

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Emily S. Olson.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Swearing In Ceremony - Fire Department Employee. Mayor Teich presided over a ceremony to swear in the City's newest firefighter: Launa Costello. Launa's shield was pinned by her father, David Costello. Also on hand to witness were her mother Malinda Costello and boyfriend Anthon Harden.

Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee Appreciation. Councilmember Law presented Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee member Travis Schneider, on behalf of the entire Committee, a proclamation of the City of Owosso recognizing the contributions of the members of the Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee for their work in recognizing the County's firefighters that have fallen in the line of duty.

Councilmember Law suggested the Council consider spinning the Steering Committee off so that it no longer operates under the City umbrella. The Council moved to spin off the Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee to stand alone as a 501(c)3.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2025-103 - Hazards & Nuisances. Conducted a public hearing 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. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the hearing. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

Ordinance Amendment – Parks & Recreation Commission Ordinance. Conducted a public hearing 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. The following person commented in regard to the proposed ordinance amendment: Patrice Martin. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. The ordinance will become effective November 11, 2024.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Chrell Hoffman, Aiken Road resident, spoke about the problems she's been experiencing due to the burning of brush at the City's Aiken Road Drop Off Site, including ash covering her home and vehicles, the frequency of the burns, and the smoldering that lingers for a number of days after each fire. She said she has approached several people about the issue, but has yet to find resolution.

Tom Manke thanked Council for spinning off the Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee. He said they are doing a wonderful job, and he was looking forward to the establishment of a worthy memorial.

Patrice Martin spoke about leadership, noting that true leaders serve the people and are not out to burnish their own ego. She celebrated the fact that there are ten candidates running for City Council and encouraged everyone to be open-minded.

Gary Beal said he appreciates each Councilmember and their service to the community. He went on to highlight the service of Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Osika personally thanking her for her dedication to the City and said he has appreciated getting to know the Mayor.

Mayor Teich invited Ms. Hoffman to speak with him about her issue in his office sometime this week, saying he wanted to look into things.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Parks & Recreation Commission Bylaws Amendment. The Council approved the proposed amendments to Article 2, Organization, Section 1, Members, of the bylaws of the City's Parks & Recreation Commission, adding a student member to the Commission.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. 2024 Liquor License Inspections.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2024 Building Department Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2024 Code Violations Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2024 Inspections Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2024 Certificates Issued Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2024 Police Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2024 Fire Report.
- Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of October 2, 2024.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke spoke out against the Fair Mavens group saying they will destroy the City.  
 Shelly Ochodnicki thanked the community for coming together to fill the 53' trailer that left Owosso two weeks ago to help hurricane victims in North Carolina. She thanked Rex Wheeler and all those that helped to pack the supplies.  
 Elaine Wigle said the smell of burning bothers her as well, but what really gets her is the heavy smell of pot in places around the City. She said she can't enjoy her yard or open the windows in her house because of the smell of pot.  
 Mayor Teich noted that the City Manager and the City Clerk will not be present for the next City Council meeting and said he wanted to take the opportunity to thank them for their mentoring and support as he has gone about the job of mayor.

**NEXT MEETING**

- Monday, November 04, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Organizational Meeting

**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 8:20 p.m.

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

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