

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
6:30 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: MAYOR PRO-TEM JEROME C. HABER

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the agenda with the following changes:

ADDITION - CONSENT AGENDA

12. Contract Authorization - Public Safety In-Car Camera Changeover. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal and installation of new in-car cameras in the public safety fleet in an amount not to exceed \$12,473.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.
Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.8

REMOVE - CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2026 as presented.

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

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles

The proposed amendment would allow the City to tow the vehicles of people that have four or more unpaid tickets.

Councilmember Owens indicated he felt the City's enforcement of the parking regulations needs to be more consistent before he could support an ordinance allowing a vehicle to be towed.

Council discussion centered on establishing towing or other enforcement consequences for unpaid parking tickets, noting that the current lack of consequences has contributed to noncompliance and that a solution is needed to improve parking turnover.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Sec. 33-54, *Removal of Vehicle for Unpaid Parking Violations*, to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III, *Parking, stopping and standing*, Division 2, Parking violations bureau,

The following people commented regarding the proposed amendment:

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, raised concerns about the proposed parking enforcement process, including whether ticketing records would be subject to FOIA, which towing company would be used, how vehicles could be reclaimed, and how overnight street parking would be addressed. He suggested waiting for the new council to handle the matter, questioned whether the City would receive any revenue or fees, and expressed support for using vehicle boots.

Gil Humphreys, 1202 S. Chipman Street, said he talked to business owners downtown about the parking situation and he reached the conclusion that if the City is going to issue parking tickets, then they have to mean something.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 853
ADDING SEC. 33-54 TO
CHAPTER 33, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES,
FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FOR UNPAID PARKING VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, motor vehicles and licensed trailers may receive parking citations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a parking ordinance that does not include regulations for the towing of vehicle for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the parking ordinance to include the towing of motor vehicles and licensed trailers for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and all interested parties were heard.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Sec 33-54, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso be added as follows:

Sec. 33-54. – Unpaid parking violations.

In any case where more than four (4) parking violations under any section of this chapter shall have been issued and remain unpaid in excess of thirty (30) calendar days for a vehicle bearing the same registration plate, the vehicle may be removed from any public place in the city at the direction of any police officer. Such vehicle shall not be released to its owner until all outstanding violations, storage and towing charges have been paid.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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 ordinance shall take effect October 12, 2026.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Osmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmember Ludington, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: Councilmember Owens.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sean Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, said last weekend was a great weekend with the Historical Home Tour taking place, of which his home was a part. He said he hopes to have more events at the house this fall, starting with a meet the council candidates event this Saturday from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, asked if all council candidates were invited to the meet the candidates event. He went on to ask whether City employees improperly parking a City-owned car would get a parking ticket and why the tree is still in the river behind the old YWCA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich indicated that anyone parking improperly could receive a ticket.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Camping in Parks. Conduct first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed addition of Sec. 21-10, *Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property*, Chapter 21, *Parks and Recreation*, of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled properties as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2026

**SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADD SEC. 21-10
TO CHAPTER 21, PARKS AND RECREATION,
TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPATION
OF CITY-OWNED OR CITY-CONTROLLED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan has numerous parks and other City-owned or controlled properties; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have an ordinance prohibiting camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled property; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prohibit unauthorized use of City controlled and/or City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That Sec. 21-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 21-10. - Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property.

