

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

Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Teich read aloud a proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Owosso.

Utility Rate Alternatives. City Manager Henne gave a brief presentation regarding possible alternatives to the rate structure proposed by the Utility Rate Study.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

The Council moved to amend the Rules for Addressing City Council to accommodate the large number of people interested in speaking.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The following people commented in regard to the proposal to raise utility rates:

Thad Brewer, Russell Thompson, Bill Byrne, Craig Weaver, Dennis Tomlinson, Bob Craig, Karen Horn, Kate Lawrence, Brian Nicholson, Todd Snyder, Mark Pendergraff, Craig Brand, Laura Birchmeier, Paul Stewart, Jerry Meyer and Tom Manke.

The Council paused for a break from 8:33 p.m. until 8:54 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

Utilities Director Suchanek clarified a previous comment noting that it is legal for the general fund to loan money to the enterprise funds, but money cannot be directly spent from the general fund to cover enterprise operations like utilities and all funds loaned to the enterprise must be paid back.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – 2025-2026 City Budget. Set required Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 8 of the City Charter for Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 West Main Street, to receive citizen comment regarding the 2025-2026 Proposed City Budget.

Boards and Commissions Appointment. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
R. Dean Ebert	Shiawassee Airport Board of Trustees	12-31-2027

Traffic Control Order – Healthy Kids Day. Approved request from the Shiawassee Family YMCA for the closure of Clinton Street from Shiawassee Street to Elm Street on Sunday, April 26, 2025 from 9:00am until 3:00pm for Healthy Kids Day and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1531 formalizing the action.

Contract Amendment – City Hall Improvements Project – Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the engineering services contract with Spicer Group for the City Hall Improvements Project adding \$4,400.00 for additional engineering services during the pre-bid and post-bid processes, and authorized payment to the vendor up to the amount of \$48,400.00.

Bid Award – Pavement Marking Project. Approved bid award to P.K. Contracting, LLC for the 2025 Pavement Marking Project in the amount of \$104,543.80, plus a contingency of \$10,000, and authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Warrant No. 654. Authorized Warrant No. 654 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Caledonia Charter Township	Quarterly payment per Water District Agreement	Water	\$43,739.67
Owosso Charter Township	Quarterly payment per Water Agreement	Water	\$17,662.16
Gould Law PC	Services rendered between March 11, 2025 thru April 14, 2025	Various	\$12,877.56
		Total	<b>\$74,279.39</b>

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Ordinance Adoption - Bonding for DWSRF Financing - Project No. 7880-01. Approved adoption of an ordinance to authorize and provide for the issuance of revenue bonds for DWSRF financing of the cost of the replacement of water mains and lead service lines, electrical improvements at the water treatment plant, and improvements to City wells under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Acknowledged the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington and approved contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,275.00 for the month of March 2025.

Interdepartmental Loan – Brownfield District #23. Authorized a thirty-year \$172,500.00 inter-fund loan from the Sewer Fund to the Brownfield Fund for BRA District #23, Woodland Trails/Washington Park Development, for sewer improvements, to be repaid by TIF funds captured by said District.

Closed Session. Approved holding a closed session at the conclusion of the second session of Council Comments for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The following people commented in regard to the proposed utility rates: Ashley Shortz, Ann Eno, Kurt Rheame, Richard Brewer, Michael Spooner and Lynette Suggs.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**The Council adjourned to closed session at 9:30 p.m.**

**The Council returned from closed session at 10:06 p.m.**

The Council moved to approve collective bargaining contracts with the POLC Command unit and the Fire unit.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ryan E. Suchanek, Utilities Director. 2024 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report.

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

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. March 2025 Code Violations Report.

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

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

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

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

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of March 19, 2025.

Planning Commission. Minutes of March 24, 2025.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Minutes of April 10, 2025.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes of April 15, 2025.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Owosso Public Schools Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Owosso Public Schools 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**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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