

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 15, 2007

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR LINDA L. ROBERTSON

OPENING PRAYER: REVEREND KENNETH HERBRUCK
OWOSSO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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, Joni M. Forster, and
Justin R. Horvath.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilperson Bruff to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Items of Business 5 and 6 as follows:

5. Resolution Amendment. Authorize resolution, amending Resolution No. 13-2007, approving application for a ten year tax exemption certificate for 48 units at Woodard Station Lofts, LLC.
Staff Contact: Philip B. Hathaway
6. Lot Split Authorization. Authorize the division of City lot under the Michigan Subdivision Control Act for platted lot described as 705 Martin Street.
Staff Contact: John F. Archer

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2007

Motion by Councilperson Forster to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2007 as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**ORDINANCE NO. 687
CHAPTER 9, CABLE TELEVISION
ARTICLE III, OWOSSO COMMUNITY TELEVISION, SECTIONS 100-110**

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Chapter 9, Cable Television, Article III, Owosso Community Television, Sections 100-110 to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan.

Michael Tillotson, 1299 South Shiawassee Street, Apt G318, inquired as to whether the monies collected by the franchise fee would be distributed to private groups. Council indicated no decisions regarding the allocation of money had been determined.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all interested persons, motion by Councilperson Bruff that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 687

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 9, *CABLE TELEVISION*, ARTICLE III, OWOSSO COMMUNITY TELEVISION, SECTIONS 9-100 THROUGH 9-110, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN, TO GOVERN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION CHANNELS.

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

Section 1. That, Chapter 9, *Cable Television*, Article III, Owosso Community Television, Sections 9-100 through 9-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan shall be and the same is hereby added to read as follows:

Sec. 9-100. Purpose of OCTV.

(a) The Owosso Community Television (OCTV) studio has been established to provide support services necessary for video casting locally produced television programs.

(b) It is the purpose of OCTV to provide the people of the City of Owosso and organizations in the Owosso area with an opportunity to be involved in using the television medium to inform, communicate, educate and entertain. It is also the purpose of OCTV to provide the Owosso community with locally produced programs of public interest.

(c) The following television channels shall be operated by OCTV:

(1) *Channel 3.* This channel or its successor shall be known as the "public access channel" and shall be used solely to cablecast non-profit, non-commercial programming produced or sponsored by individuals or organizations in the Owosso area. When the aforementioned programming is not scheduled, this channel may cablecast either an electronic message board to be known as the "public access electronic message board" or the Channel 10 electronic message board. The public access electronic message board shall be used solely for promotion of the public access channel and shall not be used for "for-profit" commercials or advertisements. Messages cablecast on the public access electronic message board may not contain any of the following:

- a. Obscene material as the same is defined and regulated under Act No. 343 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1984, being MCL 752.362 et seq.
- b. Slanderous or libelous material.

(2) *Channel 10.* This channel or its successors shall be known as the "government/education access channel" and shall be used to cablecast non-profit, non-commercial programs produced or submitted by government or educational agencies. When the aforementioned programming is not scheduled, this channel shall cablecast an electronic message board containing government or educational messages submitted by government or educational agencies, or an electronic message board used for the promotion of community activities, meetings or events by non-profit organizations within Shiawassee County, as determined by the city administration. Electronic messages advising of emergencies, including but not limited to weather emergencies, shall take precedence over all other programming on this channel.

Sec. 9-101. Access Channels Program restrictions.

(a) No program, production or presentation shall be cablecast that contains any of the following:

- (1) Information which relates directly or indirectly to a lottery, gift, enterprise or similar scheme, offering prizes dependent upon lot or chance.
- (2) Obscene material as the same is defined and regulated under Public Act 343 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1984, being MCL 752.362 et seq.
- (3) Slanderous or libelous material.

(b) Cablecasting of programs, productions or presentations shall be for noncommercial, nonprofit purposes only and accordingly, the following shall be excluded:

- (1) Material, the primary purpose of which is to promote a commercial service, product, trade or business.
- (2) Program material which identifies any product, service, trademark or brand name in a manner that is not reasonably related to the noncommercial use of such product, service, trademark or brand name, portrayed on the program material.
- (3) Any solicitation for funds or other goods that would benefit the access user or his/her agent.

Sec. 9-102. Electronic message board restrictions.

(a) The electronic message board is for informational purposes only and may be used for:

- (1) The promotion of community activities, meetings or events by non-profit organizations.

(b) The electronic message board shall not be used for "for-profit" commercials or advertisements.

(c) No electronic message shall be cablecast that contains any of the following:

- (1) Obscene material as the same is defined and regulated under Act No. 343 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1984, being MCL 752.362 et seq.
- (2) Slanderous or libelous material.

