

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 21, 2011

7:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch, Councilpersons Thomas B. Cook, Michael J. Erfourth, Christopher T. Eveleth, Joni M. Forster, and Gary W. Martenis.

ABSENT: None.

DISCUSSION – 2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Council discussed the creation of a fee ordinance encompassing all of the various fees charged for permits, services, licenses, etc. There was in depth discussion regarding which fees were proposed to change and making parking fines high enough to be a deterrent to repeat violators.

The Council also discussed instituting a quarterly water fee dedicated solely to the replacement of water mains, charging vacant homes for the benefits they receive from the water & sewer systems, the need to replace one of the City's water wells, future updates to the waste water treatment plant, updating the charges for miscellaneous utilities services, instituting charges for homes with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer, and creating a sinking fund for maintenance of the water & sewer systems. Utilities Director Gary M. Burk indicated he would come back to Council with a plan that would combine street reconstruction with water main replacement, as well as a map that details the age and condition of the water system and the plans for replacement.

Lastly the Council discussed the dashboard report for the City that was developed by the Governor to help residents understand the financial standing of the City. As measured by this report the City is in fine shape, exceeding comparable municipalities in many areas including cash reserves, debt level and employee compensation. A presentation will be given at the May 2nd Council meeting further detailing the report for citizens.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

NEXT MEETING

May 2, 2011 – Regular Meeting

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Cable Access Advisory Commission, term expires 06-30-2011
Parks & Recreation Commission, term expires 06-30-2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk