

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

MAY 8, 2013

7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, Thomas B. Cook, Michael J. Erfourth, Christopher T. Eveleth and Burton D. Fox.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to set a time limit of 8:30 p.m. for the meeting.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth and concurred in by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION – 2013-14 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Crawford previewed the discussion by saying the group had covered the General Fund in their last budget meeting and tonight's agenda would cover the other funds. He then detailed a document he had recently put together in an attempt to summarize the budget in a fashion that was logical to the average lay person.

The Council discussed details of the following funds:

- Special Revenue Funds: Major Street Fund, Local Street Fund, Community Development Block Grant Fund, Housing Fund, Historical Commission Fund
- Debt Service Funds: 2010 General Obligation Bonds Fund, 2009 Long-term General Obligation Bonds Fund, 2013 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Fund
- Enterprise Funds: Transportation Fund (SATA), Sewer Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Fleet Maintenance Fund
- Component Units: Brownfield Authority Fund(s), Downtown Development Authority

They spent significant time discussing how different revenues and expenditures are accounted for in the budget, restrictions on the use of certain funds, the street funds and their sources of funding, the Historical Commission Fund and the mission of the Historical Commission, the balance in the Fleet Maintenance Fund and the advantages and disadvantages of purchasing used equipment.

Motion by Councilperson Erfourth to extend the meeting until 9:00 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cook and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Discussion continued, the topic touching on whether the City could share equipment with another jurisdiction, whether the City has actually saved money by not purchasing heavy equipment in the last 5 years, whether any money from the Fleet Maintenance Fund could be transferred to the General Fund, speeding up the planned purchase of equipment in the next couple of years, and re-establishing a line item to fund demolitions.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

James Morel, 996 Marguerite Drive, commented on a number of items including: his desire to see a 10 year forecast of possible capital expenditures, contacting a wedding planner and caterer to facilitate the use of the Castle and the Gould House as money making ventures, his feeling the City collects far more in water and sewer revenues than it expends, adjusting the budget document so it resembles that of a corporate enterprise, and his feeling that the Council needs to be more intimately involved in oversight of the budget to the point of reviewing it weekly.

Councilperson Cook noted that he still desired a discussion regarding retirement funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth for adjournment at 9:04 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bailey and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk