

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Loreen F. Bailey, Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Marlene Webster, County Commissioner District 1, gave kudos to the Council and city manager for all the good work they are doing. She went on to note some of the things happening at the county level including the closing of the County's defined benefit plan to new hires and a 15% reduction in spending.

Councilmember Pidek inquired whether the new party store at the corner of Gould and Main Streets would warrant a left turn signal at the adjacent intersection. It was noted that any change in the signal would come from MDOT, not the City.

Councilmember Fear remembered that the intersection had been "improved" by MDOT about 5 or 6 years back.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Henne detailed the latest Project Status Report for Council.

Rules were suspended and Tom Manke was allowed to make a citizen's comment.

Tom Manke inquired how many of the people on the Hazards & Nuisances list were elderly people that had no means of mowing their grass. He also asked if a tree planting program could be placed back in the budget and whether the City was siding with the Governor or the people when it comes to the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Mayor Eveleth indicated he would think about opening up City Hall for those that wish to comment on the Hazards & Nuisances roll but do not have access to Zoom.

Attorney Gould addressed the recent Michigan Supreme Court opinion regarding the Governor's executive orders saying the City shouldn't make any changes until further guidance is issued by the court.

There was discussion regarding how the City's state of emergency is tied to the State's state of emergency, when the Governor's orders expire, and thusly when the City's expire.

Councilmember Pidek asked that regardless of what happens in Lansing that the City make an extra effort to keep local businesses informed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2020-01 - Hazards and Nuisances. Authorized Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 19, 2020 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2020-01, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Elaine Greenway*	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2022
Jeff Selbig*	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2022
Paula Alexander	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2022

*Indicates reappointment.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cheryl A. Grice, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – August 2020.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of September 2, 2020.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of September 22, 2020.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of September 23, 2020.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2020

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – County Representative – term expires 06-30-2020

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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