

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2024**

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

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Curwood Festival Donation. Shelly Collison, Curwood Festival representative, presented a donation of \$1,000 from the Curwood Festival for the maintenance of Curwood Castle.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. Mayor Teich read aloud a proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring the month of October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Owosso.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chris Owens read aloud a letter he wrote in response to a letter he received from a Councilmember, expressing his feeling that two people can disagree but don't have to hate each other.

Shelly Collison, Shiawassee District Library Board Member, gave an update on the goings on at the Library, noting that membership continues to grow, and the children's department has been completely updated.

Bill Moull thanked Council for declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City. He said that he frequently works with people that are victims of abuse and community support of those victims is crucial to their healing. He also thanked the Councilmembers for the work they do on the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pidek recused himself from voting on the Consent Agenda as he has a conflict of interest with one of the items.

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-103 - Hazards & Nuisances. Authorized Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-103, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Parks & Recreation Commission Ordinance. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, Division 3, Parks and Recreation Commission, Section 2-242. *Members; appointment, terms, voting, officers*, of the Code of Ordinances.

Traffic Control Order Request – Taphouse Annual Rib Cook-off. Approved the request from Richard Taphouse for the closure of the Water Street parking lot (Lot #5) and the alley between Main and Exchange Streets and bounded by Water and Ball Streets on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for the Taphouse Annual Rib Cook-off, waived the insurance requirement, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1522 formalizing the request.

Change Order – 2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project Contract. Approved Change Order No. 2 to the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project Contract with Glaeser-Dawes Corporation increasing the amount \$18,934.88 for the immediate replacement of storm sewer pipe beneath the property at 1220 Buckley Drive, and further approved payment up to the amount of \$389,849.75.

Change Order – Washington Park Smart Homes Lift Station Project Engineering Services Contract. Approved Change Order No. 2 to the Washington Park Smart Homes Lift Station

Project Engineering contract with Tetra Tech increasing the contract amount \$133,000.00 for modifications to the design due to a new site plan and the inclusion of construction administration services, and further authorized payment to the engineer up to the amount of \$193,400.00 upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Change Order - MI-HOPE Grant Project. Approved Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Merkel & Kenney, Inc. for the MI-HOPE Grant Project, adding \$9,801.00 for additional work and materials required for the first eight homes and further approved payment to the contractor up to the adjusted contract amount of \$226,606.00 upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Change Order – WWTP Solids Handling Project Contract. Approved Change Order No. 6 to the WWTP Solids Handling Project contract with Sorensen Gross Company increasing the contract amount \$3,793.00 to replace malfunctioning sludge tank sensors and authorized payment up to \$4,743,348.00 upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Check Register – September 2024. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$5,013,689.12 for September 2024.

Warrant No. 647. Authorized Warrant No. 647 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Owosso Charter Township	Payment per 2011 Water Agreement	WATER	\$19,644.99
Caledonia Charter Township	Payment per 2006 Water District Agreement	WATER	\$50,225.19

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Demolition Authorization & Contract Approval – 609 Martin Street. Authorized demolition and removal of the foundation and debris at 609 Martin Street, approved bid award to SP Powells Sand and Soil, LLC in the amount of \$8,050.00, and further authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Discontinuance of Service – ACE Portal. Authorized discontinuing the service with Harris UCA for the ACE Portal due to a lack of utilization by citizens.

Escrow Agreement – Washington Park Development Project. Authorized an escrow agreement with Venture Housing III, Inc. establishing an escrow account for the payment of engineering related expenses incurred by the City for the Washington Park Smart Homes Development Project.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report - August 2024.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of September 9, 2024.

Historic District Commission. Minutes of September 18, 2024.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of September 24, 2024.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of September 25, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments.

City Manager thanked Mayor Teich and Councilmember Haber for their help in packing the truck trailer that is headed to North Carolina to support the victims of Hurricane Helene.

Councilmember Haber indicated Councilmember Law was present as well.

City Attorney Gould indicated that the Council should have voted on whether to allow Councilmember Pidek to abstain from the Consent Agenda vote, and he would like the Council to remedy the oversight at this time.

Motion by Councilmember Law to allow Councilmember Pidek to abstain from the Consent Agenda vote due to a conflict of interest. Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika and concurred in by unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 21, 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 8:03 p.m.

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

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