

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

JULY 31, 2006

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR LINDA L. ROBERTSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR LINDA L. ROBERTSON

PRESENT: Mayor Linda L. Robertson, Mayor Pro-Tem Mark D. Owen, Councilpersons Michael E. Bruff, Michael N. Cline, Joane E. Ford, Matthew B. Harvey and Justin R. Horvath.

ABSENT: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Gary Martenis, 705 Lingle Avenue, commented on the success of the Lingle Avenue block party and thanked everyone that attended and made it possible.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

MEETING POSTPONEMENT

City Manager Guetschow reminded Council of the upcoming August Election and the Charter requirement of two meetings per month. Council inquired about the timing of upcoming agenda items.

Motion by Councilperson Ford to postpone the meeting of August 7, 2006 until Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Motion supported by Councilperson Harvey.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Ford, Bruff, Horvath, Cline, Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

CONDUCT FIRST READING AND SET PUBLIC HEARING-REZONING REQUEST

The First Reading on the proposed Ordinance Amendment was held.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to schedule for August 21, 2006 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Section 38-27, Chapter 38, Article II, District Boundaries, of the Code of the City of Owosso, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38-27 OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That Section 38-27 of Chapter 38 of Article II of the Owosso City Code, District Boundaries, is hereby amended by changing the designation of the following lots and parcels of land designated in a zoning map of the City of Owosso, and referred to in said Section and made a part thereof, which said lots and parcels hereby intended to be redesignated are not described in body of said Section as in certain zone districts; said designation being as follows:

APPLICANT: Gregory Kanan

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1460 North Shiawassee Street

PROPOSED REZONING: FROM: RM-1 Multiple Family Residential Low Rise District

TO: B-2 Planned Shopping Center District

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE SOUTH ½ OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 12, T7N, R2E, CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEGINNING ON THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE 1,313.91 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 12, T7N, R2E, THENCE EAST 300 FEET, SOUTH 187 FEET, WEST 300 FEET, AND NORTH 187 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR STATE HIGHWAY M-52

LOT SIZE: 187' X 300'

SECTION 2. The changes made in the zoning in the lots and parcels of land hereinbefore described are hereby ordered to be redesignated on said map in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after passage.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cline.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Harvey, Ford, Cline, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Bruff, Horvath, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

CONDUCT FIRST READING AND SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The first reading of the proposed ordinance amendment was held.

There was general discussion regarding spot zoning, whether or not the proposed change is appropriate for the area, the zoning designation of other buildings in the neighborhood, and the feelings of neighborhood residents. Council directed staff to mail information on the ordinance change to all residents/occupants within 300' of the building for which the amendment is targeted (720 South Chipman Street) to provide them ample opportunity to give their input.

Motion by Councilperson Ford to schedule a public hearing for August 21, 2006 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed changes to Chapter 38, Zoning, Article XII, B-4 General Business Districts, Section 268, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 38-268 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN.

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 38, *Zoning*, Article XII, *B-4 General Business Districts*, Section 38-268, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Owosso, Michigan, shall be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (10) One, two, and multiple-family dwelling units within a business structure with frontage on Main Street from Chipman Street intersection east to Water Street **and the Dutchtown area for land within Stewart Street, Chipman Street, and the Huron Eastern Railroad** and subject to conditions of section 38-173.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its adoption.

Section 3. 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.

Motion supported by Councilperson Horvath.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilperson Horvath, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilperson Ford, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: Councilpersons Bruff, Harvey, and Cline.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONE

Director of Community Development Hathaway indicated the proposed zone is based on the State of Michigan Public Act 147 of 1992 and is intended to induce homesteading in an older industrial area of Owosso through reduced homestead millage for the occupants.

Motion by Councilperson Ford to set a public hearing for September 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chambers of Owosso City Hall, 301 W. Main Street, Owosso, Michigan to receive citizen comment in consideration of the establishment of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone described as:

- 621 Clinton Street W 1/2 LOT 8 BLK 22 A L & B O WILLIAMS ADD
- 615 Clinton Street E 1/2 OF LOT 8 BLK 22 A L & B O WILLIAMS ADD
- 601 Clinton Street N 56' OF LOT 1 BLK 22 A L & B O WILLIAMS ADD

216 South Elm Street	THE S 10' OF LOT 1 & ALL OF LOTS 2 3 4 5 6 & 7 BLK 22 & ALL OF VACATED GENESEE ST LYING BETWEEN ELM AND HOWELL STREETS OF AL & BO WILLIAMS ADD TO THE CITY OF OWOSSO (EXCEPT THE S 115' THEREOF)
222 South Elm Street	THE S 115' OF THE FOLLOWING DESC- THE S 10' OF LOT 1 & ALL OF LOTS 2 3 4 5 6 & 7 BLK 22 & ALL OF VACATED GENESEE ST LYING BETWEEN ELM AND HOWELL STS OF AL & BO WILLIAMS ADD TO THE CITY OF OWOSSO ALSO PART OF LOT 1 BLK 24 A L & B O WILLIAMS ADD TO CITY BEG AT PT ON N LN OF SD LOT 1 WHICH IS W 7.68' OF NE CORNER SD LOT 1 TH W 119.47' TH S 2.80' TH NE'LY 119.50' TO POB
312 -317 South Elm Street	LOTS 16 & 17 INCL W 1/2 ADJ VAC HOWELL ST EXC W 7' OF LOT 16 BLK 23 ALSO LOTS 1 THRU 8 INCL ADJ N 20' VAC CASS & W 1/2 ELM & E 1/2 HOWELL STS EXC PRT OF LOT 1 DESCR AS BEG 7.68' W OF NE COR OF SD LOT 1 - W 119.47' - S 2.8' - NE'LY 119.5' TO POB BLK 24 ALSO LOTS 5 8 & 9 INCL W 1/2 VAC ALLEY ADJ TO LOT 5 & PRT OF LOT 4 DESCR AS BEG AT SW COR LOT 4 - E 40' - NW'LY TO A PT 33' N OF SW COR LOT 4 - S TO BEG INCL E 1/2 VAC ALLEY ADJ TO THIS PRT OF LOT 4 ALSO INCL N 20' ADJ VAC CASS ST & E 1/2 VAC ADJ S ELM ST ALL ON A L & B O WILLIAMS ADDN
229 South Cedar Street	LOTS 10 THRU 15 & W 7' LOT 16 BLK 23 A L & B O WILLIAMS ADD

Motion supported by Councilperson Bruff.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Bruff, Horvath, Harvey, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Cline, Ford, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

DISCUSSION – STAFFING AND ORGANIZATION

City Manager Guetschow introduced the topic. Discussion followed on the following topics, how they affect the City, and how the City should respond: changes in the local economy, reductions in State funding, the aging population, residents seeking employment outside the area, rising energy prices, the idea of Owosso as a bedroom community, trash collection, the character of the downtown, longer service hours, the importance of local schools, perceptions of the City, quality of life issues, rental inspections, rehabilitation programs, increasing use of parks, utilizing the local college, rental districts, consolidating services, outsourcing, contract workers, privatization of services, retaining employees with good potential, establishing good training programs, consolidating management positions, preventing loss of institutional memory, budget constraints, maintaining retirees as consultants/part-time workers, keeping job descriptions current, cultivating a job/resume bank, making positions attractive to quality college graduates, establishing an internship program, and encouraging a mix of older and younger employees.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen for adjournment at 8:54 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Ford and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Linda L. Robertson, Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, Deputy City Clerk