

CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

Present: Mayor Michael E. Bruff, Mayor Pro-Tem mark D. Owen, Councilpersons Michael N. Cline, Joni M. Forster, Benjamin R. Frederick, Gary M. Martenis and Jason D. Simmons.

Absent: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The Council appointed Jason D. Simmons to fill the unexpired term of Linda L. Robertson. Mr. Simmons received the oath of office and took his seat at the council table.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Bruff read a proclamation honoring Philip B. Hathaway for his service to the City of Owosso.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ann Mabry inquired as to whether city crews could push snow to the other side of her street as her sidewalk gets covered with snow when the plows come through. It was noted staff will look into the request.

Eddie Urban inquired as to whether city crews could push snow to the other side of his street as there are no houses across the street.

Mayor Bruff commended city crews for their hard work in plowing and salting the streets.

Betty Coon inquired if money from the VSCI Grant could be used to replace the millages for the pool and SATA. It was noted that neither idea was feasible given the grant's requirements.

Shelva Cebulski thanked the City for extending the leaf pick up program.

Justin Horvath, SEDP Director, announced that a manufacturing company will be taking over the former Vaungarde site with plans to start production soon.

Councilperson Frederick inquired as to whether the company had been assisted by the new City Business Coordination Team. It was noted this business had expressed an interest in the community prior to the establishment of the coordination team.

Councilperson Forster welcomed Jason Simmons to the council and thanked Brent Wesley for his interest in serving.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Special Assessment District No. 2007-01–Hazards and Nuisances. Authorized Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for December 17, 2007 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2007-1, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approved the following Mayoral appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Joni M. Forster	Westown CIA	11-03-2009
Joseph A. Fivas	Local Development Finance Authority	06-30-2011
Joseph A. Fivas	Building Authority	06-30-2010
Mark D. Owen*	City Employees' Retirement System	11-03-2009
Michael Selleck*	Board of Review	12-31-2012
Larry D. Cook	Building Authority	06-30-2009
Burton Fox	Planning Commission	06-30-2010
Michael Dvorak*	Airport Board	12-31-2009
Michael Cline*	SATA Board	11-03-2009

*Denotes a reappointment

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Council Work Session. The date of Saturday, January 5, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm was set for the Council organizational work session.

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Revocation. Tabled the revocation of Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate #3-04-0010 for the property at 122 North Washington Street until the meeting of December 17, 2007.

Vibrant Small Cities Initiative Grant Resolution. Authorized the Vibrant Small Cities Initiative Grant Resolution of Understanding.

Parks and Recreation Discussion. Discussed the possible establishment of a Parks and Recreation Commission. Council directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance for the next council meeting.

Fuel Usage Discussion. Discussed the Police Department fuel usage policy. Council directed staff to prepare an analysis of the policy and subsequent fuel usage and report back in February.

Conduct First Reading and Set Public Hearing-Ordinance Amendment. There was discussion regarding adding provisions prohibiting all registered sex offenders from opening an adult establishment. A public hearing was set for December 17, 2007 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed ordinance amendment to add Chapter 4, *Amusements and Entertainments*, Article VII, Adult Entertainment Establishments Licensing, Sections 4-191 through 4-201 to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan.

COMMUNICATIONS

Michael T. Compeau, Director of Public Safety. Receipt of new fire truck.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shelva Cebulski inquired about fuel usage while cars are idling and commented on the police department practice of checking on businesses during the night. She also inquired if the chamber of commerce building could be moved. It was noted that moving the chamber building has been an on-going discussion for years.

Ann Mabry indicated she enjoyed participating in the meeting tonight. She also suggested a fountain of Chief Wasso be installed in the downtown.

Burton Fox suggested police bike patrols be reinstated in the summer to save money on fuel.

Betty Coon commented on the padded chairs and inquired if the sound system in the council chambers could be more utilized.

Eddie Urban recommended the use of listening aids in the council chambers and commented on bike patrols, Rosevere Park, and Councilperson Martenis's recent meeting with the City Manager. Councilperson Simmons thanked Brent Wesley for putting his hat in the ring for the open council position and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

Councilperson Martenis thanked Mike Tillotson for video taping Council meetings.

Councilperson Frederick welcomed Councilperson Simmons and thanked Phil Hathaway for his service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Michael E. Bruff, Mayor
Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

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