

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Nicholas L. Pidek.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Special Assessment District No. 2020-01 – Cedar Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2020-01 for Cedar Street, from South Street to Hampton Avenue for street rehabilitation. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as proposed.

Special Assessment District No. 2020-02 – Clark Avenue. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2020-02 for Clark Avenue, from Oliver Street to King Street for street rehabilitation. The following person commented in regard to the proposed special assessment roll: Tom Kurtz. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as proposed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke asked why the millage rate is not stated in the City's March bond question. He commented on what he sees as excessive obstruction charges given to City defendants and vague laws regarding police assault.

Eddie Urban commented on the great information that is provided by the city's local newspapers, pointing out several specific articles.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika asked for an update on the Matthew's Building. City Manager Henne said it appears that no action by the owner has taken place to date and the City will be issuing a ticket to the owner if the sited code enforcement issues are not remedied by next Thursday.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – ROW Permit Ordinance. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 29, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article II, Streets, Division 2, Permits, Sec. 29-48, Performance bond, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso to remove the cash deposit option in lieu of a bond.

Lume Grand Opening Permission. Approved request from Green Sunrise Products, LLC dba Lume for the closure of the south west portion of Lot #10 (Comstock parking lot) from 7:00am until 10:00pm February 24, 2020 – February 29, 2020 to accommodate overflow parking for the grand opening of the Lume recreational marijuana retail facility and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1434 formalizing the request.

Contract Amendment – Tree Removal Services. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Forrest M. Spitzer d/b/a J & M Tree Service for tree removal services adding \$6,000.00 to the contract for the removal of trees in the area of the Owosso Drain easement and further approved payment to the contractor up to the amendment amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization – Street Sweeper. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of one Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper from Bell Equipment Company, holder of State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700091, in the amount of \$174,956.00, approved contingency funds for transportation and delivery expenses in the amount of \$2,000.00, and authorized payment up to the amount of \$176,956.00.

Warrant No. 581. Authorized Warrant No. 581 as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Gould Law, P.C.	Professional services-9/10/19-10/14/19	General	\$10,537.28

Check Register – January 2020. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$3,426,888.40 for January 2020.

Having forgotten the question regarding the bond request that was made during Citizen Comments, the Mayor asked that it be addressed now. City Manager Henne indicated that he would provide the information that Mr. Manke is looking for when the City puts out its official communication on the matter.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum – Sewer Collection System. Adopted resolution of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum thereof for the proposed issuance of bonds to finance the 2020 SRF sewer collection system projects.

Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum – WWTP. Adopted resolution of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum thereof for the proposed issuance of bonds to finance the 2020 SRF Waste Water Treatment Plant projects.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Treana M. Chick, City Assessor. March Board of Review – Assessment Changes.

N. Bradley Hissong, Building Official. January 2020 Building Department Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. January 2020 Code Violations Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. January 2020 Inspection Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. January 2020 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. January 2020 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. January 2020 Fire Report.

DDA/Main Street Board. Minutes of January 8, 2020.

Historical Commission. Minutes of January 13, 2020.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke thanked the City for hiring Albert Martenis III as the new Historical Properties Director and he asked once again why the millage rate is not included in the City’s March bond request. City Clerk Kirkland noted that the millage rate is indeed included in the question as it is required by law.

Eddie Urban spoke about a recent article he had read regarding control of feral cat populations and how was recently stopped by the State Police in his own yard because he looked suspicious.

Mr. Manke apologized for not seeing the millage rate in the ballot question.

Councilmember Bailey thanked the high school students in attendance this evening. She also reminded everyone that there will be a shelter making project here at City Hall this Sunday for anyone that is interested.

Councilmember Law announced that on March 15<sup>th</sup> the Shiawassee County Fire Fighters’ Memorial Committee will be hosting a 9 Pin, No Tap bowling tournament as a fund raiser for the memorial.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 02, 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

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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022

Downtown Loan Committee – Bank Representative - term expires June 30, 2021

Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2020

Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor  
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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