

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 12, 2010**

**7:00 P.M.**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

**PRESENT:** Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch, Councilpersons Thomas B. Cook, Michael J. Erfourth, Christopher T. Eveleth, Joni M. Forster (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), and Gary W. Martenis.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**MOOTZIE'S REQUEST #1**

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve request from Mootzie's Gallery to temporarily serve alcohol outside their normal premises and further approve request for use of the alley behind 112 West Main Street on June 5, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1237 formalizing the action.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

Roll Call Vote.

**AYES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, Councilpersons Martenis, Eveleth, Cook, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Forster.

**MOOTZIE'S REQUEST #2**

Motion by Councilperson Cook to approve request from Mootzie's Gallery for use of the alley behind 112 West Main Street on June 11, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1238 formalizing the action.

Motion supported by Councilperson Eveleth.

Roll Call Vote.

**AYES:** Councilpersons Martenis, Erfourth, Eveleth, Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, and Mayor Frederick.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Forster.

**DISCUSSION - GENERAL BUDGET CONSTRUCTION AND THE 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET**

In response to questions raised during Monday's meeting Interim City Manager Crawford noted that the City has \$30,000 included in the current budget as matching funds for parks projects. He went on to note the Parks & Recreation Commission is well underway with plans to construct a playscape at Bentley Park. It is anticipated some of the currently budgeted monies will be included in the proposed budget to allow such projects to reach completion. (Councilperson Forster arrives.)

The Council continued with their detailed review of each fund and department. Interim City Manager Crawford reviewed the DDA account, its funding sources, and funding for the DDA director position. He then moved on to review all the brownfield districts and how the funding and reimbursements for these funds work.

The Council then moved on to review the major and local street funds in detail, noting the funding sources and the purpose of various line items. Mayor Frederick noted he hoped the City would concentrate on good maintenance to avoid reconstruction of streets.

Finance Director Richard C. Williams covered the City's debt service, indicating the City has very little long term debt as compared to other cities. This is seen as a positive though it must be realized that the City has foregone a number of major projects because of a lack of cash. There was some discussion of asking the voters to establish something similar to a sinking fund for the parks system to allow for major renovations and improvements.

The Council finished their detailed discussion of the budget with a review of the Transportation Fund, the Water, Sewer and Waste Water Funds, the Fleet Maintenance Fund and a report on overall capital outlays. It was noted that the Fleet Maintenance Fund would have to be revisited in further detail at some point in the future to address the replacement of equipment.

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

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth for adjournment at 9:04 p.m.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch and concurred in by unanimous vote.

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Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

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Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk