

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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

Proclamation – Charitable Nonprofit Week. Mayor Teich read aloud a proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring August 16th – 22nd, 2026 as Charitable Nonprofit Week in the City of Owosso.

Special Presentation - Owosso Time Traveler Project. OHC Chairman Lance Little presented the Owosso Time Traveler, a project to build a website that allows the cataloging and sharing of historic documents, places, and photos with the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kate Neese said she is in favor of moving to a single trash hauler for the City. She noted the excess wear and tear on the streets from having multiple haulers, the current lack of curbside recycling, and the potential for price decreases under a single hauler model.

Daniel Vargas said he was irritated that the City replaced the old splash pad with a new one. He said he really liked the idea that it recycled the water it used. He also commented on a ticket he received, getting very agitated, and was asked to leave the meeting by the Public Safety Director.

Jerry Hittle said he hasn't seen a decrease in the number of minibikes running around on the streets of his neighborhood. He said he would like to see stepped up enforcement or it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. He also asked that the DPW sweep his street more often as the intersections flood when it rains.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich said it would be neighborly of residents to check the storm sewer grates near their home to make sure they are not blocked by debris. Utilities Director Suchanek said the DPW tries to hit targeted areas with the street sweeper when rain is anticipated. He thanked Mr. Hittle for his input.

In response to Mr. Hittle's concerns about minibikes the mayor noted that OPD has stepped up enforcement, impounding a couple of minibikes just this weekend, but the officers have to actually see the violations occur. People were encouraged to continue to report their concerns to the non-emergency central dispatch number.

Councilmember Fear thanked the OHC for their work on the Owosso Time Traveler project saying it's a great way to store and share Owosso's history. Councilmember Osmer thanked OHC Chairman Lance Little for the extraordinary amount of work he contributed to the project.

Mayor Teich said he was looking forward to the development of a walking tour.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2027-101 - Hazards & Nuisances. Rescinded Resolution 116-2026 and authorized a resolution setting a public hearing for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2027-101, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2027-102 - Hazards & Nuisances. Rescinded Resolution 117-2026 and authorized a resolution setting a public hearing for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District

No. 2027-102, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2027-103 - Hazards & Nuisances. Rescinded Resolution 118-2026 and authorized a resolution setting a public hearing for Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2027-103, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

Charitable Gaming License - Rotary. Approved resolution provided by Michigan Lottery Charitable Gaming Division supporting the Owosso Rotary Foundation, Inc. gaming license application to conduct local fundraisers for the organization.

Contract Renewal – Cisco Webex Calling. Waived competitive bidding requirements and approved the five-year renewal of Cisco Webex Calling software, licensing, maintenance, and support through Logicalis, Inc. to maintain telephone service, security, administrative functionality and technical support in an amount not to exceed \$49,550.40.

Purchase Authorization – CrowdStrike Identity Threat Protection. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of CrowdStrike Falcon Identity Threat Protection Complete, Falcon Exposure Management, and related support from CDW Government LLC in the amount of \$20,530.00 and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory installation of the software.

Bid Award – Public Safety Building Improvements Project. Approved bid award to Nielsen Commercial Construction Company, Inc., for the Public Safety Building Improvements Project in the amount of \$934,420.00, which includes a \$50,000.00 contingency, for a total of \$984,420.00 and further approved payment to the contractor up to \$984,420.00 upon satisfactory completion of project or portion thereof.

CDBG Round 1 Contractors Quotes - Grant Contractors. Approved CDBG Round 1 Contractors' Quotes #7 in the amount of \$91,541.86 as part of a CDBG housing grant and authorized payment to the contractor(s) upon satisfactory completion of the project(s) or portion thereof.

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 \$2,345.86 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of July 2026.

Abatement of a Public Nuisance. Authorized the abatement of the public nuisance at 1405 W. Main Street.

Ordinance Amendment Direction – Trash Service. Directed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance amending or replacing Chapter 34, Article II of the City of Owosso Code of Ordinances (Garbage and Rubbish) to authorize a single-hauler system to comply with Michigan's 2022 amendments to Part 115 of NREPA.

MML Annual Meeting Delegates. Councilmember Osmer and Mayor Teich were designated as the City's official representatives for the MML Annual Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jerry Hittle said he has tried to find out what residences the minibikes are coming from in his area but has been unsuccessful so far. He asked if it would be possible to ticket the parents of such teen drivers.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Olson noted that school starts this week and asked that people in cars keep an eye out for kids on their way to school.

Councilmember Osmer announced the Year of the Non-profit exhibit at the Shiawassee Arts Center until the end of August and stated that the musical Come From Away will be playing at the Lebowsky Center for a limited time.

City Manager Henne announced that the City's Finance Director Brad Barrett will be moving on to a larger community. Henne said he will be missed and encouraged everyone to join in thanking Mr. Barrett and wishing him well. He further noted that he anticipates that finding a new finance director will be challenging.

Councilmember Fear asked about the vacant property registration ordinance. It was noted that the current ordinance only applies to residential properties. She asked that an ordinance be developed that addresses all property within the City limits.

Mayor Teich encouraged people to attend the Owosso Historic Home Tour in September and the Vintage Motorcycle Days event that will be held August 28th and 29th.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. July 2026 Building Department Report.
2. Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. July 2026 Code Violations Report.
3. Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. July 2026 Inspections Report.
4. Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. July 2026 Rental Report.
5. Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. July 2026 Certificates Issued Report.
6. Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. July 2026 Police Report.
7. Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. July 2026 Fire Report.
8. Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. July 2026 Parking Citation Report.
9. Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of July 29, 2026.
10. Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of July 22, 2026
11. Temporary Carnegie Library Committee. Minutes of July 23, 2026

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 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 7:31 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.