

CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Curwood Festival Donation. Curwood Parade Chairperson Char Cornell presented a \$500 check to the City from the Curwood Festival for upkeep of Curwood Castle.

Financial & Customer Service Division Presentation. Division Director Frances M. Kukulis presented an overview of the activities and future plans of Financial & Customer Service Division.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Assessment District No. 2009-01. A public hearing was held to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 Special Assessment District No. 2009-01 for the alley east of Division Street from Auburndale Avenue to Franklin Avenue for storm sewer installation. The following citizens addressed the Council in regard to where the storm sewer line would be placed: Neil Downey-Evans and Kurt Behrendt. Council moved to authorize Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2009-01.

Main Street Plaza Grant Closeout. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the close-out of Michigan Economic Development Corporation grant project at the corner of Main Street and Washington Street. Economic Development Director Morgan gave a brief history of the project. There were no citizen comments. Council authorized the closeout of the grant.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban noted that Frankenmuth is demolishing its city pool. He also noted his enjoyment of activities held at the Green Meadows School museum.

Councilperson Frederick noted his pride in the fact that Council had not moved to discuss raising their salaries as other neighboring communities have.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Fivas noted copies of the Annual Report were available in hard copy and on the website. He also noted Council had spent time going through the key elements of the report during its February 21st meeting. He then handed out information on Community Pride Week including letters to community stakeholders and sign up sheets. He indicated he is actively seeking organizations to participate and continues to organize the details of the event. Lastly, he relayed details of the upcoming SRI train festival in July saying the city could anticipate 30,000 – 50,000 people and arrangements were being made to accommodate the influx of guests.

Mayor Bruff noted the event would be great for the city but citizens needed to anticipate the crowds, noise, and smoke from the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Special Assessment District No. 2009-01. Authorized Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for March 16, 2009 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2009-01 for the alley east of Division Street from Auburndale Avenue to Franklin Avenue for storm sewer installation.

First Reading and Set Public Hearing. Conducted the First Reading and set a public hearing for March 16, 2009 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 8, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VII, Rental Dwelling Registration and Inspection, Sections 8-151 through 8-158 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan.

Bid Award. Authorized bid Award to Perrin Construction for the construction of the Exchange Street Parking Lot in the amount of \$469,941.50.

Agreement Extension. Authorized a one year extension to the professional services agreement with Hydro-Designs Inc. for the City Water System Cross Connection Control Program and further authorized 12 monthly payments in the amount of \$1,423.83 for a total cost of \$17,086.

Planning Commission Referral. Referred to the Planning Commission a request to rezone the parcel at 310 North Gould Street from RM-1 Multiple Family Residential District to OS-1 Office Service District.
Planning Commission Referral. Referred to the Planning Commission a request to rezone the parcel at 314 North Gould Street from RM-1 Multiple Family Residential District to OS-1 Office Service District.
Boards and Commissions Appointment. Approved the Mayoral appointment of James Gutting, to the Cable Access Advisory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009 (filling the unexpired term of Paula Perry).

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Liquor License Transfer Request. Approved a request from Rooster Interprises, Inc. to transfer stock in 2008 Class C licensed business located at 1011 West Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867, Shiawassee County, by effectively dropping Jerry D. Cocke and Donald P. Cocke through the transfer of 50,000 shares to Jerry and Susan Cocke Revocable Trust, Susan Cocke trustee.

License Agreement. Authorized site license agreement with Invisalink Wireless Enterprises, LLC to locate internet wireless equipment on the City's West Side Water Tower.

Parks and Recreation Annual Report. Approved the 2009 Parks and Recreation Annual Report.

Curwood Festival Permission. Approved the application of Shari Bakos on behalf of the Curwood Festival for use of City streets and parking lots from June 3, 2009 through midnight June 7, 2009 and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1213 contingent upon the receipt of a completed Hold Harmless Agreement.

Farmer's Market Permission. Approved the application of Liz Schautz on behalf of the Farmer's Market for use of the Armory parking lot from 6:00am to 2:00pm on consecutive Saturdays from May 2, 2009 through October 31, 2009 (with alternate location in the Park/Mason lot on June 6, 2009) for the 2009 Farmer's Market and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1214 contingent upon the receipt of a completed Hold Harmless Agreement and proof of continued insurance after June 7, 2009.

5th Monday Meeting. Authorized the cancellation of the 5th Monday Meeting scheduled for March 30, 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS

Charter Communications. Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy filing.

Joshua Cannon. Letter of resignation from the Historical Commission.

Kevin M. Brown. Letter of resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Cable Access Advisory Commission.

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk. Memo regarding application for new SDM License.

Richard C. Williams, Finance Director. Financial Reports September 2008 – January 2009.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of Meeting of February 17, 2009.

Westtown Corridor Improvement Authority. Minutes of Meeting of February 11, 2009.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

NEXT MEETING

March 16, 2009

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate, term expires 06-30-2009

Historical Commission, term expires 12-31-2010

Parks and Recreation Commission, term expires 06-30-2010

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

Note: Complete printed copies of the minutes and any ordinances contained therein are available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk and the Shiawassee District Library – Owosso Branch during regular business hours or on the Internet at www.ci.owosso.mi.us.