

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2008

9:09 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR MICHAEL E. BRUFF

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

ABSENT: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Joseph A. Fivas explained the objective of the meeting as a forum to talk about issues, leaving the decision making process for a regular meeting.

There was discussion regarding the role of the Council in setting policy and Council's desire for some direction from City staff. Including the idea that all options for a particular issue be presented to the group with note of staff's recommendation. Council also encouraged continued use of email to keep them apprised of important developments between meetings.

There was discussion regarding Open Meetings Act concerns in regard to Council members speaking to one another prior to a Council meeting. Discussion continued in regard to Charter restrictions on Council contact with City staff members.

Goals for the next year were developed for the City Manager including the following: institute a process for development of a strategic plan, technology integration, identify operation efficiencies seeking cost reductions of at least \$250,000, meeting with all jurisdictions in the County, organizing an annual meeting of all the cities in the county, and organizing a meeting of mid-county jurisdictions.

Goals for the next year were developed for the Council including the following: establishing a policy for the use/sale/purchase of City owned properties, assess the status of City parks, and complete review the City Charter and Code of Ordinances.

Council also discussed seeking options for the old hotel site. It was agreed staff will present options and information for the site at a future Council meeting.

Council expressed a desire to have more special meetings to discuss the types of topic addressed today.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment at 12:10 p.m. and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Michael E. Bruff, Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk