

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
MONDAY, JULY 01, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, and Emily S. Olson.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Nicholas L. Pidek.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Ramon Van Steenburgh said he lives near the cement plant on Gould Street and he has noticed a distinct uptick in the activities on the site since it was sold to a new company. He feels the activities are in violation of the zoning for the property. He said the noise, dust, and traffic are terrible and he asked that someone look into the matter.

Calvin Dale said he had received information from the City regarding his drinking water and he has some questions. He asked if the City was collecting tax dollars and using them toward utilities, how the Water Treatment Plant superintendent could be sure that the water wasn't dangerous if it hadn't been tested, how the City could miss such a test, and what he should do to ensure that his water is of good quality?

Tom Manke criticized the Council for not answering all citizen questions when they are asked as former Mayor Eveleth had done. He went on to criticize the Fair Mavens group and the Owosso Pride events.

Erica Madison, Owosso Pride director, spoke about the local Pride events saying they had around 1,200 attendees, over fifty vendors, and more than thirty volunteers involved, and they look forward to continuing their partnership with the community.

Patrice Martin said everyone should feel welcome in their hometown and the Owosso Pride events helped some people feel that for the first time. She said we don't all have to agree with one another and there is plenty of space for everyone to exist.

Mayor Teich said he is not former Mayor Eveleth and that demanding an instant answer to citizen questions without allowing the respondent a chance to research the situation isn't necessarily the right way to handle things. He said he would meet with people that have questions and will bring in appropriate staff members so they can really get down to the issue. For example, he and the Utilities Director would respond to Mr. Dale's questions. He also indicated that he would look into Mr. Van Steenburgh's issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

**Boards & Commissions Appointment:** Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Jill Davis	Downtown Development Authority filling unexpired term of Nicole Reyna	06-30-2026

**Set Public Hearing – CDBG Grant Acceptance.** Set a public hearing for Monday, July 15, 2024 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to accept CDBG grant funding for interior and exterior improvements on eight qualified residential homes.

**Traffic Control Order – Vintage Motorcycle Days.** Approved the request from Lizzie Fredrick, Owosso Main Street DDA Executive Director, for the closure of Washington St. from Main St. to Mason St., Exchange St. from Washington St. to Park St. and Mason St. from Ball St. to Park St. on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the Vintage Motorcycle Days event, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1516 formalizing the request.

Purchase Order Amendment – Ambulance Equipment. Authorized amendment to Purchase Order No. 44021 with Stryker Corporation adding \$11,941.34 for a 3-year finance plan and further authorized payment according to terms of the agreement up to \$134,498.40.

Purchase Order Amendment – S & P Global Ratings. Authorized amendment to Purchase Order No. 45446 with S & P Global Ratings for a private credit assessment related to the CWSRF Project No. 5919-01, increasing the amount \$2,063.00 to \$28,125.00 due to an increase in the amount of the bond required for the project, and further authorized payment up to the contract amount, including said amendment.

Contract Authorization – Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Changeover. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal, supply, and installation of public safety equipment in one new police utility vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$13,712.14, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Check Register – June 2024. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$3,054,363.77 for June 2024.

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaw Amendments. Approved the proposed amendments to the Owosso Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws as presented.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – May 2024.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of June 11, 2024.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes of June 18, 2024.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke thanked the Mayor for answering the questions that he could and said he hopes that all questions asked at the meeting will be answered at the meeting going forward. He went on to praise Durand for its conservative values and criticize the City for allowing events that don't conform to his values.

Robert Hooper said he took personal offense when Tom Manke accused him of accepting a bribe to sell the Gould House to someone other than the person that he wanted. He said it was vitally important for people that have the public's ear to treat others with respect or have proof of wrong doing before making accusations. Baring false witness is an egregious act.

Calvin Dale expressed his frustration that he had reached out to the superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant to answer his questions about the drinking water but was brushed off by the very person the mailer directed him to call with questions.

Ramon VanSteenburgh said that he has COPD and the cement dust from the cement plant next door is thick around his home. He also has suspicions that the plant is contaminating the ground water when they wash their trucks.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, July 15, 2024

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2026

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025

Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027

Planning Commission - term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2025

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor  
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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