

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2025
6:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: ANN GAMBOE HALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber to approve the agenda with the following additions:

PROCLAMATIONS & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3. Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month. A proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month in the City of Owosso.
4. Child Abuse Prevention Month. A proclamation of the Mayor's office declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Owosso.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 3.5. Council Meeting Venue Change. Consider moving the City Council meeting scheduled for April 21, 2025 to the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center to accommodate the large crowd size anticipated for the discussion on utility rates options.
- 4.5. Rescheduling/Relocation of Council Meeting. Consider rescheduling the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025 to Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and relocating the meeting to the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center to accommodate the large crowd size anticipated for the decision on utility rates.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Ludington to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2025 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2025

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 31, 2025 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr. read aloud the following proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring the month of April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Owosso:

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2025 AS
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF OWOSSO**

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive neurological disease that causes motor system disorders; and

WHEREAS, a recent study estimates that Parkinson's disease affects over 35,000 people in the State of Michigan and its prevalence continues to rise significantly with the increasing age of the Baby Boom generation; and

WHEREAS, a local support group, the Owosso Parkinson's Support Group, has been meeting for over thirty-four years in an effort to provide education, support and fellowship to those affected by this frustrating disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor of the City of Owosso, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the City of Owosso, Michigan and do hereby encourage all citizens of this community to acknowledge and support the Owosso Parkinson's Support Group and their activities to inform and serve the citizens of our community because their services make a difference.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April, 2025.

Retirement Proclamation - Don Luft

Mayor Teich presented the following proclamation of the Mayor's Office to Don Luft recognizing his public service on the occasion of his retirement:

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN RECOGNIZING
DON LUFT
UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Don Luft joined the City of Owosso team in 2005 as the Laborer/Custodian for both City Hall and the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, Don unfailingly did his job with honor and integrity, for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, despite the age of the buildings in his care, he demonstrated pride, dedication, and a strong sense of ownership in their maintenance, ensuring that all issues were promptly addressed and resolved while keeping everything in optimal working condition; and

WHEREAS, his extensive mechanical background and overall experience was priceless in providing solutions and fixes, no matter what this 100+ year old building threw at him; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the Most Helpful Award in 2008, as well as Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year for 2008; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2014 he received a written commendation from Kevin Lenkart for coordinating the purchasing, painting and installation of the new carpet and paint at the Public Safety building. The commendation states, "Don Luft is an extremely dedicated employee who takes great pride in his job and is a valued employee of the City of Owosso"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years Don consistently demonstrated the dedication, resourcefulness, and integrity necessary to be an exceptional employee of the City of Owosso; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Office that Don Luft's 20+ years of employment with the City of Owosso be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor of the City of Owosso, on behalf of the City Council, City Staff and the Citizens of Owosso, hereby recognize and thank Don for his years of dedicated service to the Owosso community and further express our sincere wishes to him as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April, 2025.

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month (This item was added to the agenda.)

Mayor Teich read aloud the following proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month in the City of Owosso:

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025 AS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and,
- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month recognizes the strength and courage of the survivors of sexual assault or abuse; and,
- WHEREAS, The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month is to raise public awareness about the impact of sexual violence and educate communities on prevention methods and survivor support; and,
- WHEREAS, Sexual violence often has a deep and enduring impact on survivors and their psychological, emotional, social, and physical health; and,
- WHEREAS, We join with sexual assault advocates in our community to acknowledge the importance of working together to educate our communities about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out; and,
- WHEREAS, We remind victims that help is available and urge victims and families to seek aid from the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800-656-HOPE), and The SafeCenter of Owosso.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor of the City of Owosso, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Owosso, Michigan and do hereby acknowledge the hard work, dedication and kindness of the individuals that provide assistance and services to survivors of sexual assault.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April, 2025.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Teich presented the following proclamation of the Mayor's office declaring April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Owosso:

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2025 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

- WHEREAS, child abuse is considered one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between abuse and neglect of children with a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and
- WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and
- WHEREAS, child abuse can be prevented when all community members become aware of the importance of supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Owosso values the organizations, agencies, and community partners working to prevent child abuse and provide support resources to parents, like the Voices for Children Advocacy Center serving Shiawassee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor of the City of Owosso, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Owosso, Michigan and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Proclaimed this 7th day of April, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, said he feels that the City Manager isn't getting paid nearly what he should be. He said the current times call for a solid leader that knows the community and is willing to do what needs to be done. He said he hopes that the City can invest in this vital resource and keep the current City Manager here.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer relayed the details of four different opportunities for community interaction as follows: YMCA Mobile Food Distribution will be held April 8th at the Baker College Welcome Center with distribution starting at 3:00 p.m.; there will be an Owosso Community Engagement Session regarding recycling held on April 12th at 12:30 p.m. at the Owosso Armory; Memorial Healthcare and the Shiawassee County Health Department are conducting their triannual community health needs assessment, community members are encouraged to complete a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/mhc2025; Owosso Main Street and the YMCA are sponsoring the Open Streets Owosso event on June 21, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to encourage people to come together and exercise.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Traffic Control Order Nos. 1529 & 1530. Approve Traffic Control Order No. 1529 for the installation of No Stopping, Standing or Parking signs on both sides of Hathaway Drive from N. Chipman Street to the north end and Order No. 1530 for one Stop sign on Hathaway Drive at N. Chipman Street for southeast bound traffic.

***Change Order- WTP Filters Improvements Project.** Approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Sorenson Gross Company LLC for the WTP Filters Improvements Project, adding \$19,089.00 for the removal and capping of 4 existing valves and actuators and further approve payment to the contractor up to the adjusted contract amount of \$1,877,089.00 upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2025

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
TO THE CONTRACT WITH
SORENSEN GROSS COMPANY LLC
FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTERS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a contract with Sorenson Gross Company, on March 4, 2024 for the construction and installation of the water filters equipment, known as the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Filters Improvement Project, are approved 2024 SRF planned project; and

WHEREAS, the project is now underway, and a change order is necessary to reconcile contract work and supplies to be used.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: the City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to amend the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Filters Improvement Project contract with Sorenson Gross Company LLC to increase the contract for the removal and capping of four existing valves and actuators amount to update contract work and supplies to be used.

SECOND: the Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$19,089.00; an increase to the Contract for Services between the City of Owosso and Sorenson Gross Company LLC revising the total current contract amount from \$1,858,000.00 to \$1,877,089.00.

THIRD: the Accounts Payable department is authorized to pay Sorenson Gross Company LLC for work satisfactorily completed up to the revised contract amount of \$1,877,089.00.

FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid from the Water Fund, and SRF Bond Funds.

***Professional Services Agreement - Wells Servicing Contract.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, approve a professional services agreement with Northern Pump & Well, Inc. to provide regular maintenance and service of the City's municipal wells, and authorize payment to the vendor according to the terms of the contract as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2025

**AUTHORIZING SERVICE CONTRACT WITH
NORTHERN PUMP & WELL OF LANSING, MICHIGAN FOR
MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF MUNICIPAL WELLS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has the public obligation to maintain and service the City's municipal wells, in order to keep them safe, clean, and in good operating order; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has determined that Northern Pump & Well of Lansing, Michigan to be qualified to provide the maintenance and service of the City's municipal wells; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the purchasing policy formal bid requirements is requested, in order to initiate contract upon approval and authorization; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to waive competitive bidding requirements and contract with Northern Pump & Well of Lansing, Michigan for regular maintenance and service of the City's municipal wells for a period expiring June 30, 2027.
- SECOND: the Mayor and City Cler are hereby instructed and authorized to sign the document attached, Service Contract for maintenance and service of the City's wells with Northern Pump & Well in the amount of \$35,000 annually, plus the cost of necessary repairs to be charged according to the terms of the contract.
- THIRD: the Accounts Payable department is authorized to pay Northern Pump & Well, Inc. up to the amount of \$105,000 for annual maintenance, plus the cost of necessary repairs, according to the terms of the contract.

***Bid Award – City Hall Improvements Project.** Approve bid award to Great Lakes Bay Construction for the City Hall Improvements Project in the amount of \$601,059.00 and further approve payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2025

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT
TO GREAT LAKES BAY CONSTRUCTION, INC.
FOR THE CITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso desires to make improvements to City Hall, including the replacement of the HVAC system, electrical service upgrades, a new building management system, and replacement of the emergency generator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low Base Bid, plus all Alternates, in the total amount of \$601,059.00 from Great Lakes Bay Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's Director of Public Services & Utilities, Ryan E. Suchanek, has recommended awarding the contract to the low responsive bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: it has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to employ the company of Great Lakes Bay Construction, Inc. to provide construction services for the City Hall Improvements Project.
- SECOND: the Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the necessary documents to execute the services contract with Great Lakes Bay Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$601,059.00.
- THIRD: the Accounts Payable department is authorized to make payment up to the amount of \$601,059.00 to Great Lakes Bay Construction, Inc. upon successful completion of work or portion thereof.

FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid from the General Fund account 101-265-975.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.8, 4.7, 6.7

***Check Register – March 2025.** Affirm check disbursements totaling \$3,019,168.78 for March 2025.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Osmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Fear, Owens, Ludington, Olson, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Notice of Pecuniary Interest

Motion by Councilmember Olson to enter the following notice of pecuniary interest on the record for Councilmember Carl Ludington as it relates to proposed contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,275.00 for the period of March, 2025:

STATEMENT REGARDING BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE CITY

Per Owosso City Charter Section 14.4 and Michigan Public Act 317 of 1968, as amended

I, Carl Ludington, being an officer of the City of Owosso, do hereby declare a pecuniary interest in the foregoing proposed contract(s) with the City of Owosso as described as:

PO NUMBER	DEPT.	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
000046720	863	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	INSTALLATION OF FLOAT AND ALARMS ON FILTERS (4)	775.00
000046765	864	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AT PALMER ST LIFT STATION	500.00
				\$ 1,275.00

For the Period of: March 2025

Vendor: Ludington Electric, Inc

Total Amount: \$1,275.00

I am making this declaration because I am the owner/operator of Ludington Electric, Inc. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter(s) in question, I will not take part in discussion on any question in respect to the matter(s), and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question at a public meeting of the Owosso City Council.

Said items will be considered for approval at the April 21, 2025 meeting of the Owosso City Council.

Declared this 7th day of April, 2025.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Ludington, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Olson, Fear, Owens, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Utilities Easement – Consumers Energy - 1410 Rain Street

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve granting Consumers Energy a 12' permanent easement to construct, operate, maintain, inspect (including aerial patrol), survey, replace, reconstruct, improve, remove, relocate, change the size of, enlarge, and protect a line or lines of

electrical facilities in, on, over, under, across, and through a portion of 1410 Rain Street to service the new residential build at 1404 Rain Street as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2025

GRANTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES TO CONSUMERS ENERGY AT 1410 RAIN STREET

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy desires to install electric facilities on/under the City owned parcel 050-113-011-017-00 (1410 Rain St) to provide electrical service to the new residential build at 1404 Rain Street; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy has requested the City grant a permanent easement to allow for construction, operation, maintenance, and inspection of said facilities; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the request, concurs with the proposed location; and

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso is willing to grant a permanent easement, described as Exhibit B, for that portion of parcel number 050-113-011-017-00, described as Exhibit A, of the easement agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: the city of Owosso has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to grant a permanent easement as outlined by the terms set forth in the attached Easement for Electric Facilities between the city of Owosso and Consumers Energy.

SECOND: the Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to execute said easement documents.

EXHIBIT A

Owner's Land

The South 140.00 feet of Lot 12, Block 11, City Assessor's Plat No. 3, being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, Town 7 North, Range 2 East, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Shiawassee County Records, except the West 66.00 feet thereof.

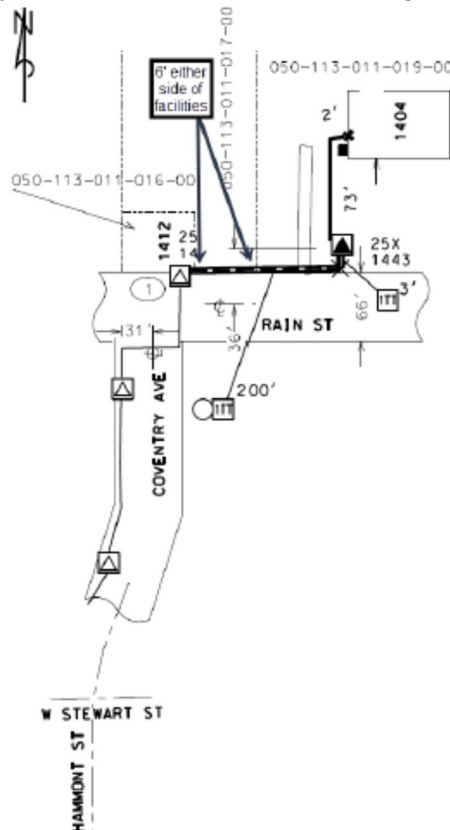
Also known as: 1410 Rain Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867

Parcel ID: 050-113-011-017-00

EXHIBIT B

Easement Area

Being 6.00 feet on each side of the facilities of the line constructed on Owner's Land, the facilities to be located approximately as shown in the attached drawing.



Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Owens, Osmer, Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Ludington, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

***Unpaid Utility Charges**

Motion by Councilmember Owens authorizing the Annual Notice for the collection of unpaid utility charges and the intent to lien therefore in compliance with Chapter 15, Section 15.4(c) of the Owosso City Charter.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Ludington, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Owens, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to authorize writing off uncollectable unpaid utility charges totaling \$2,159.96, as follows:

Account Number	Service Address	Amount Due
2038290006	420 Adams St.	\$ 46.19
2109390004	820 N. Ball St.	\$ 738.80
3156574012	214 Corunna Ave. Apt 2	\$ 192.41
3463070016	903 Grand Ave.	\$ 116.48
1415000004	1943 W. Main St.	\$ 283.18
4648050001	323 W. Oliver St.	\$ 137.08
2492790004	325 W. Oliver St.	\$ 55.57
2493240013	201 S. Washington St. Drinking	\$ 386.19
2866740001	201 S. Washington St. Fireline	\$ 79.74
2866750001	206 N. Water St.	\$ 124.32
2901390001		\$ 2,159.96

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Osmer, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Olson, Ludington, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Council Meeting Venue Change

City Manager Nathan R. Henne said there are no plans for Council to make any decisions on utility rates at the April 21st meeting, but alternative plans of action will be presented.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to move the City Council meeting scheduled for April 21, 2025 to the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center (PAC) to accommodate the large crowd size anticipated for the discussion on utility rates options.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Owens, Fear, Ludington, Osmer, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Scheduling of Town Hall Meeting

City Manager Henne again noted that there are no plans for the Council to make a decision on utility rates at the special meeting, but a large crowd size is anticipated. The meeting is intended to help educate the public and answer questions.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber Consider setting a special meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center to receive a presentation regarding the needs of the water and sewer systems over the next 5 years and the rates required to fund them.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Ludington, Owens, Fear, Olson, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Rescheduling/Relocation of Council Meeting

City Manager Henne noted that staff will be recommending Council make a decision on utility rates at the first meeting in May, hence the need to move the meeting to the PAC. He went on to note that the PAC is not available on May 5th so the meeting will be rescheduled for May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Ludington to reschedule the City Council meeting set for Monday, May 5, 2025 to Wednesday, May 7, 2025 and relocate the meeting to the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center to accommodate the large crowd size anticipated for the decision on utility rates.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Ludington, Fear, Osmer, Owens, Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Scheduling of Budget Meeting(s)

Motion by Councilmember Osmer setting a special meeting for Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss the 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

Motion supported by Councilmember Olson.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Osmer, Olson, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmember Ludington, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

***Capital Improvement Plan Adoption**

Master Plan Implementation Coals: 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.8, 3.10, 3.11, 3.13

City Manager Henne reminded Council that the CIP plan is not a budget, but a planning document that identifies all projects that need to be done in the next six years throughout the City.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to adopt the 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2025-31

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, Planning Commission has recommended Council approval of the 2025 to 2031 six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso is required by the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities program to approve a six-year CIP annually; and

WHEREAS, the six-year CIP is a valuable resource to plan projects and expenses city-wide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: the City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve the 2025 - 2031 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the City of Owosso Planning Commission.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Ludington, Olson, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, commented on his feeling that the City is trying to hide the condition of the underground water storage tank at the Water Treatment Plant from EGLE and the public.

Pastor Bill Moull invited everyone to the community Good Friday service on April 18th at 12:15 p.m. at the Owosso Free Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Byrne, 815 W. Oliver Street, inquired about who proposed the 5-year payment plan for all of the repairs planned for the utility systems, saying people are very concerned about that timeline. She also asked if there will be state or county representatives at the town hall meeting.

Utilities Director Suchanek addressed the comments regarding the underground water storage tank noting that both the Council and the state are aware of the condition of the tank, all water in the tank is tested on an hourly basis and meets or exceeds all EPA requirements. Nothing is being hidden. He also noted that he and the three utility superintendents will be at the town hall meeting on the 23rd. He said he would also reach out to EGLE once more to see if they would send a representative to the town hall meeting, but they have never taken him up on an invitation to date.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. City Manager Report – March 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. (to be presented at the meeting)

Tanya L. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Lizzie L. Fredrick, OMS/DDA Director. 2025 OMS Market Snapshot.

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – February 2025.

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

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of March 10, 2025.

Downtown Development Authority/OMS Board. Minutes of April 2, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the OPS Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the OPS Performing Arts Center

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Ludington for adjournment at 7:49 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.