

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 1, 2008**

**7:30 P.M.**

- PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR MICHAEL E. BRUFF
- OPENING PRAYER:** PASTOR DAVID WOODBY  
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR TAYLOR SERGENT
- 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.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilperson Forster to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

Motion by Councilperson Simmons to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2008 as presented.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**CERTIFICATE OF THANKS**

Mayor Bruff read aloud the following Certificate of Thanks to Vickie and Daniel Csapos for their donation of the holiday tree in the Main Street plaza.

**A CERTIFICATE OF THANKS  
FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN  
RECOGNIZING**

**VICKIE AND DANIEL CSAPOS**

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council and all local residents,  
expresses Sincerest Thanks and extends Warmest Wishes to you  
upon your donation of the Christmas Tree displayed in the Main Street Plaza.

It is the intent of this Office that this Special Contribution not go unrecognized,  
and it is with great honor that I, Michael E. Bruff, Mayor of the City of Owosso,  
offer to you:

**THANKS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2008-06**

The Public Hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2008-06, the alley south of Main Street from Dewey Street to Oakwood Avenue for grading.

Beverly Coon, 5923 Rolfe Rd, Lansing, wrote to express her disapproval of the assessment.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Frederick and supported by Councilperson Forster:

**RESOLUTION NO. 41-2008**

WHEREAS, the City Council has met, after due and legal notice, and reviewed the special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the following described public improvement: the alley south of Main Street from Dewey Street to Oakwood Avenue for grading, and

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing said special assessment roll the Council deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon results in the special assessment being in accordance with the benefits to be derived by the parcel of land assessed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor in the amount of \$4,815.00 is hereby confirmed and shall be known as Special Assessment Roll No. 2008-06.
2. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into two (2) equal annual installments, the first of which shall be due and payable on September 1, 2009, and the subsequent installments shall be due on September 1st of each and every year thereafter. Payment of the amount of the special assessment may be made in full without interest or penalty by December 1, 2009.
3. The installments of the special assessment rolls shall bear interest at the rate of 8% per annum; provided, however, if the bonds are issued in anticipation of said special assessments, then such unpaid special assessment shall bear interest at a rate of interest equal to 1% above the average rate of interest borne by said bonds. Such interest shall commence on September 1, 2009 and shall be paid annually on each installment due date.
4. Said special assessment roll shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk who shall attach his warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums shown thereon as directed by the City Council.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Forster, Martenis, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Cline, Frederick, Simmons, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Bruce Robb, 860 Krust Drive, introduced himself as the County Commissioner Elect for District 2. He indicated he hoped Council members would call him with concerns and noted he would call them with the same.

The City Manager's Report will follow the Consent Agenda.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Special Assessment District No. 2008-01–Hazards and Nuisances. Authorized Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for December 15, 2008 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2008-01, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION 42-2008 Special Assessment District No. 2008-01 Hazards and Nuisances**

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on December 15, 2008 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in *The Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.

The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – HAZARDS AND NUISANCES  
CITY OF OWOSSO  
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

| Parcel Number      | Address                  | Amount       |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 050-651-006-010-00 | 307 Genesee Street       | \$ 211.72    |
| 050-470-007-005-00 | 421 N Saginaw Street     | \$ 235.06    |
| 050-010-016-020-00 | 616 Glenwood Street      | \$ 9,944.00  |
| 050-390-004-012-00 | 1260 Adams Street        | \$ 127.38    |
| 050-640-033-013-00 | 530 N Ball Street        | \$ 190.92    |
| 050-651-000-013-00 | 415 Genesee Street       | \$ 343.77    |
| 050-660-011-009-00 | 212 N Lansing Street     | \$ 402.86    |
| 050-622-004-005-00 | 825 Clyde Street         | \$ 233.00    |
| 050-580-000-053-00 | 308 Oakwood Avenue       | \$ 847.13    |
| 050-602-006-011-00 | 828 Nafus Street         | \$ 323.34    |
| 050-660-023-004-00 | 715 Clinton Street       | \$ 214.83    |
| 050-010-004-014-00 | 714 Lincoln Avenue       | \$ 1,078.72  |
| 050-580-000-053-00 | 308 Oakwood Avenue       | \$ 101.46    |
| 050-710-001-012-00 | 915 Corunna Avenue       | \$ 280.18    |
| 050-660-001-005-00 | 623 N Shiawassee Street  | \$ 159.55    |
| 050-536-000-052-00 | 1235 N Shiawassee Street | \$ 210.01    |
| 050-602-029-015-00 | 1312 S Chipman Street    | \$ 96.47     |
| 050-602-008-002-00 | 1008 S Chipman Street    | \$ 88.33     |
| 050-542-000-020-00 | 625-627 Corunna Avenue   | \$ 113.63    |
| 050-011-020-001-00 | 902 Corunna Avenue       | \$ 92.41     |
| 050-090-001-004-00 | 1416 W Main Street       | \$ 118.53    |
| 050-113-008-001-00 | 720 S Chipman Street     | \$ 152.82    |
| 050-112-000-013-00 | 615 E Main Street        | \$ 92.41     |
| 050-660-012-019-00 | 202 N Cedar Street       | \$ 238.69    |
| 050-113-015-007-00 | 1405 W Main Street       | \$ 92.41     |
| 050-580-000-027-00 | 203 S Dewey Street       | \$ 161.10    |
| 050-380-001-013-00 | 308 N Dimmick            | \$ 389.03    |
| 050-660-012-019-00 | 202 N Cedar Street       | \$ 414.01    |
| 050-602-036-002-00 | 1401 Carr Street         | \$ 170.93    |
| 050-610-003-002-00 | 727 N Park Street        | \$ 204.74    |
| 050-220-000-062-00 | 1607 Young Street        | \$ 170.93    |
| 050-113-003-007-00 | 919 Milwaukee Street     | \$ 333.71    |
| 050-500-002-003-00 | 1109 Palmer Street       | \$ 144.47    |
| 050-010-025-015-00 | 555 Harrison Street      | \$ 176.12    |
| 050-113-009-001-00 | 1310 W Stewart Street    | \$ 180.80    |
| 050-673-005-007-00 | 701 Fletcher             | \$ 180.70    |
| 050-010-016-020-00 | 616 Glenwood             | \$ 115.38    |
| 050-652-003-002-00 | 319 E Stewart Street     | \$ 536.12    |
| 050-602-008-002-00 | 1008 S Chipman Street    | \$ 180.70    |
| 050-420-005-009-00 | 755 Division Street      | \$ 215.59    |
| 050-250-035-003-00 | 640 Adams Street         | \$ 143.66    |
| 050-390-004-012-00 | 1260 Adams Street        | \$ 293.70    |
| 050-660-010-008-00 | 314 N Lansing Street     | \$ 127.99    |
| 050-180-002-007-00 | 418 E Comstock Street    | \$ 188.15    |
| 050-621-001-002-00 | 209 S State Street       | \$ 105.57    |
| 050-651-007-001-00 | 309 Green Street         | \$ 105.57    |
| 050-260-000-001-00 | 406 E Oliver Street      | \$ 137.62    |
| 050-115-003-015-00 | 924 S Ball Street        | \$ 115.07    |
| 050-580-000-053-00 | 308 Oakwood Avenue       | \$ 158.33    |
| Total Roll         |                          | \$ 20,939.62 |

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances of the above described property.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY HAZARDS/NUISANCES INVOICES OR CHARGES REMAINING UNPAID AS OF THEIR DUE DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON THIS ROLL.

The said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on December 15, 2008 for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the City Treasurer's Office at 725-0599.

Bid Award. Authorize bid award to RWI Manufacturing for the manufacture of the Main Street Plaza arch in the amount of \$7506.42.

Change Order. Authorize Change Order to the bid award to Lennox Electric for construction of the multipurpose lot at the corner of Main Street and Washington Street to increase the amount by \$3366.06 for the installation of trees and the construction of an irrigation manhole.

Final Payment. Authorize payment to Lennox Electric for construction of the multipurpose lot at the corner of Main Street and Washington Street in the amount of \$3366.06.

Educational Opportunities. Approve the City Manager's attendance in the 2009 calendar year at educational seminars provided by the following organizations: the Michigan Public Employer Labor Relations Association; the Michigan Municipal League; and the Michigan Local Government Management Association.

Warrant No. 375. Accept Warrant No. 375 as follows:

| <b>Vendor</b>          | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Fund</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------|---|-------------|---------------|
| The Chamber Foundation | Annual Economic Development Investment                      | General     | \$15,713.00   |
| Plante & Moran, PLLC   | Progress Billing – Audit June 30, 2008 financial statements | General     | \$32,450.00   |

Motion supported by Councilperson Frederick.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilperson Forster, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Frederick, Cline, Martenis, Simmons, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Fivas noted that due to the recent winter storm final leaf pick up will be delayed. He indicated leaves will be picked up as soon as the weather allows. He also noted the following: The Blue Ribbon Committee will be meeting for the final time prior to submitting their report to Council. The tree lighting ceremony for the tree in the Main Street plaza will be this Friday at 6:00 pm. The annual audit is in its final stages and will be ready for presentation during the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lastly he distributed a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation describing proposed changes to the maintenance routine for State highways due to the difficult economic conditions.

Councilperson Martenis asked if residents could put branches downed by the recent storm out to the curb for pick up. City Manager Fivas noted the City would pick up larger branches when they had the opportunity.

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **2009 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Motion by Councilperson Forster to adopt the 2009 Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule as follows:

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
301 WEST MAIN STREET  
OWOSSO, MICHIGAN 48867  
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the provisions of Act 267, Public Acts of 1976, of the schedule of Regular Meetings of the City of Owosso, County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2009. The Board, dates, time and place of said regular meetings shall be as follows:

| <b>CITY COUNCIL</b>  |                  |        |   |        |        |
|--|------------------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| The 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, except as noted – 7:30 p.m., local prevailing time |                  |        |   |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        |   |        |        |
| JAN 05   | MAY 04           |        | SEP 08*   |        |        |
| JAN 20*  | MAY 18           |        | SEP 21  |        |        |
| FEB 02   | JUN 01           |        | OCT 5   |        |        |
| FEB 17*  | JUN 15           |        | OCT 19  |        |        |
| MAR 02   | <b>JUN 29</b>    |        | NOV 02  |        |        |
| MAR 16   | JUL 06           |        | NOV 16  |        |        |
| <b>MAR 30</b>  | JUL 20           |        | <b>NOV 30</b>   |        |        |
| APR 07   | AUG 03           |        | DEC 07  |        |        |
| APR 20   | AUG 17           |        | DEC 21  |        |        |
| <b>EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD</b>   |                  |        |   |        |        |
| The 3rd Thursday of each month, except as noted - 7:00 a.m., local prevailing time                               |                  |        |   |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        |   |        |        |
| FEB 19   | APR 16           | JUN 18 | AUG 20  | OCT 15 | DEC 17 |
| <b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>   |                  |        | <b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>  |        |        |
| The 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, except as noted – 7:00 p.m., local prevailing time                     |                  |        | The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except as noted – 9:30 a.m., local prevailing time |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        | Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers  |        |        |
| JAN 26   | MAY 26*          | SEP 28 | JAN 20  | MAY 29 | SEP 15 |
| FEB 23   | JUN 22           | OCT 26 | FEB 17  | JUN 16 | OCT 20 |
| MAR 23   | JUL 20           | NOV 23 | MAR 17  | JUL 21 | NOV 17 |
| APR 27   | AUG 24           | DEC 28 | APR 21  | AUG 18 | DEC 15 |
| <b>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</b>  |                  |        | <b>OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>   |        |        |
| The 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, except as noted – 7:30 a.m., local prevailing time                  |                  |        | The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except as noted – 7:00 p.m., local prevailing time |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        | Gould House, 100 West Oliver Street   |        |        |
| JAN 07   | MAY 06           | SEP 02 | JAN 20, 6:30 pm   | MAY 29 | SEP 15 |
| FEB 04   | JUN 03           | OCT 07 | FEB 17, 6:30 pm   | JUN 16 | OCT 20 |
| MAR 04   | JUL - No Meeting | NOV 04 | MAR 17  | JUL 21 | NOV 17 |
| APR 01   | AUG 05           | DEC 02 | APR 21  | AUG 18 | DEC 15 |
| <b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION</b>   |                  |        | <b>WESTOWN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY</b>   |        |        |
| The 4th Monday of each month, except as noted – 6:00 p.m., local prevailing time                                 |                  |        | The 2nd Wednesday of each month, except as noted – 7:00 p.m., local prevailing time           |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        | The Connection Christian Church, 812 West Main St   |        |        |
| JAN 26   | MAY 26*          | SEP 28 | JAN 14  | MAY 13 | SEP 9  |
| FEB 23   | JUN 22           | OCT 26 | FEB 11  | JUN 10 | OCT 14 |
| MAR 23   | JUL 27           | NOV 23 | MAR 11  | JUL 08 | NOV 11 |
| APR 27   | AUG 24           | DEC 28 | APR 08  | AUG 12 | DEC 9  |
| <b>CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION</b>  |                  |        | <b>OWOSSO MID-SHIAWASSEE COUNTY WWTP REVIEW BOARD</b>   |        |        |
| The 2nd Monday of each month, except as noted – 5:00 p.m., local prevailing time                                 |                  |        | The 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except December- 5:15 p.m., local prevailing time  |        |        |
| Owosso City Hall, Council Chambers   |                  |        | Wastewater Treatment Plant  |        |        |
| JAN 12   | MAY 11           | SEP 14 | JAN 27  | MAY 26 | SEP 22 |
| FEB 09   | JUN 08           | OCT 12 | FEB 24  | JUN 23 | OCT 27 |
| MAR 09   | JUL 13           | NOV 09 | MAR 24  | JUL 28 | NOV 24 |
| APR 13   | AUG 10           | DEC 14 | APR 28  | AUG 25 |        |

