

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025**

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Jerome C. Haber, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Carl C. Ludington, Emily S. Olson, Rachel M. Osmer, and Christopher D. Owens.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich thanked the Public Works Superintendents for taking the time to lead Councilmembers on tours of the utilities plants and the DPW so that they were able to see the areas of concern for themselves. Utilities Director Suchanek indicated that it was essential that Council see things in person.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Internship Agreement – Ascension Genesys Hospital. Approved a three-year agreement for the provision of clinical training rotations for Ascension Genesys Hospital EMS students.

Downtown Owosso Farmers' Market Traffic Control Order. Approved request from Stephen Schlaack, Market Manager of the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market, for street closures, as noted, every Saturday from May 3, 2025 to October 25, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the annual farmers' market and approve Traffic Control Order No. 1528 formalizing the request.

OMS/DDA RLF Grant Funding Approval – Shook Riverside Development. Approved the application from Shook Riverside Development requesting a reimbursement grant from the OMS/DDA Revolving Loan & Grant Program in the amount of \$25,000.00 for fire suppression at 312 West Main Street.

Contract Amendment – WWTP Secondary Clarifier Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the WWTP Secondary Clarifier – Engineering Services Contract with Fishbeck adding \$14,338.00 for additional services related to the submission of a Beneficial Use Petition to EGLE and further approved payment upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization - Tandem Truck Cabs and Chassis. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a joint purchase from D. & K. Truck Company for the purchase of two Freightliner 108SD Plus tandem truck cabs and chassis in the amount of \$234,008.00 under the terms of State of Michigan Contract No. 240000000095, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicles.

Purchase Authorization - Dump Bodies. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a joint purchase from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. for the purchase and installation of two Crysteel Select 13-foot dump bodies and two Monroe 10-foot underbody scrapers in the amount of \$185,570.00 under the terms of State of Michigan Contract No. 200000000034, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment.

Purchase Authorization – Parking Ticket Management System. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a 3-year joint purchase from Passport Labs, Inc. for the Citation Management Platform parking ticket management system utilizing Sourcewell cooperative contract 120423-PSPRT in the amount of \$9,150.00 for year one.

Warrant No. 653. Authorized Warrant No. 653 as follows:

| Vendor | Description | Fund | Amount |
|---------------|---|-------------|---------------|
| Gould Law PC | Services from February 11 2025 – March 10 2025 | Varies | \$11,319.24 |

Check Register – February 2025. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$2,099,626.69 for February 2025.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Acknowledged the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington and approved contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. amounting to \$1,584.29 for the month of February 2025. Ludington abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kori Shook, owner of 312 W. Main Street, thanked the Council for approving the fire suppression grant she applied for. She also thanked staff and DDA members for their work in restarting the Downtown Revolving Loan Fund Program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer announced that March is developmental disability month and fundraiser for the Arc will be held at Foster Coffee this Friday from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Councilmember Fear asked if the Council could've made changes to the 5-year utility rate plan when it became known that the established rates would not be able to cover the debt load for all of the projects originally planned. City Manager Henne indicated that Council has the authority to change utility rates at any time, but there are many other factors that must also be considered when the bids for a project come in significantly over budget.

Councilmember Olson asked what the next steps are after the town hall is held. City Manager Henne said that he is anticipating they will make a decision on utility rates sometime in April. He went on to encourage individual Councilmembers to meet with him if they would like to learn about the different options he will be suggesting.

Councilmember Olson suggested transitioning to monthly billing for utilities as opposed to the current quarterly billing to help people absorb the expected utility rate increase. She said it was abundantly clear that residents do not feel they can possibly afford the increases being proposed so Council will have to get creative to soften the blow.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2025 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2025 Code Enforcement Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2025 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2025 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2025 Fire Report.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of February 25, 2025.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of February 26, 2025.

Owosso Main Street/Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of March 5, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 31, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., 5th Monday Meeting, Armory Community Room

Monday, April 07, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., Regular 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

DDA/OMS Board x 2 – terms expire June 30, 2028

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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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