

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

7:47 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR MICHAEL E. BRUFF

PRESENT: Mayor Michael E. Bruff, Councilpersons Michael N. Cline, Joni M. Forster, Benjamin R. Frederick, Gary W. Martenis, and Jason D. Simmons (arrived at 7:49 p.m.).

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Mark D. Owen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shelva Cebulski, 1243 Marion Street, asked if she could get a new Neighborhood Watch sign to replace her old faded one. It was indicated the program had not been active in several years and a new educational effort would have to be instituted to let children know what the signs mean. Ms. Cebulski also inquired when the report on burning violations would be issued. It was noted the report would be available at the second meeting in October. Lastly she commented on the price of garbage service. It was noted there are several services for her to choose from.

The Council recessed at 7:49 p.m. to allow for the set up of a laptop and projector.

The Council reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

DISCUSSION – CITY WEBSITE

City Manager Fivas indicated he would like to improve the City's website to better market the community and better serve its customers. He displayed the web pages of various communities around the State including the City of Sturgis, the City of Midland, the City of Davison, and Meridian Charter Township as examples Council may wish to follow in the revamped website. Proposed technologies included an eWire to communicate to citizens through email, a request page to place requests for service and track the progress of that service, a community calendar with clickable items that will link to more information regarding an event or meeting, an online document access page, an online payment page to allow customers to pay anything from traffic tickets to taxes, links to view streaming video allowing citizens to view meetings and events at their convenience, and GIS links to show parcels, parks, utilities, etc.

City Manager Fivas indicated the goal for the evening was to demonstrate what was available. He encouraged everyone to comment on what they feel and what they would like to see.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Martenis for adjournment at 9:02 p.m.

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

Michael E. Bruff, Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk