

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JULY 06, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Janae L. Fear and Christopher D. Owens.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sam McLaren expressed his frustration in trying to get water service to a commercial property that he is developing. The latest estimate he received is approximately \$40,000 for water service and fire suppression connections. He accused the City of not following its stated policies and contracts.

Mike Cline asked why we have parking enforcement if each year we write-off \$15,000 in unpaid tickets, if the City will take care of the tree in the river behind the old YWCA since they are going to own the property, and code enforcement at a City Councilmember's home.

Christopher Eveleth, Shiawassee Health & Wellness Community Relations & Grant Manager, reported on the agency's activities in 2025, including the implementation of a 24/7 mobile crisis unit thanks to a state grant. They will continue to help people where they are at, and potentially help them avoid jail and/or avoid an emergency room visit.

Bill Moull said he has seen a huge increase in the use of golf carts, ATVs, and other alternate transportation on City streets in the past couple of years. He is concerned that the children riding in said vehicles could be tragically injured if a crash were to happen. He asked the City to try and get ahead of this issue before we have a tragedy.

Robert Doran-Brockway, Program Director for America 250 MI, reported that the organization has given away over \$3,000,000 in grant funding over the past 5 years and that they are coordinating an initiative all over the country to read the Declaration of Independence this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Ashley Stevens spoke about the residences in her neighborhood that are housing people with substance abuse problems. She said she has had a problem with theft on her property, and she worries about what influence the situation will have on her young son. She said she is frustrated and asked what could be done about the situation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer reminded everyone of the free concerts and the Moonlight Market starting this Thursday at the Amphitheater. She also encouraged community leaders to attend the upcoming Shiawassee Recycles Community Leaders Meeting.

Councilmember Olson said she is concerned about the safety of onlookers when people do burnouts on Park Street near Taco Bell. She asked if there was something the City could do to safeguard people. City Manager Henne said that it would not be a good idea for the City to sanction a burnout contest on City property. All police officers will be on duty that weekend in an effort to keep people safe. Councilmember Olson suggested the City put together a PR plan putting people on notice that violators will be ticketed.

Mayor Teich announced the Hooked on Downtown event that will be going on throughout the downtown on Fridays during the month of July. He encouraged everyone to participate.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Erin Powell*	Downtown Historic District Commission	6-30-2029

* Indicates reappointment

Professional Services Agreement Extension - Planning Consultant. Authorized extension of the professional services agreement with OHM Advisors for the provision of planning, zoning and development advisory services for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and further authorized payment to the professional according to the terms of the contract.

Payment Authorization –Emergency Pump Repair - Secondary Influent Pump #1. Authorized payment to MJO Holdings Corporation, DBA Professional Pump, for \$19,980.00 for the emergency repair of pump components of Secondary Influent Pump #1 and approved payment upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Quiet Title Action. Authorized the City Attorney to initiate a quiet title action in Shiawassee County Circuit Court under MCL 600.2932 to establish clear and marketable title to the Carnegie Library Property.

Contract Authorization — Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Changeover. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal, supply, and installation of public safety equipment in one (1) new police utility vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$14,757.00, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

CDBG Round 1 Contractors Quotes - Grant Contractors. Approved CDBG Round 1 Contractors' Quotes #6 in the amount of \$46,490.00 and approved reductions to related POs in the amount of \$16,652.00 as part of a CDBG housing grant and authorized payment to the contractor(s) upon satisfactory completion of the project(s) or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization — Computers in Police Vehicles. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved the purchase of ten (10) Dell Pro Rugged 14 RB 14250 computers in an amount not to exceed \$29,801.30 through MiDEAL Contract#071 B6600111, and authorized payment to the vendor upon delivery.

Tentative Bid Award —2026 Water Main Replacement—Contract 1. Waived competitive bidding requirements and approved a tentative bid award to The Glaeser-Dawes Corporation, for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project—Contract 1 in the amount of \$4,519,131.02, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Tentative Bid Award —2026 Water Main Replacement—Contract 2. Approved a tentative bid award to The Glaeser-Dawes Corporation, for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project—Contract 2 in the amount of \$2,640,530.95, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Bid Award - Sand & Gravel, Selection #1. Accepted the low bid of S.A. Smith Paving & Trucking, Inc. dba Smith Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$6.00 per ton for Class II Sand, \$32.50 per ton for 21AA Limestone, \$37.50 per ton for 6AA Limestone, and \$21.50 per ton for 6A Gravel for fiscal year 2026-2027 and authorized payment in accordance with unit prices estimated at \$48,025.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Bid Award - Sand & Gravel, Selection #2. Accepted the low bid of Ocenasek, Inc of Perry, Michigan for 22A Gravel in the amount of \$14.75 per ton, \$43.20 per ton for H1 Limestone Chip, \$69.00 per ton for Field Stone Riprap and authorized payment in accordance with unit prices estimated at \$25,470.00 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

AP Check Register – June 2026. Affirmed Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$2,178,093.98 for May 31, 2026, to June 23, 2026.

Payroll Check Register – June 2026. Affirmed Payroll check disbursements totaling \$1,426,294.07 for the period from May 28, 2026, to June 25, 2026.

Warrant No. 667. Authorized Warrant No. 667 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Caledonia Charter Twp	Quarterly Payment per Water District Agreement	WATER	\$64,815.22

Owosso Charter Township	Quarterly Payment per Water Agreement	WATER	\$23,763.85
		TOTAL	\$88,579.07

Traffic Control Order - Moonlight Market. Approved the request from Stephen Schlaack, owner of Owosso Farmers Market, LLC, for the closure of Curwood Castle Drive from M-52 to Shiawassee Arts Center on Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6th from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. for the Moonlight Market event, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1559 formalizing the action.

Traffic Control Order – Semi Parade. Approved the request from the Shiawassee County Ag Society for the temporary closure of intersections along the parade route of Corunna Ave. from the west City border to Washington St., Washington St. from Corunna Ave. to Main St., Main St. from Washington St. to the east border on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for the annual semi-truck parade, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1560 formalizing the action.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Ordinance Adoption – Bonding for DWRF Financing. Approved adoption of an ordinance to authorize and provide for the issuance of Revenue Bonds under the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) program for water treatment plant, wells and water distribution system improvements under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Ordinance Adoption – Bonding for CWRF Financing. Approved adoption of an ordinance to authorize and provide for the issuance of Revenue Bonds under the Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) program for water treatment plant, wells and water distribution system improvements under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Notice of Pecuniary Interest. Entered notice of pecuniary interest on the record for Councilmember Carl Ludington as it relates to proposed contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of April 28 2026 through June 23, 2026.

Unpaid Parking Ticket Write-Off. Approved writing off \$15,240.00 in unpaid parking tickets recorded in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 due to uncollectability and administrative costs outweighing returns.

Appoint Historic District Study Committee. Appointed members of the Owosso Historic District Commission as the Historic District Study Committee to study and evaluate the potential addition of the Carnegie Library property, Parcel No. 505-120-008-008-00, to the boundaries of the Owosso Historic District, and to carry out the study, reporting, and public hearing procedures required by Act 169.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Cline said the Assessing Office was violating the rules when it mailed out a voluntary survey and request if they could be permitted in the back yard of various properties. He said no one would be entering his back yard without a search warrant and he wasn't going to respond to the survey. He also noted that the Mayor did not address any of his questions.

City Attorney Gould said he hasn't seen the letter, but that it appeared to be a voluntary process that would not violate the law.

Mayor Teich addressed Mr. Cline's question about who would clean up the tree in the river behind the YWCA, saying that the District Library will own the property and would be responsible for clean-up.

Mayor Teich addressed Mr. Moull's concerns about the safety of children riding in golf carts, noting there has been additional enforcement but there is no quick answer to the situation.

Lastly, Mayor Teich said Mr. Cline should inquire about his code enforcement issue with the Code Enforcement Office.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Olson said she is excited to see that the water portal is now live. She encouraged people that are worried about their water bill to register for the portal, saying the more you know the better off you'll be.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. City Manager Report – June 2026.

There was question whether the Mayor formally closed the Citizen Comments period, so the Mayor allowed more people to speak.
Councilmember Olson asked about the status of the scrap yard on Cedar Street. It was noted that the property had long-standing code enforcement issues spanning multiple owners and encouraged her to call the Building Department for the details.
Galen Ponder said that he appreciates the fact that the City has rules on parking. He suggested possibly tweaking the policy to improve the situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenues & Expenditures Report – May 2026.
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of June 8, 2026.
Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of June 24, 2026.
Planning Commission. Minutes of June 22, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2028
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027
Parks and Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2028
Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2029
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 7:45 p.m.

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

Note: Complete printed copies of the minutes and any ordinances contained therein are available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk and the Shiawassee District Library – Owosso Branch during regular business hours or on the Internet at www.ci.owosso.mi.us.