

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 01, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Loreen F. Bailey, Elaine M. Greenway, Daniel A. Law, Linda L. Robertson, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in Ceremony – Fire Department Employee. Mayor Eveleth presided over a ceremony to swear in the City’s newest firefighter: Tim Chon.

Swearing in Ceremony – Police Department Employee. Mayor Eveleth presided over a ceremony to swear in the City’s newest police officer: Ryan Gracz.

Mayor Eveleth asked the Council to suspend the rules of order and consider a motion to rename the City Council Chambers. The Council moved and approved the actions requested by the Mayor. The Mayor then went on to read the following proclamation:

Proclamation Naming the Owosso City Council Chambers. Mayor Eveleth read aloud a proclamation of the City Council naming the City Hall Council Chambers in memory of the Council’s pioneering first female member Virginia “Jo” Teich.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Assessment District No. 2019-12 – Summit Street. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-12 for Summit Street from Abbott Street to Rubelman Drive for street resurfacing. The following people commented regarding the proposed project: Ken Rednower, Cheryl Bradac, Mary Adams, Chuck & Barbara Robertson (via letter), and Larry Sullivan (via telephone). The Council moved to proceed with the project as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M21, inquired why the City specially assesses residents for street projects when other municipalities do not. He also asked why people in the City cannot have their own wells but must connect to the City system for water. It was indicated that the use of special assessments is a long-standing practice utilized that can be utilized by any municipality in the state.

Marlene Webster of Alliance for Drug Free Shiawassee detailed some of the efforts the organization has undertaken to create a drug-free environment for local youth. The organization meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Shiawassee RESD and everyone is welcome to attend.

Burton Fox gave a detailed update on the progress of the Firemen’s Memorial Steering Committee, reporting that the truck had been moved from Baker College to a new barn located on the property of a former fireman. He then asked that two new members be added to the group to help with their efforts.

Eddie Urban spoke about his recent 50th class reunion.

Becky Hamilton, member of the Durand Lions Club, invited all interested parties to attend a meeting October 24th to explore the possibility of resurrecting the Owosso club.

Councilmember Bailey said she was very happy the Council Chambers had been renamed for such a great lady.

Councilmember Law invited everyone to attend the next meeting of the Firemen’s Memorial Steering Committee and share any ideas they have.

The Council moved and approved a motion to expand the Firemen’s Memorial Steering Committee by two seats, appoint Ross Stanley and Sarah Moorodian to the Committee, and have Councilmember Law provide updates on the Committee’s progress in the future.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Henne distributed information requested at the September 17th meeting regarding the interest rate for unpaid special assessment balances. Mayor Eveleth asked that an item be placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible action to change the special assessment interest rate.

The City Manager then went on to detail the latest Project Status Report.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about whether recent changes in tax law would alter the City's approach to medical marijuana facilities. City Manager Henne indicated that it would be up to City Council and suggested this topic be an item of discussion at the next meeting.

Utilities Director Chinavare updated the Council on the progress of the Pilot Grant saying that approximately 100 addresses so far appear to qualify for water line replacement and six replacements have already been completed.

Councilmember Robertson asked when the City plans to purchase the software necessary to allow customers to check their water usage. City Manager Henne said he wants to hold off on the purchase until the issues with the meter change-over are corrected. In the meantime staff will monitor usage and notify residents if they observe a large increase in usage.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Special Assessment District No. 2019-09 – Palmer Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 15, 2018 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-09 for Palmer Avenue from Gute Street to Prindle Street for street resurfacing.

Special Assessment District No. 2019-13 – S. Washington Street. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 15, 2018 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-13 for Washington Street from Gute Street to Corunna Avenue for street reconstruction.

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Linda Robertson	Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees filling unexpired term of B. Fox	11-13-2018
Paul Rogers	Historical Commission	12-31-2020

Contract Extension Amendment – Preferred Ambulance Service Provider. Approved the amended 3-year extension of the contract with The Memorial Hospital naming the City of Owosso as its preferred ambulance provider.

Bid Award – Sale of Used Ambulance. Approved bid award to Ryan Roe for the purchase of one 2003 Ford Ambulance, VIN# 1FDXE45F93HA06336, in the amount of \$4,150.00.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of September 5, 2018.

Historical Commission. Minutes of September 10, 2018.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes of September 18, 2018.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke inquired why the property owners participating in the Façade Grant Program have to pay prevailing wages when the law was recently changed to remove this requirement. City Manager Henne explained that the money for the Façade Grant comes from the Federal government which is still subject to the prevailing wage requirement; the recent change in the law took place at the state level.

Eddie Urban said he was enjoying the new road surface on Monroe Street and was happy that he could report he hadn't run the new stop sign.

Dale Frasier, owner of D&L Auto Sales on Corunna Avenue, said he had received a letter from the City that the flags at his business are no longer permitted. He said he'd been displaying the flags for 15 years and did not see why he shouldn't be able to continue. He distributed to Council

a picture of his car lot showing the offending flags. City Manager Henne said the City was stepping up enforcement of sign regulations and Mr. Frasier's signs were not permitted.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 15, 2018

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2019

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

Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2020

Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2021

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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