

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026**

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

RRC Certification Announcement. A presentation from the MEDC announcing the City's Redevelopment Ready Community Certification status.

Recycling Presentation. Presentation by Dr. Kari Krantz of information and analysis regarding the state's new curbside recycling mandate. After a period of discussion the Council asked for additional information on Option 5.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jerry Hittle asked if the yards and sidewalks torn up by Consumers Energy would be fixed by the time school starts. He also inquired if the City's recycling service had to be curbside.

Diana Schlaack, resident on W. Main Street, said she has seen a large deterioration in the condition of her neighborhood in the last two years, saying that drug deals are openly taking place. She asked what citizens could do to help clean up the area and make it safe once again. Carrie Tyler said she had noticed a lot more police presence in the W. Main Street area lately, and wanted to know what she could do to help. She said the momentum is trending in the right direction and she wants to make sure it continues.

Tom Manke commended the Owosso Police Department on the great job they did last weekend policing the 11th annual organic cruise. He estimated attendance at 7500 people and the injection of \$175,000 to area businesses. He also commented on the school millage request on the August ballot, saying the debt will be paid for by our children and will outlive the infrastructure it builds.

Bill Moull said he was glad to live in a community where the Council takes citizen comments seriously. He also noted that he previously lived in Genesee County and taught his kids to recycle only to move to Owosso and find out we don't have it.

Greg Brodeur, County Commission Chairman, noted that the land bank hopes to finalize the plans for the Mowinski building soon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Olson commented about the organic cruise last weekend saying she was disappointed to hear all of the burnouts as they damage the street surfaces and are dangerous to observers. She asked that Council create some guard rails to allow people to visit the City but not cause damage or danger.

Mayor Teich said he is a car guy, he has been to car shows that are held at a drag strip because that's what the attendees wanted to see. He said he has no problem with the car show, he has a problem with people doing burnouts. There is damage to City streets and garbage left behind by the participants of the organic cruise every year which the City has to take care of. He asked who would be responsible if something happened and who would pay for the trash?

There was general discussion regarding how the City could stop the damage, the cost to taxpayers for the event, hosting an event the City has no control over, making rules for an event that may not be wanted, and keeping Owosso car show-friendly. City Manager Henne suggested asking the City Attorney to draft a memo on what options are available to the Council.

Councilmember Osmer said that the upcoming Back to the Bricks Tune Up would be a great opportunity for people to show off their cars. She also noted that another concert will be held at the amphitheater on Thursday, in conjunction with the Moonlight Market.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Traffic Control Order - Vintage Motorcycle Days. Approved the request from Lizzie Fredrick, Owosso Main Street DDA Executive Director, for the closure of Washington St. from Main St. to Water St/Jerome Ave., Main Street Plaza, and Comstock Street from Water St. to Park St. on Saturday, August 29, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. for the Vintage Motorcycle Days event, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1562 formalizing the request.

Professional Services Agreement – Wastewater Legal Services. Approved professional services agreement with Davis & Davis for legal services at a rate of \$160 per hour, not to exceed \$20,000.00, related to an Industrial Pretreatment Program enforcement (IPP) and associated IPP improvements, and authorized payment up to the contract amount.

Change Order - 2025 Well Improvements Project. Approved Change Order #3 to the 2025 Well Improvements Project contract, increasing the contract amount \$33,544.00 for rehabilitation and upgrades to Palmer 2 Well and Local Well 1 and necessary tasks related to the abandonment of the Palmer 1 Well, and further approved payment to the contractor including Change Order No. 3 not to exceed a final amount of \$1,924,395.00.

Contract Amendment – WTP Filters Improvement Services Contract. Approved the Contract Amendment No. 1 with Fishbeck increasing the contract price by \$69,150.00 for providing additional engineering design and further approved payment to the engineers including Amendment No. 1 not to exceed a final amount of \$363,975.00.

Water and Sewer Rate Schedule – Addition of 12" Fire Protection Service. Approved changes to the Water and Sewer Rate Schedule to include fees for a 12" fire protection (sprinkler) service connection.

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 \$1,052.96 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of April 28, 2026, through June 23, 2026.

Parks and Recreation Millage Request. Approved resolution authorizing placement of a millage request for Parks and Recreation on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Election.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jerry Hittle noted there is a group of young people racing around the Holman Pool area on minibikes. He said they do not obey traffic laws and someone was liable to get hurt.

Tom Manke reported the a Pride participant was recently sentenced to prison and the event is a stain on the city. He went on to say that no one can tell him who he can invite to town and there's nothing the Council can do to stop him.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer echoed Mr. Hittle's comments on minibikes. She also noted that the police chief is aware of the problem and asked people to report the problem every time they see it.

Councilmember Fear inquired if the City has a vacant property registration ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2026 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2026 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2026 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2026 Rental Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2026 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. June 2026 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. June 2026 Parking Citation Report

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. June 2026 Fire Report.

Carnegie Library Property Committee. Minutes of June 25, 2026.

Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of June 24, 2026.

Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of July 8, 2026.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of July 13, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 3, 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 8:36 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

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