Sec. 9-103. Rules and procedures.

The city council shall establish by resolution such rules and procedures relative to the general administration, control, supervision and uses of OCTV facilities as shall be deemed necessary or advisable. Scheduling of cablecast time on any channels that may now or hereafter be designated as a government or school district channel by the city council of the City of Owosso and any use of a OCTV access channel or channels, including the use of any OCTV studio or equipment, by the city council of the City of Owosso or by the city manager or his or her designee may be exempt from all or part of these rules, as determined by the city manager or his designee. A copy of said rules and procedures shall be published and maintained in the office of the city clerk.

Sec. 9-104. Cable access advisory commission--Created.

There is hereby established an advisory body to the city council to be known as the cable access advisory commission, hereinafter to be known as the "commission," which shall act solely in an advisory capacity to the city council with regard to all aspects of public access cable service in the City of Owosso.

Sec. 9-105. Same--Membership.

Membership of the commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members. Seven (7) members shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the following; Owosso Public Schools, Shiawassee District Library, Shiawassee RESD, Baker College, Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, King of Kings (K.O.K.), and Owosso Public Access Channel (O.P.A.C.). Whenever possible, this representative shall be a resident of the city and/or a cable subscriber.

Two (2) members shall be citizens at large, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, and must be a current cable television subscriber and resident of the city.

The person from the administrative staff of the city who has been designated by the city manager as the OCTV coordinator shall be an ex officio member of the commission but without the right to vote.

Sec. 9-106. Same--Term of members.

Each at large member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years commencing on July 1 except that the members first appointed shall begin their terms immediately with one (1) of said members being appointed for term ending June 30, 2009, and one (1) said member being appointed for terms ending June 30, 2011.

Representatives from the Owosso Public Schools, Shiawassee District Library, Shiawassee RESD, Baker College, Chamber of Commerce, K.O.K., and O.P.A.C. shall be submitted to the city clerk annually prior to July 1st, except the members first appointed by their respective agencies shall begin immediately.

Sec. 9-107. Same--Internal administration.

The commission shall select one of its voting members as chair and shall designate the ex-officio member as secretary. The commission may adopt such rules as it deems necessary for the transaction of its business. Any decision of the commission shall require the concurrence of five (5) members. The commission shall meet as often as necessary with at least one (1) meeting each calendar quarter and all of its meetings shall comply with the open meetings act.

Sec. 9-108. Same--Specific duties.

The commission shall have the following specific duties:

- (1) Advise the city council regarding general policy matters related to the services provided to public access producers and viewers pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso.
- (2) Encourage the use of public access channels among the widest range of institutions, groups, and individuals within the City of Owosso.
- (3) Make an annual report to the city which shall include, but not be limited to, a summary report on the utilization of any public access channels and a summary report of the commission's deliberations throughout the year.
- (4) Request comments and encourage suggestions from the public regarding public access channels.
- (5) Perform such other functions as the city council may direct.
- (6) Conduct public hearings at the request of the city council

Sec. 9-109. Same--Finances.

The commission shall not have the power to expend public funds but may make recommendations to the city council for budget purposes.

The commission shall not engage in rate regulation, rate change request processing, financial analysis, legal interpretation, or contractual negotiation with a cable operator or public service channel operator.

Sec. 9-110. Effective date.

This article shall become effective November 4, 2007.

Section 2. 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: Councilpersons Horvath, Bruff, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Cline, Forster, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Thomas Johnson, 529 Adams Street, commented on his desire to see the pet ordinance changed to accommodate a larger number of pets. He presented Council with a two petitions in regard to the matter and indicated he has received an order from the City to remove some of his pets to come into compliance with the current ordinance.

Daniel Stewart, Shiawassee County Commissioner District 1, gave an update on items considered by the County Commission.

Henrietta Sparks, Shiawassee County Commission Chairperson, commented on budget items considered by the County Commission.

Meredith Keating, 812 Campbell Drive, thanked Larry Cook for his work as the Interim City Manager.

Teresa Skaryd, 601 Ryan Street, listed a number of items she feels the City needs to address including cat licenses and tax exempt properties.

Nancy Cadieux, 118 ½ North Lansing Street, commented on her desire to see more people participate in local and State government.

Mary Hogg, “Join the Courageous Campaign” committee member, corrected the item of business regarding the closure of Oliver Street to indicate the request was to close the street between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Gary Martenis, 705 Lingle Avenue, commented on the SATA fixed route.

Councilperson Cline pledged to try to work with the new City Manager.