- (a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, establish or maintain a temporary place to live or sleep, or occupy City-owned or City-controlled property overnight.
- (b) *Sleeping in Vehicles.* It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep overnight in a vehicle, including, but not limited to, a van, automobile, camper, motor home, recreational vehicle, or similar vehicle, while the vehicle is located on City-owned or City-controlled property.
- (c) *Camping Facilities and Paraphernalia.* It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain a campsite or temporary place to live or sleep on City-owned or City-controlled property through the use of camping facilities or camping paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tarps, or similar items.
- (d) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
 - Campsite* means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained, regardless of whether such place incorporates the use of any tent, shack, structure, or vehicle.
 - To Camp* means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a temporary place to live or sleep.
 - Temporary shelter* means any structure, enclosure, covering, or other arrangement used or intended to provide temporary protection from the elements or to establish or maintain a place to live or sleep, including, but not limited to, tents, tarps, huts, or makeshift shelters.
- (e) *City-Owned or City-Controlled Property.* The prohibitions contained in this section apply to all City-owned or City-controlled property, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. City parks;
 - 2. Public parking lots;
 - 3. Streets and alleys;
 - 4. Sidewalks;
 - 5. Public rights-of-way;
 - 6. Public easements;
 - 7. Public bike paths and trails;
 - 8. Public recreational areas; and
 - 9. Other public areas, whether improved or unimproved, under the ownership or control of the City.
- (f) *Personal Property Associated with Unauthorized Camping or Occupation.*
 - 1. If camping facilities, camping paraphernalia, or other personal property are found on City-owned or City-controlled property in violation of this section, the owner of such property, if present, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to remove the property.

2. If the owner is not present, or refuses to remove the property, the property may be removed and handled in accordance with established City policies and applicable law.
3. If the owner arrives during the removal of property, the owner shall, when reasonably practicable, be provided an opportunity to remove the property.

(g) *Violation.* A person who violates any provision of this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(h) *Enforcement.* Nothing in this section shall prevent the City or its authorized personnel from taking appropriate action to address an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare or from enforcing any other applicable provision of the City Code.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed addition to Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication.

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Single Hauler Garbage Collection. Conduct first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 34, Utilities and Services, Article II, *Garbage and Rubbish*, Division 2, *Collection*, Sec. 34-43(c) and Secs. 34-51 through 34-55, to authorize exclusive contracts for residential refuse, garbage, and recycling collection to comply with the 2022 revision to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, requiring 90% of single-family homes to have access to curbside recycling as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2026

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND SEC. 34-43(C) AND ADD SECS. 34-51 THROUGH 34-55 TO CHAPTER 34, UTILITIES AND SERVICES, TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan is facing changes to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requiring 90% of single-family homes in the City to have access to curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment establishing a single-hauler, exclusive-contract option for residential garbage, refuse, and recycling collection to comply with said changes; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan, is hereby amended by revising 34-43(c) as follows:

Sec. 34-43. – Owner's duty as to refuse.

- (c) All rates and charges for the use of garbage or refuse service under the provisions of this division shall be determined by contractual agreement between the citizen using the garbage and rubbish collection service and the provider of the garbage and rubbish collection service **except for Exclusive Contracts as established by Ordinance**

SECTION 2. ADDITION. That Sections 34-51, 34-52, 34-53, 34-54 and 34-55 shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 34-51. - Exclusive contracts.

The City Council may, either by advertising for bids or otherwise, enter into an exclusive contract or extend the term of a contract with a City contractor who shall be licensed and insured, with such person or entity as the City Council may deem best able to collect and dispose of residential refuse and/or garbage and/or recyclable materials in accordance with the best interests of the City and its residents. The City contractor shall be the only person or entity allowed to provide the contracted services to residential premises having one- and two-family residences within the City. The City contractor shall provide the contracted services to all covered residential premises in the City in full compliance with the contract, this chapter and applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 34-52. - Rates, charges and collections for Residential Refuse Service, Residential Garbage Service, and recycling services.

- a) *Rates.* The City Council shall set the rates that may be charged for residential refuse service, residential garbage service, and recycling services to premises having one- and two-family residential dwellings. The rates to be charged shall be proportionate to the necessary costs of the services.
- b) *Fee Collection.* The City may choose, by resolution, any of the following methods of collecting and/or billing residential properties for services rendered:
 - 1. Special Assess properties, in accordance with the Charter Chapter 10 Special Assessments, receiving garbage collection services; or
 - 2. City to Resident direct billing as described in Sec. 34-53 and Sec. 34-54; or
 - 3. Obligate contractor to bill the resident directly.
- c) *Publication of terms.* Upon adoption, the approved rates, collection schedule and times, shall be published to provide notice to the public.
- d) *Schedule.* The City manager shall establish schedules, conditions, and methods of collecting refuse and shall, by appropriate means, provide the citizens of the City with information concerning the same; provided, that collection shall not commence before 7:00 a.m., nor be continued after 6:00 p.m., except where, for the protection of public health the City manager may require the extending of the time limit herein fixed; provided, further, that no person shall place refuse containers in the public right-of-way for collection by the City before 8:00 p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection day, or a special collection day requested by the occupant and approved by the department of public works, and the occupant(s) shall not allow the refuse containers to remain in the public right-of-way past 10:00 a.m. on the day following the date the refuse is collected.
- e) *Non-residential units.* All non-residential properties (including, but not limited to, apartment buildings, mobile home parks or multiple family attached dwelling units greater than three in number) shall make independent arrangements for pickup and disposal/processing of garbage/rubbish, bulk waste, yard waste and/or recyclable waste.
- f) *Contractor provided carts.* The contractor shall provide and adequately maintain City approved carts to satisfy the services anticipated by the agreement.
- g) *Noncompliance by Resident.* Failure by Resident to timely and properly place his/her waste and recyclables as directed by the approved contract collection schedule will not relieve the resident from the collection fee or the special assessment in full or in part.
- h) *Promulgation of rules.* In order to clarify and implement the provisions of this section, the City Manager shall be authorized to promulgate all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this section in the best interests of the public health and safety of the City and residents.
- i) *Separation of materials.* Non-recyclable materials shall not be placed in the recycling containers. Failure to separate recyclables as required in this section excuses the City and/or its contractors from any obligation to remove the recyclables and/or the solid waste from the curb in addition to the other penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter.
- j) *Responsibilities of residential property owners and occupants.* All property owners and occupants who receive refuse collection services contracted by the City pursuant to Section 34-51 shall comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable contract,

- k) which shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Such contracts may address topics, including:
 - 1. Size and other specifications for refuse bins;
 - 2. Appropriate locations for placing refuse bins prior to pickup;
 - 3. Weight and Size limitations for the curbside pickup, of bulk items, and yard waste;
 - 4. Appropriate separation of refuse and recyclable materials.

Sec. 34-53. - Billing.

- (a) Charges for garbage collection services may be billed and collected monthly, or on a quarterly basis, or on a biannual basis, or on an annual basis.
- (b) Garbage collection service surcharges shall be billed and collected concurrently with the garbage collection service charge.

Sec. 34-54. Collection.

- a) The public services department is hereby authorized to enforce the payment of charges for garbage collection services to any premises and/or for a customer's violation of Section 34-52(j), and may discontinue the collection service to such premises with an action of assumpsit instituted by the City against the customer. Where the garbage collection service to any premises is discontinued to enforce the payment of garbage collection service charges, the service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid.
- b) Charges for garbage collection services to a premises shall constitute a lien on such premises.

Sec. 34-55. Penalty.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, a person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.
- (b) Any person, firm, or entity engaging in unauthorized commercial collection of residential refuse, garbage, or recyclable materials from covered residential premises in violation of an exclusive contract awarded pursuant to Sec. 34-51 shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$2,500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.
- (c) Any violation subject to general Code enforcement shall be governed by the general penalty provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 34, Utilities and Services, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication.

Traffic Control Order Request – Owosso High School 2026 Homecoming Parade. Approve request from Owosso High School for closure of the streets listed on the application from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026 for the annual High School Homecoming parade and approve Traffic Control Order No. 1547 formalizing the request.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 4.2, 4.6, 5.12, 7.1

Financial Account Signatories. Consider resolution designating authorized signers on City financial accounts as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2026
AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES
ON CITY OF OWOSSO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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

- (i) The City uses a range of financial institutions for its financial needs and all said institutions (the "Financial Institutions") are depositories for the City of Owosso (the "City") and are hereby designated as depositories of the City;
- (ii) any of the individuals whose names are set forth in (iv), below or, whose genuine signatures appear on separate cards dated and filed with the individual Financial Institutions, (collectively the "Authorized Signatories" and individually an "Authorized Signatory") are hereby authorized to act individually on behalf of the City and in its name to:
 - a. sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances, or other orders for payment of funds from any account maintained by the City;
 - b. indorse checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments owned or held by the City for deposit in any such account, or for collection or discount by the Bank;
 - c. identify, approve and guarantee the indorsements of any and all checks and drafts drawn by the City;
 - d. waive demand, protest, and notice of protest, or dishonor of any check, draft, note, bill, certificates of deposit or other instruments made, drawn, or indorsed by the City;
 - e. act for the City in the transaction of all other business (whether or not it is of the kind, nature or character specified in this certificate) on the City's behalf with the Financial Institutions, including but not limited to executing contracts and delegating person to engage in transaction in connection with such contracts;
 - f. open and maintain an account in the name of the City (any account so opened shall be bound by the provisions of this certificate);
 - g. certify to the Financial Institutions the names of the Authorized Signatories and shall certify such change to the Financial Institutions, and the Financial Institutions shall be fully protected in relying on such certification, or refusing to honor the signature of any individual not so certified;
 - h. delegate other person(s) to perform any of the foregoing acts;
- (iv) Names or Titles of Authorized Signatories:
 - City Clerk
 - City Treasurer
 - Finance Director
 - City Manager

***Change Order - 2025 Well Improvements Project.** Approve Change Order #4 to the 2025 Well Improvements Project contract, increasing the contract amount \$190,628.00 for rehabilitation and upgrades to Palmer 2 Well and Local Well 1 and necessary tasks related to the abandonment of the Palmer 1 Well, and further approve payment to the contractor including Change Order No. 4 not to exceed a final amount of \$2,115,023.00 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2026
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4
TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND
SORENSEN GROSS COMPANY OF FLINT, MICHIGAN
FOR 2025 WELL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a contract with Sorensen Gross Company, on June 2, 2025 for improvements to its existing water distribution system, known as the 2025 Well Improvements Project, which is a planned and approved 2025 SRF project; and

WHEREAS, the project is now underway and a change order is necessary to reconcile contract work and supplies to be used.

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 amend the 2025 Wells Improvements Project contract with Sorensen Gross Company to increase the contract amount to update contract work and supplies to be used.
- SECOND: The Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$190,628.00; an increase to the Contract for Services between the City of Owosso and Sorenson Gross Company revising the total current contract amount from \$1,924,395.00 to \$2,115,023.00 addition of two hundred and seventy-six (276) days to the contract time.
- THIRD: The Accounts Payable department is authorized to pay Sorenson Gross Company for work satisfactorily completed up to the revised contract amount of \$2,115,023.00.
- FOURTH: The above additional expenses of \$190,628.00, are contingent upon EGLE's approval.
- FIFTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Water Fund, and SRF Bond Funds.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

Purchase Authorization - DPW Fleet Pickup Truck. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of one Ford 2027 F250 pickup truck for the DPW fleet from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$46,575.00 utilizing State of Michigan MiDeal Contract # MA 240000001208, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
LUNGHAMER FORD OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN TO
PROCURE ONE (1) FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK
FOR USE IN THE FLEET MOTOR POOL**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has budgeted from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the replacement of one pickup truck used for the maintenance of streets and other community public works services; and

WHEREAS, one (1) existing pickup truck is at the end of its 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, Michigan, and recommends authorizing a purchase agreement between the City of Owosso and Lunghamer Ford for the acquisition of one (1) Ford F250 pickup truck on the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract, MA 240000001208 in the amount of \$46,575.00 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 contract with Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, Michigan for the purchase of one (1) Ford F250 pickup truck on State of Michigan MiDeal Contract, MA 240000001208, for use in the Fleet Motor Pool, in the amount of \$46,575.00.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, Michigan in the amount of \$46,575.00.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

Purchase Authorization – John Deere Gator. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of one 2027 John Deere GATOR HPX815E and accessories from Hutson, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell competitive contract 112624-DAC, in the amount of \$41,330.17, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
A 2027 JOHN DEERE GATOR™HPX815E
AND ACCESSORIES FROM HUTSON, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a Department of Public Works requiring the use of a John Deere Gator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has budgeted from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the purchase of one (1) John Deere Gator and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the equipment on the Sourcewell Program as priced by Hutson, Inc. and recommends authorizing a purchase agreement between the City of Owosso and Hutson, Inc. for the acquisition of one (1) John Deere GATOR™HPX815E (Model Year 2027) and accessories on the Sourcewell Contract 112624-DAC in the amount of \$41,330.17 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 contract with Hutson, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) John Deere GATOR™HPX815E (Model Year 2027) and accessories on Sourcewell Contract 112624-DAC, for use in the Fleet Motor Pool, in the amount of \$41,330.17.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Hutson, Inc. in the amount of \$41,330.17.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

***Contract Authorization – Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize a contract with Pleune Service Company for the Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement project in the amount of \$92,581.28, plus a contingency of \$5,000.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2026

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PLEUNE SERVICE COMPANY
FOR SERVICES AT CURWOOD CASTLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, owns Curwood Castle, a historic building; and

WHEREAS, Curwood Castle needs radiator, pipe, and boiler repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's insurance provider, MMRMA has authorized these expenses; and

WHEREAS, Pleune Service Company submitted the only qualified quote; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant City Manager recommends waiving bidding requirements and authorizing the City to contract with Pleune Service Company for this project.

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 waive bid requirements and authorize a contract with Pleune Service Company for the Curwood Castle Radiator Project.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Pleune Service Company in an amount not to exceed \$97,581.28 upon completion of the project or portion thereof.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the Historical Fund Account 297-798-930.000 and reimbursed by MMRMA.

***Bid Award – 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project – Engineering Services.**

Approve bid award to Fishbeck for the 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project, in the amount of \$150,100.00 for engineering and construction administration services, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and authorize payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2026

**APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 16 TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND FISHBECK FOR
ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FOR THE 2027 DWSRF LSLR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, will fund from the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for drinking water distribution system improvements, and

WHEREAS, non-compliant water service lines of the water distribution system need to be replaced with compliant materials, and Fishbeck of Lansing, Michigan has provided a proposal for the necessary engineering services to replace non-compliant water service lines, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the proposal and verified the engineering services as necessary for the: federal crosscutter services, design, bid specification development, construction administration services, and construction inspection services to replace the non-compliant water service lines, and hereby recommends authorizing Fishbeck to provide these engineering services in the amount of \$150,100.00.

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

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to contract with Fishbeck for engineering services to replace the non-compliant water service lines within the water distribution system.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Fishbeck in the amount of \$150,100.00 for these services.
- THIRD: Task 3 – Construction Administration Services, and Task 4 – Construction Inspection Services are contingent upon the City securing loan funding through the State's DWSRF program.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the fund 591-901-972.200.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

***AP Check Register – August 2026.** Affirm Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$3,070,454.16 from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

***Payroll Check Register – August 2026.** Affirm Payroll check disbursements totaling \$909,454.51 for the period from August 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

***Contract Authorization - Public Safety In-Car Camera Changeover.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal and installation of new in-car cameras in the public safety fleet in an amount not to exceed \$12,473.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2026

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR
REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF IN-CAR CAMERAS
IN THE POLICE SAFETY FLEET
WITH MID MICHIGAN EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES AND SERVICE L.L.C.**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has purchased new Axon Inc in-car cameras for its police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, our current fleet of ten (10) police vehicles need to have the current cameras removed and the new cameras installed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received a quote from Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal of the old equipment, supply of select fittings, and the installation of all said materials; and it is hereby determined that this company is qualified to perform the work requested; and

WHEREAS, a waiver of the bidding requirements is requested as professional services are exempt from competitive bidding.

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 contract Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal, purchase, and installation of public safety equipment in City Police vehicles in the amount of \$12,473.00.
- SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document in the form attached, Contract for Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C.
- THIRD: The Accounts Payable Department is hereby authorized to issue payment to Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. in the amount of \$12,473.00 upon delivery of the equipment and satisfactory completion of the work.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Police equipment fund 101-301-978.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.8

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

- AYES: Councilmembers Osmer, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Olson, Ludington, Fear, and Mayor Teich.
- NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

SATA Commitment

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 7.1

City Manager Nathan R. Henne explained the item before the Council, saying that SATA's fiscal year starts October 1 and each year they ask for a commitment that the City will pay the requested amount.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve the annual commitment to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$123,586.75 for the provision of public transportation as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2026

**APPROVING THE SHIAWASSEE AREA TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
(SATA) COMMITMENT FOR 2027**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso is a member of the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA), a public transportation service committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to the citizens of Shiawassee County; and

WHEREAS, the SATA Board of Directors has approved the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's share of the total local funding request for the fiscal year is \$123,586.75, which reflects the City's proportional share based on the established funding model; and

WHEREAS, this commitment from the City of Owosso is necessary to ensure the continued provision of essential transportation services to the community; and

WHEREAS, SATA has requested that the City of Owosso forward their commitment regarding this funding request by August 26, 2026.

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

- FIRST: it hereby approves the commitment of \$123,586.75 to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.
- SECOND: the City Manager is authorized to sign and submit any necessary documentation to confirm the City's commitment to SATA.
- THIRD: the funds for this commitment shall be allocated from the Transportation Fund – Contractual Services: 588-200-818.000 and any other funds approved by Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

- AYES: Councilmembers Ludington, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Fear, Osmer, Olson, and Mayor Teich.
- NAYS: None.

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to allow Councilmember Ludington to abstain from the following vote.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

- AYES: Councilmembers Owens, Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Fear, and Mayor Teich.
- NAYS: None.

Councilmember Ludington leaves the room at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Olson acknowledging the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington in the contract(s) in question and approving \$1,023.49 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of August 2026 as follows:

STATEMENT REGARDING BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE CITY
Per Owosso City Charter Section 14.4 and Michigan Public Act 317 of 1968, as amended

I, Carl Ludington, being an officer of the City of Owosso, do hereby declare a pecuniary interest in the foregoing proposed contract(s) with the City of Owosso as described as:

PO NUMBER	DEPT.	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
000048076	862	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	REMOVAL & INSTALL OF FILTERS 3 & 4 ALARMS	1,023.49
				<u><u>\$ 1,023.49</u></u>

- For the Period of: August 2026
- Vendor: Ludington Electric, Inc
- Total Amount: \$1,023.49

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

- AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Owens, Olson, Fear, Osmer, and Mayor Teich.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: Councilmember Ludington.

Councilmember Ludington returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gil Humphreys, 1202 S. Chipman Street, asked why there is a deficit in the SATA funding.

Jeff Turner, 204 Oakwood Avenue, asked for more parking enforcement when it comes to parking on City streets overnight and parking in front yards. He also asked why the City only has two police officers on duty during the night.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Henne explained that the Headlee Rollback and tax captures by the Brownfield Authority and DDA are the reasons why the City's millage does not pay the entire fee for SATA and that this deficit has only occurred in the last couple of years.

Public Safety Director Lenkart responded to Mr. Turner's questions saying he will advise officers to step up parking enforcement in residential areas and he explained that two officers are the minimum number of officers that would be on duty.

Councilmember Fear asked about the status of the vacant commercial property registration ordinance. It was noted the proposed ordinance is currently being evaluated by the DDA and should be ready for Council in October.

Councilmember Olson initiated a discussion regarding the ongoing issues with the downtown holiday lights, which are affected by outdated electrical infrastructure and circuit problems, with potential repairs expected to cost many thousands of dollars. Olson expressed frustration with the lack of consistent information and requested greater transparency, while Mayor Teich suggested developing a clear game plan to identify a feasible and affordable solution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. July 2026 Financial Report.
Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. August 2026 Financial Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Building Department Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Rental Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Parking Citation Report
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Fire Report.
Kathy Fagan, City Treasurer. Quarterly Utility Billing Delinquent and Shut off Statistics. April 2026 – June 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 5, 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
Parks and Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2028
Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2029
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Owens for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, 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.