

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 30, 2014

6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Christopher T. Eveleth, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, David B. Bandkau, Burton D. Fox, Elaine M. Greenway, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Eveleth to set a time limit of 8:00 p.m. for the meeting.

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

DISCUSSION – 2014-15 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Donald D. Crawford previewed the discussion by explaining that he would start with revenue, move on to the general fund and then tomorrow night will begin discussion on special funds with the road funds being first. The following meeting he would like to continue with some specialized funds with a representative from the DDA and the Historical Commission present. At some point council will need to discuss the long term financial issues facing the City and make some decisions on those.

City Manager Crawford then began the evening's discussion by explaining that general property tax and revenue sharing are the two big sources of revenue. The next largest revenue generator is ambulance charges (it was noted that about 40% of charges are written off) and after that all the other revenue sources becomes quite small. He then moved on to expenditures. He explained that wages and benefits have remained about the same for the last two years. Human Resource Director Jessica B. Unangst explained the City's insurance plans and the different options that have helped with health insurance savings. Finance Director Richard C. Williams explained the retirement plans concentrating on the defined benefit plan and its continuing cost to the city. There was a short discussion on legal services and their cost. City Manager Crawford continued through each department's expenditures. Public Safety Director Kevin D. Lenkart explained the expenditures and requests for Capital Outlay for the Public Safety Department.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

James Morel, 996 Marguerite Drive, commented that he would like to see the city council allow landlords or tenants to sign an affidavit to eliminate re-inspections as other communities do. He also commented that Microsoft Office 365 was software the city may want to look into for the IT department.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 01, 2014

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Eveleth for adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

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

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Roxane K. Cramer, Clerk's Assistant