There was discussion regarding release of the background check information on the City Manager and the original list of city manager candidates.

Councilperson Cline inquired as to why his appointment to the SATA Board was not addressed on the agenda. Mayor Robertson indicated she felt the appointment should come from the new mayor.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the current pet ordinance, legislating for one individual, granting an extension on the removal order, and the time frame for amending the ordinance. Council granted Mr. Johnson a stay in order to consider an amendment to the current ordinance governing pets.

There was further discussion regarding the low number of riders for the SATA route and the implications of those low numbers.

Mayor Robertson congratulated Community Development Director Philip B. Hathaway for his efforts in winning the City a \$1,000,000 grant for the downtown.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilperson Bruff to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Conduct First Reading and Set Public Hearing

The First Reading on the proposed ordinance amendment was held.

A public hearing was scheduled for November 5, 2007 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed changes to Chapter 34, *Utilities and Services*, Article IV, Sewer Service, Sections 34-170 and 34-202(e), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, UTILITIES AND SERVICES, ARTICLE IV, SEWER SERVICE, SECTION 34-170, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN, TO CHANGE THE LIMITATIONS ON MERCURY AND CYANIDE.

THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

Section 1. That, Chapter 34, *Utilities and Services*, Article IV, Sewer Service, Sections 34-170 Limitations on toxic and hazardous pollutants, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan shall be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34-170. Limitations on toxic and hazardous pollutants.

These limitations shall be daily maximum limitations. Compliance or noncompliance may be determined by analysis of: Twenty-four-hour flow proportioned samples, twenty-four-hour composite samples, or one (1) or more grab samples averaged over a twenty-four-hour period as determined to be appropriate by the public services director for the discharge and parameters to be measured. No discharge to the city's wastewater system shall exceed the following limitations unless so authorized in an order of determination from the public services director which sets alternative mass limitations for the specific parameter:

1.0 mg/l
Arsenic

0.1 mg/l
Cadmium

2.7 mg/l
Chromium (total)

2.0 mg/l
Copper

0.6 mg/l
Lead

1.0 mg/l
Nickel

4.5 mg/l
Zinc

0.0002 mg/l
Mercury

0.07 mg/l
Selenium

1.0 mg/l
Silver

0.56 mg/l
Cyanide (free)

1.0 mg/l
Trichloroethylene

No detectable discharge PCB's (total)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days following 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.

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THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

Section 1. That, Chapter 34, *Utilities and Services*, Article IV, Sewer Service, Sections 34-202(e), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan shall be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34-202(e)

For pollutants, such as mercury, that are of concern at a level below background concentrations and subject to regulation in the City's Wastewater Discharge (NPDES Permit MI0023752) through implementation of a state approved Pollutant Minimization Program, an order of determination may be issued to any Class I, II, or III user of the City Wastewater System that has the reasonable potential to discharge controllable levels of mercury at or above the limitation established in Section 34-170 above. For low discharge volume users (Class III users), such as dental offices, where sampling and analysis of the individual user's discharge is not feasible or practicable, the user may be determined to be in compliance with the local limitation by implementing acceptable pollutant minimization practices to eliminate the discharge of controllable mercury levels.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective 20 days following 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.

Set Public Hearing –Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. A Public Hearing was set for November 5, 2007 to receive citizen comment regarding the application of TiAl Products, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property improvements at 450 South Shiawassee Street.

Deed of Easement-Twenty-one Day Posting Period. Received deed of easement for Woodard Station Lofts, LLC for an egress stairway between the building and the sidewalk along Cass Street and filed with the City Clerk until the meeting of November 5, 2007 to allow for the twenty-one day public inspection period.

Bid Award. Approved the low bid of Acorn Farms for a portion of the Sam and Opal Voight Loop Park buffer landscaping in the amount of \$4,152.50.

Bid Award. Waived bid irregularities and approved the bid of Great Lakes Landscape for the remaining portion of the Sam and Opal Voight Loop Park buffer landscaping in the amount of \$4,939.10 plus \$250 shipping if an extra load trip is required.

Change Order. Authorized change order increasing the amount of the purchase order with Arrow Construction for street patches by \$20,000, bringing the total amount to \$39,572.50.

Payment Authorization. Authorized Payment to Gil Skinner of SC&H Inc for management training class for police and fire supervisors in the amount of \$6,291.00.

Warrant No. 351. Accepted Warrant No. 351 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Brown & Stewart, PC	Professional Services covering the period of September 12, 2007 to October 9, 2007	General	\$11,093.08

Motion supported by Councilperson Forster.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

STREET CLOSURE PERMISSION – OMH CANCER CENTER

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to approve the application of Mary Hogg on behalf of the Owosso Memorial Healthcare Cancer Center for the closure of Oliver Street between 7th Street and Chipman Street on Sunday October 28, 2007 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a block party/bridge grand opening and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1199.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bruff.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Forster, Horvath, Cline, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilperson Bruff, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

LICENSE TO ENTER PREMISES – WOODARD STATION LOFTS, LLC

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to authorize a License to Enter Premises for Woodard Station Lofts, LLC to begin construction of an egress stairwell at the Woodard Station Lofts as follows:

LICENSE TO ENTER PREMISES

THIS LICENSE TO ENTER PREMISES is dated _____, 2007, and is between the City of Owosso, a Michigan municipal corporation, of 301 West Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867 ("City") and Woodward Station Lofts L.L.C., of 200 North Franklin, Suite 100, Zeeland, Michigan 49464 ("Licensee").

WHEREAS Licensee seeks an easement in the right-of-way for Cass Street, in the City of Owosso, for the purpose of constructing a fire corridor exit and granting such easement will occur at the November 5, 2007 Owosso City Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS Licensee must commence construction of the fire corridor exit prior to November 5, 2007 Council Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City hereby grants to the Licensee, its employees, agents, representatives, contractors and subcontractors, a license to enter the property from time to time for the purpose of constructing a fire corridor exit on the property described in Exhibit A. Any such activities conducted under this License shall be at the Licensee's sole expense.

2. The Licensee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City from all damages caused by the Licensee through its conduct and activities on the property in furtherance of this License and shall make restitution to City for any such damages. The duties stated in this paragraph shall survive expiration of the term of this License.

3. The term of this License shall be until November 6, 2007.

4. This License shall not be assigned or amended without the written consent of both parties.

EXHIBIT A

Commencing at a point 275' west and 20" south of the intersection of the west line of State Highway M-52 and the north line of Cass Street in the City of Owosso, in the County of Shiawassee in the State of Michigan to the place of beginning, thence west parallel with the north line of Cass Street 25 feet, thence south 3 feet, thence east 25 feet, thence north 3 feet to the place of beginning.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bruff.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Cline, Horvath, Bruff, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilperson Forster, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION – SEWER INTERCEPTOR CLEANING

Utilities Director Gary M. Burk detailed the cleaning of the sewer interceptor line along the river, including a short video showing a view of the inside of the pipes. He indicated that the line contained much more large, heavy debris than anticipated and this had slowed down the cleaning process and lead to more money being spent on the project to date. Estimated total cost for the project is \$25,000.

He further indicated this cleaning will improve the flow of the line and would assist in the effort to reduce overflows from the sanitary sewer into the river.

FOOTING DRAIN ELIMINATION DISCUSSION

Utilities Director Gary M. Burk discussed the development of a proposed demonstration program for the footing drain separation phase of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Program.

There was general discussion regarding the number of anticipated separations, financing of those separations, and placing information in the next water billing to solicit volunteers for the demonstration program.

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

Motion by Councilperson Horvath to authorize the following resolution extending the tax exemption period for the units at the Woodard Station Lofts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-2007
WOODARD STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE ZONE CERTIFICATE
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 13-2007**

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2007, the City Council of the City of Owosso approved by resolution applications for a seven-year NEZ exemption certificate for each of the units numbered 1 through 48 at Woodard Station in the City’s Neighborhood Enterprise Zone #1, and

WHEREAS, No Certificates for any of Unit Numbers 1 through 48 have been issued through October 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of both the City of Owosso and Woodard Station Lofts, LLC to extend the duration of each Certificate from seven years to ten years,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council approves this amendment to Resolution No. 13-2007 for an extension to a term of ten years for each of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Certificates for Units 1 through 48 while all other terms and approvals of the aforementioned resolution shall remain in full force and effect, and **FURTHERMORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council directs the City Clerk to forward this Resolution to the State of Michigan Tax Commission.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bruff.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

LOT SPLIT AUTHORIZATION – 705 MARTIN STREET

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to authorize the division of City lot under Michigan Subdivision Control Act for platted lot described as 705 Martin Street as follows:

Berry, Greg & Vicky
705 Martin Street
050-113-008-036-00

Current Description - 705 Martin Street

N 87.98' OF LOT 6, BLK 8, CITY ASSESSORS PLAT

Current Description - 641 Martin Street

LOT 7 & S 1/2 LOT 8 BLK 8 CITY ASSESSORS PLAT 3

New Description After Split - 705 Martin Street

N 87.98 FT OF LOT 6, BLK 8, CITY ASSESSORS PLAT 3, EX BEG ON TH N LN OF LOT 6, 63.20 FT E FROM NW COR, TH CONT E ALG SAID N LN 80.26 FT, S 8.10 FT, TH W 79.66 FT, N 3.36 FT TO POB.

New Description After Combine - 641 Martin Street

LOT 7 & S 1/2 LOT 8 BLK 8 CITY ASSESSORS PLAT 3, ALSO, BEG ON THE N LN OF LOT 6, 63.20 FT E FROM NW COR, TH CONT E ALG SAID N LN 80.26 FT, S 8.10 FT, TH W 79.66 FT, N 3.36 FT TO POB.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bruff.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilperson Bruff, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Horvath, Cline, Forster, and Mayor Robertson.

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kathy Tungate, Varnum Consulting, LLC. Confirmation of favorable background check.
Lisa Stechschulte. Letter regarding the effects of open burning.
Richard C. Williams, Finance Director. September 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Report.
John F. Archer, Building Official. September 2007 Building Department Report.
John F. Archer, Building Official. September 2007 Code Violations Report.
Michael T. Compeau, Public Safety Director. September 2007 Police Department Report.
Michael T. Compeau, Public Safety Director. September 2007 Fire Department Report.
Michael T. Compeau, Public Safety Director. Fuel usage report.
Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of Meeting of October 3, 2007.

Mayor Robertson read aloud the letter from Lisa Stechschulte regarding the harmful affects of burning.

Councilperson Bruff commented on his appreciation of the detailed police reports.

Interim City Manager Larry D. Cook relayed homecoming news of the 144th, anticipated for Friday the 19th.

Public Safety Director Michael T. Compeau indicated a parade for the 144th will be held from Bishop Airport to the Armory in Corunna.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Betty Coon, 1204 Palmer Avenue, voiced her endorsement for reappointing Councilperson Cline to the SATA Board.

Burton Fox, 216 East Oliver Street, commented on the changes in the cable access channel and his concern with the number of wild cats in his neighborhood.

Teresa Skaryd, 601 Ryan Street, commented on a dog obedience class.

Judy Ford, 649 Adams Street, inquired as to the overall condition of the storm sewer pipes that have been inspected. It was noted they were in better shape than expected.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, commented on wild cats and auxiliary listening devices.

There was general discussion regarding the affects of open burning and recycling services available in the area.

Councilperson Cline expressed his displeasure with other Council members and indicated he wishes to become the next mayor.

Mayor Robertson asked City Clerk Amy K. Kohagen to read aloud her letter of resignation as follows:

October 15, 2007

City of Owosso
Amy Kohagen, City Clerk
301 W. Main Street
Owosso, MI 48867

Dear Ms. Kohagen:

It is with regret that I submit this letter of resignation as a member of the Owosso City Council effective November 13, 2007.

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of the City of Owosso as their councilperson and especially as their Mayor. I thank them for the trust and confidence placed in me and I regret, due to health issues, I am unable to fulfill my commitment. I have been proud to represent, as an elected official, this wonderful community and will continue to proudly represent it as a private citizen.

I also want to thank the extraordinary employees of the City of Owosso. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber of individuals committed to our city. I have had the good fortune to work closely with John Archer, Ron Baker, Mike Bradley, Larry Burk, Larry Cook, Mike Compeau, Phil Hathaway, Stan Jelinek, Jackie Newell, Mike Rau, Ron Tobey and Rick Williams and have appreciated their professionalism, conscientious commitment and support. These amazing leaders are supported by a wonderful team that manages to keep our community running smoothly in spite of the rest of us. I owe them thanks everyday.

I have also appreciated the opportunity to serve as a councilperson and Mayor under Gregg Guetschow. I want to publicly thank Gregg for sharing with me his talents, intelligence, generous nature and his great sense of humor. With Gregg's absence, Larry Cook and Bill Brown have become valued colleagues and friends. I will always be grateful for their counsel and support. But as Gregg always said... it is the City Clerk that runs the city! Amy you are an invaluable asset to our community and your

support for the Mayor, the Council and the City Manager is essential to our success. Thank you for every phone call you took, every task you agreed to handle and every time you allowed me to vent.

I also want to thank my friends and family for their unwavering confidence and support, especially to my husband and best friend, John Lowman, whose encouragement and devotion never lack.

I wish the Council the best and urge you all to focus and build upon the wonderful things about Owosso. Please remember, your seat at this table is given in trust from the voters - respect them, respect the employees of the City of Owosso and respect each other and remember we are all neighbors.

Sincerely yours,
Linda L. Robertson

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Bruff for adjournment at 9:13 p.m.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Linda L. Robertson, Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk