving Loan & Grant Program making changes to the loan and grant processing fees, changes to principal reduction eligibility, and changes to the reimbursement schedule if the property is sold.

4th quarter City Budget Amendments. Adopted the 4th quarter budget amendments to the 2025-2026 Budget.

Closed Session. Authorized holding a closed session after the conclusion of Council Comments for the purpose of discussing records or information of measures designed to protect the security or safety of property, including but not limited to cybersecurity.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Daniel Vargas said he ran for Mr. Owosso in 2012 to raise money to build the splash pad at Bentley Park and he was disappointed to learn that the new splash pad won't be recycling the water but instead pumping out fresh water. He wanted to know why the change was made in light of the fact that water rates are rising dramatically.

Pastor Gary Beal, Church of Jubilee, said he was pleased to report that the third-party agency that came in to assist with the homelessness issue was able to get housing for over 20 people over the course of two months this last winter. He said he is hoping to see the program expand this coming winter, saying the community would really benefit if a 24/7 shelter could be established.

Mike Cline relayed the history of the City's ownership of the property on Bradley Street saying a former finance director got himself into hot water over use of the property.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:03 P.M.

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:32 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nathan Henne, City Manager. Owosso Emergency Shelter – Season 1 Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. May 2026 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. May 2026 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. May 2026 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. May 2026 Rental Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. May 2026 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. May 2026 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. May 2026 Parking Citation Report

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. May 2026 Fire Report.

Carnegie Library Property Committee. Minutes of May 28, 2026.

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of May 20, 2026.

Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of May 27, 2026.

Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of June 3, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2028

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027

Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027

Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027

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

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

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

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