

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 invited everyone to attend Owosso Vintage Motorcycle Days going on August 22-23, 2025.

Councilmember Olson reminded everyone that this is back to school week and asked that everyone watch out for kids on their way to school.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – CDBG Grant Acceptance. Set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to accept CDBG grant funding for interior and exterior improvements on ten qualified residential homes.

Traffic Control Order Request – American Legion Bike Night. Approved request from American Legion Riders Post 57 for the closure of Park Street, between Mason and Williams, for their Bike Night event on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from noon – 11:00pm and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1542 formalizing the action.

Traffic Control Order Request – Art Walk. Waived insurance requirement, approved request from John Hankerd for the closure of Main Street Plaza (Lot #13) for the Art Walk event on Friday, September 19, 2025 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1543 formalizing the action.

Contract Amendment – COSSAP Grant Subcontract. Approved revision of the Agreement Amount for the COSSAP Grant subcontract agreement with Shiawassee Health and Wellness.

Bid Rejection – Washington Park Utility Extension Project. Rejected the bid received from Crawford Contracting, Inc. for the Washington Park Utility Extension Project due to a lack of appropriate funding.

Change Order - WWTP Secondary Clarifier Project. Approved Change Order No. 3 to the WWTP Secondary Clarifier Project contract with RCL Construction Co., Inc., increasing the contract by \$73,579.00 for a resized gate, installation of an additional gate, and painting of the pump room ceiling, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the amount of \$6,122,417.00 upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Evergreen PO Request – Automatic Meter Reading System Maintenance. Approved an evergreen purchase order with Aclara Technologies LLC for maintenance services for the City's automatic meter reading system in the amount of \$21,228.00 for FY 2025-26, with an annual increase not to exceed 5% per the terms of the agreement.

Annual PO Request – Workers' Compensation Insurance. Authorized annual purchase order in the amount of \$165,285.00 for workers' compensation insurance provided by the Michigan Municipal League for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Sole Source Purchase – Havaflock 560 Polymer. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the sole source purchase of Havaflock 560 from Haviland Products Company in an

amount estimated at \$39,050.80 for FY 2025-2026, and further authorized payment to the vendor according to unit prices for quantities delivered.

Contract Authorization – 2026 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Lining Project. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a joint contract with Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, Ltd. for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Lining Project in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 under the terms of Purchasing Cooperative of America Contract # OD-347-21, and further authorized payment upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization – Monitor/Defibrillators. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the joint purchase of three Stryker Lifepak 35 monitor/defibrillators including extended warranty, accessories and supplies in the amount of \$180,083.86 utilizing Eagle County, CO Health Service District Contract RFB #2024-06, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said equipment.

Bid Award - No-Preference Towing Services. Authorized bid award for no-preference towing services to Richard Earl Maurer DBA Dick's Auto for the period from September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Set Public Hearing – Boundary Adjustment. (This item was added to the agenda.) Set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to adjust the boundary with Owosso Charter Township along Palmer Avenue to allow the City to receive Act 51 monies for said street.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Reiterated acknowledgement of the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington in the contract(s) in question and approved of \$1,349.17 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of July 2025. Ludington abstained.

Utilities Easements – Washington Park Project. Authorized acceptance of permanent easements for the construction and maintenance of a sanitary sewer lift station and water meter pits servicing the Washington Park project in the amount of \$2.00.

Pump Station No. 5 Agreement. Approved agreement with Owosso Charter Township and the Owosso Township – Caledonia Township Utility Authority to share costs for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of Pump Station No. 5. Ludington abstained.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pastor Bill Moull, Owosso Free Methodist Church, asked people to recognize the extra stress that is brought on by the start of the school year and requested that people lift up and pray for all those involved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fear commended Public Utilities Director Suchanek and his team for their work in making sure the costs for the WWTP Secondary Clarifier project are as low as possible.

CLOSED SESSION

The Council adjourned to closed session at 6:48 p.m.

The Council returned from closed session at 7:14 p.m.

The Council moved to approve the closed session minutes of May 19, 2025 as presented.

The Council moved to approve the 2025-2028 AFSCME union contract as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ryan E. Suchanek, Director of Public Services & Utilities. Consumers Energy Demand Response Program.

Lizzie L. Fredrick, DDA/OMS Director. DDA/OMS Board Transformation Strategy 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DDA / Owosso Main Street Board. Minutes of August 6, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2026

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027

DDA/OMS Board – term expires June 30, 2028

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

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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