\* Rescheduled due to legal holiday on regular meeting date

Motion supported by Councilperson Simmons.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Forster, Martenis, Cline, Frederick, Simmons, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

### **SPECIAL MEETING – PLANNING SESSION**

City Manager Fivas indicated he would like to establish an annual meeting early in the year to discuss goals and priorities for the coming year. He emphasized the meeting would be a work session with discussion only, no votes will be taken.

Council authorized scheduling a special planning session for February 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Confirmed by voice vote, ayes all.

### **SPECIAL MEETING TIME – DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to approve setting an early meeting time of 7:00 p.m. for the December 15, 2008 meeting to discuss the annual audit.

Motion supported by Councilperson Simmons.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Frederick, Simmons, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Forster, Martenis, Cline, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

### **SPECIAL MEETING TIME – JANUARY 5, 2009**

There was discussion as to the best possible format for discussing the findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Council agreed they would like a presentation followed by a discussion panel.

Motion by Councilperson Frederick to approve setting a special meeting time of 7:00 p.m. for the January 5, 2009 meeting to discuss the findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Motion supported by Councilperson Forster.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilperson Forster, Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Cline, Simmons, Martenis, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

### **AUCTION PERMISSION**

Motion by Councilperson Cline to approve the application of Attorney Thomas S. Bridges on behalf of the estate of Frederick J. Spaniola for use of 20 spaces in Lot #9, Ball Street and Comstock Street, on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for an auction and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1212 formalizing the action.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Frederick, Cline, Forster, Simmons, Martenis, and Mayor Bruff.

NAYS: None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

David Lazar. Letter of resignation - Downtown Development Authority.

John Hage. Letter of resignation – Cable Access Advisory Commission.

Richard C. Williams. Revenue and Expenditure Report, August 2008.

Westown Corridor Improvement Authority. Minutes of Meeting of October 8, 2008.

Westown Corridor Improvement Authority. Minutes of Meeting of November 12, 2008.

Mayor Pro-Tem Owen inquired why there seem to be so many resignations from Boards and Commissions as of late. It was noted such things tend to be rather cyclical and could also be affected by the economic conditions.

Councilperson Martenis indicated his concern for the Cable Access Advisory Commission and asked the Chair of the Commission attend the next Council meeting.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Burton Fox, 216 East Oliver Street, indicated the city of Flint uses a front end loader to pick up leaves when there is snow on top of them. He also indicated he will be leaving for Arizona shortly with plans to be back in March. He noted he will be in contact with people in town and will be available for comment by phone on any Planning Commission issues if necessary.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, sought clarification on the special meeting times for the meetings of December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>. It was noted both meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Councilperson Cline asked whether it would be possible to recover any funds for the expenses incurred in demolishing the house at 616 Glenwood Avenue since the cause was determined to be arson. Building Official Archer indicated the City will have a lien on the property and could be partially reimbursed by the County for anything owed on the property unless it goes up for tax sale.

Councilperson Cline also inquired whether the now empty parcel could be split and sold to adjoining property owners. It was noted it could.

Councilperson Martenis indicated the Historical Commission was beginning work on the Walk of History and was looking for interesting events from citizens in regard to the history of the City.

Councilperson Simmons volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Pro-Tem Owen inquired whether the Council should anticipate revenue sharing cuts in the coming year. City Manager Fivas noted he was not aware of any proposed funding cuts at this time and would forward to Council any information he receives in the future.

Economic Development Director Morgan detailed the holiday events in the downtown including the tree lighting ceremony, the window decorating contest, and other events planned for the coming weekend. He also noted the DDA will be reviewing proposed events for the 2009 calendar year and would be forwarding a list along to Council.

Councilperson Forster noted volunteers had planted approximately 1400 tulip and daffodil bulbs in the downtown over the last few weeks.

### **NEXT MEETING**

December 15, 2008

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Building Board of Appeals – term expires 06-30-2011  
Downtown Development Authority – term expires 06-30-1010  
Zoning Board of Appeals – term expires 06-30-2009  
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate, 2

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Frederick for adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

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

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Michael E. Bruff, Mayor

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Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk