

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019  
7:30 P.M.**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. EVELETH

**OPENING PRAYER:** PASTOR KENNETH HERBRUCK  
OWOSSO ASSEMBLY OF GD

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MAYOR PRO-TEM SUSAN J. OSIKA

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Haber to approve the agenda with the following additions:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Boards and Commissions Appointments.

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Susan Osika	City of Owosso Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees	11-09-2020

6. Special Assessment District No. 2019-09 – Palmer Avenue.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika and concurred in by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2019**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2019 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek and concurred in by unanimous vote.

**PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Proposed Special Assessment Project – Ryan Street**

City Manager Nathan R. Henne started by saying this is the hearing of necessity for the proposed project to reconstruct Ryan Street from Chipman Street to Cedar Street. The project will involve complete street reconstruction including narrowing of the street surface, replacement of all curb and gutter, installation of ADA sidewalks at intersections, replacement of catch basins and manholes, replacement of storm sewer pipe, and the installation of new pavement. Lastly, he noted that the project proposes the removal of parking along one side of the street. He explained that the proposal to narrow the street came about not only as a cost saving measure (Ryan Street is wider than many other local streets) but as a means to slow down traffic and create a safer environment for residents.

The public hearing was opened to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-10 for Ryan Street from Chipman Street to Cedar Street for street reconstruction.

The following people commented during the meeting regarding the proposed project:

Brian Suggs, 1012 Ryan Street, inquired about whether a traffic study was done, how his street was chosen for maintenance, why the cost was higher than Chipman and Oliver Streets yet the street would be narrower, and if there were other maintenance alternatives to reconstruction. He went on to read aloud an email from his wife objecting to the project.

Brandie Cords, 994 Ryan Street, said she shares Mr. Sugg's concerns with narrowing the street and the cost of the project. She said she prefers wider streets over narrower ones. She also expressed concern about City trucks wearing down the road due to its location near the DPW yard.

Mike Mackenzie, 806 Ryan Street, said he is concerned the street could be narrowed. He said he felt it was too narrow already and was the cause of fender benders when people pull out of driveways and cars are parked on both sides of the street. He also inquired how driveway approaches would be handled if the street is narrowed.

Steven Tisher, 1108 Ryan Street, said he agreed with the comments stated previously and asked what the threshold is for residents that don't want a project to proceed.

Lisa Frolka, 1316 Henry Street, asked if the street is narrowed will the City continue to maintain the trees currently in the right of way? She also asked if the City was narrowing the street to reduce the cost of replacing water service lines.

Don Bronson, 1001 Ryan Street, asked why the street is going to be narrowed. He said he felt that narrowing the street would increase the cost because all of the curbing would require removal and replacement.

Linda Durfee, 984 Ryan Street, also asked why the street is being narrowed, indicating that it is already difficult enough to move through the street when there are cars parked on both sides. She also noted that she is paying for the installation of the Owosso Drain and wanted to know if this project may remove her from the flood plain.

The following people commented prior to the meeting regarding the proposed project:

Danielle Slama, 819 Ryan Street, via telephone, had questions regarding details of the project but was otherwise excited about the project.

Jennifer Stout, 810 Ryan Street, via telephone and email, expressed her displeasure at possibly having to pay a special assessment, paying interest on any unpaid portion of the special assessment should she choose to pay in installments, her objection to the street being narrowed, her objection to limiting parking to one side of the street, having to pay for the 2016 Street Bond in addition to a special assessment, and citizen representation on Council.

Lynette Suggs, 1012 Ryan Street, via email, objected to the estimated cost of the project saying it was higher than comparable projects, the lack of benefit she will receive from a narrower street, limited street parking, "No Parking" signs in her yard, and the inconvenience of having a construction outside her home all summer. She asked how Ryan Street was selected for maintenance work, if there was a less expensive way to repair the road, if there are any grants available to assist with the cost of the work.

The Mayor and City staff addressed each of the questions posed by the residents.

There was agreement among Councilmembers the street is not in good condition but they were unsure about whether the street should be narrowed or kept at the same width. In response to an inquiry staff indicated that it would not be possible to stay on schedule if the matter was postponed until the next meeting. Council polled the residents present whether they would be willing to pay extra to keep the width the same. Half of those present indicated in the affirmative.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to adopt Resolution No. 3 for Ryan Street, leaving the street 32' wide, and assessing the estimated \$50,000 necessary to maintain the width of the street to the residents of the project area.

The motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve the following resolution adopting Resolution No. 3 for Ryan Street, leaving the street 32' wide and assessing 40% of the estimated \$50,000 necessary to maintain the width of the street to the residents of the project area.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-2019**

#### **AUTHORIZING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 ESTABLISHING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2019-10 RYAN STREET, FROM CHIPMAN STREET TO CEDAR STREET FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all persons to be affected by the proposed public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with said public improvement as more particularly hereinafter described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines to make and proceed with the following described public improvement and to defray a part or the whole cost, as more particularly hereinafter provided, by special assessment upon the property specially benefited:

RYAN STREET, A PUBLIC STREET, FROM CHIPMAN STREET TO CEDAR STREET  
STREET RECONSTRUCTION

2. The City Council hereby approves the plans for the aforesaid public improvement as prepared and presented by the City Manager and determines the estimated cost of said public improvement to be \$582,636.00 and approves said estimated cost and determines that the estimated life of said public improvement is twenty (20) years.
3. The City Council determines that of said total estimated cost, the sum of \$119,535.41 be paid by special assessment upon the property specially benefited, as more particularly hereinafter described, and that the sum of \$463,100.59 of said total estimated cost shall be the obligation of the City at large because of benefit to the City at large.
4. The City Council hereby designates the following described property as the special assessment district upon which the special assessment shall be levied:

Ryan Street, a Public Street, from Chipman Street to Cedar Street  
Street Reconstruction

5. The City Assessor shall prepare a special assessment roll including all lots and parcels of land within the special assessment district herein designated, and the Assessor shall assess to each such lot or parcel of land such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all lands in the special assessment district as the benefit to such lot or parcel of land bears to the total benefits to all lands in such district.
6. When the Assessor shall have completed the assessment roll, he shall file the special assessment roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Law, Pidek, Bailey, Fear, Haber, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

County Commissioner John Horvath, District 2, announced that a video and details of the proposed project to build a new county jail will be detailed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday. All are invited to attend.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, asked that the City replace the sidewalk along the side of his property as it is below the level of his lawn and holds significant water making that section of sidewalk impassible.

Tom Manke, editor- Facebook.com/FriendsAndNeighborsOwosso, thanked Council for listening to the residents on Ryan Street. He went on to say that he did not believe that staff collected traffic counts prior putting together the plans for the Ryan Street project. He asked if he would be forced to file a FOIA request to obtain the traffic count information. He also asked when staff would be held accountable for lying to the public.

Jeff Daniels, 1104 S. Pearce Street, inquired whether the Council would consider going back to monthly billing for utilities services provided to rentals. He expressed frustration as a landlord with the fact that unpaid water bills get so high before water service is shut off. He also made some suggestions to improve the Ryan Street project.

Daniel Smith, 1210 Corunna Avenue, said he was here again to discuss an issue he has with code enforcement efforts performed on his property last year. He explained that he had met with the City Manager recently but the two could not come to a resolution. He expressed a number of questions related to the incident and once again stated that he had made arrangements to remedy the violation in question but the City cleaned up his property just hours before his service provider was due to collect the offending rubbish. He said he was not sure where to go from here.

In response to Mr. Daniels question regarding monthly billing Mayor Eveleth noted that the City saves a significant amount of money each year by choosing to go with a quarterly billing cycle as

opposed to a monthly cycle. He noted that water users are welcome to pay each month if they would like to. He went on to address Mr. Manke's question regarding FOIA noting that he would need to request the information from staff as Council does not actively handle FOIA requests. City Manager Henne noted that he had spoken with Mr. Smith regarding his code enforcement issue and confirmed that they were unable to reach a resolution. He further noted that he did not want to get into details about the incident due to privacy concerns.

In an effort to further address Mr. Daniels's concern Mayor Pro-Tem Osika noted that the City was looking at obtaining software that will allow residents to check their water usage in real time.

Mayor Eveleth said he had the privilege of attending the 100 Women Who Care meeting this evening. He thanked them for the opportunity indicating it is his desire to create a similar group for men in the community.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Henne indicated the Project Status Report would be presented at the February 19, 2019 meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

**Special Assessment District No. 2019-14 – Williams Street.** Authorize Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2019-14 for Williams Street, from Shiawassee Street to Washington Street for street rehabilitation as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-2019**

#### **WILLIAMS STREET FROM SHIAWASSEE STREET TO WASHINGTON STREET SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the cost of the public improvements more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in the *Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.
4. The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL CITY OF OWOSSO, COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

WILLIAMS STREET, A PUBLIC STREET, FROM SHIAWASSEE STREET TO  
WASHINGTON STREET

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the Special Assessment district's share of the cost of the following described improvements:

STREET REHABILITATION

The said Special Assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment roll must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing.

**Boards and Commissions Appointments.** Approve the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Brent Mowinski	Downtown Loan Committee (bus own)	06-30-2019
Nicholas Pidek	Downtown Loan Committee (bus own)	06-30-2020
Lori Bailey	Downtown Loan Committee (Council rep)	06-30-2021
Bradley Kirkland	Downtown Loan Committee (bank rep)	06-30-2019
Craig Bishop	Downtown Loan Committee (bank rep)	06-30-2020
Susan Osika (this appointment was added to the agenda)	City of Owosso Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees	11-09-2020

**Purchase Authorization – Water Line Push Camera.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize purchase of one 330 foot Verisight Pro Plus Camera from Bell Equipment Company in the amount of \$23,500.00, and further authorize payment in full to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment with 50% of said price to potentially be reimbursed via an MMRMA RAP Grant as detailed below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2019**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT  
FROM BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF LAKE ORION, MICHIGAN  
FOR USE AT THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has identified a need for the purchase of a Verisight Pro video inspection camera from Bell Equipment Company of Lake Orion, Michigan for use at the Water Treatment Facility and other drinking water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, purchase of this equipment will significantly assist in the identification of systemic problems in piping systems to avoid future claims and/or more expensive repairs when discovered, as well as aid in complying with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Asset Management Program; and

WHEREAS, waiver of competitive bidding process is hereby requested as the selected equipment is specialized for its intended application, and is the only one of its type staff has found to be acceptable for vertical and horizontal turns through process equipment piping at the treatment works; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment is eligible for 50% reimbursement from the City's insurance carrier Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, to be considered at the Membership Committee's next meeting on March 6, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The city of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to procure one 330' Verisight Pro Plus with pan & tilt camera from Bell Equipment Company for use at the Water Treatment Facility.

SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Bell Equipment Company in the amount of \$23,500.00 plus shipping and handling of \$300.00 for a total of \$23,800.00.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 591-901-977.000.

**Purchase Authorization - DPW Fleet Pickup Trucks.\*** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of one Ford F150 4x2 pickup and one Ford F250 4x4 pickup truck for the DPW fleet from Signature Ford Lincoln Mercury in the amount of \$68,489.00 utilizing State Contract No. 071 B7700180/Macomb County Contracts 71-15 & 21-18, approve a contingency of \$5,000.00 for estimated shipping and handling and unplanned configuration changes, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicles as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2019**

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FLEET VEHICLES (PICKUPS)  
FROM OWOSSO MOTORS, INC. D/B/A SIGNATURE FORD LINCOLN MERCURY  
UTILIZING CONTRACT # 071B7700180**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has budgeted from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the replacement of two pickup trucks used for the maintenance of streets and grounds, and

WHEREAS, existing pickup trucks No. 309 & E-01 having expended their useful life and are too costly to continue maintaining, and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 2-345(3) provides for an exception to competitive bidding when the best interest of the city would be served by jointly purchasing with another governmental unit, and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso desires to purchase two replacement pickup trucks, and it is in the best interest of the City to utilize State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700180/Macomb County Contracts 71-15 & 21-18 held by Owosso Motors, Inc. d/b/a Signature Ford Lincoln Mercury, for said purchase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to purchase the following vehicles from Signature Ford Lincoln Mercury using State of Michigan Contract No. 071B7700180 and priced according to the Macomb County Contract stated:

- a. One Ford F150 4x2 Regular Cab Pickup with 6.5' box, via Macomb County Contract 71-15 in the amount of \$35,380.00
- b. One Ford F250 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup with 6.75' box, via Macomb County Contract 21-18 in the amount of \$33,109.00

SECOND: The Director of Public Services is hereby instructed and authorized to sign any necessary documents to complete said purchase.

THIRD: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Owosso Motors, Inc. d/b/a Signature Ford Lincoln Mercury in the amount of \$68,844.00, plus contingency funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for transportation & delivery expenses and unplanned configuration changes for a total of \$73,489.00.

FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

**MDOT Cost Agreement No. 18-5568.\*** Authorize the execution of MDOT Cost Agreement No. 18-5568 for the reconstruction of S. Washington Street from Gute Street to Corunna Avenue as shown below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MDOT COST AGREEMENT  
FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS OF WASHINGTON STREET  
FROM GUTE STREET NORTHERLY TO M-71 (CORUNNA AVENUE)**

WHEREAS, Washington Street, from Gute Street to M-71 (Corunna Avenue), is a part of the federal-aid road system; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a safe and expedient road system for users which requires proper maintenance of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for, and is now approved to receive, Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds to assist with necessary improvements to this street; and

WHEREAS, after review, city staff recommends approval of MDOT Cost Agreement No. 18-5568 for the proposed hot mix asphalt paving work along Washington Street from Gute Street northerly to M-71 (Corunna Avenue); including intersection improvements, storm drainage, concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and ramp, water main installation, sanitary sewer repair, permanent signing and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work (also referred to as 'project'); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation requires the city of Owosso adopt a resolution indicating its willingness to participate in the street improvements of Washington Street as set forth in the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve MDOT Contract No. 18-5568 for the proposed reconstruction of Washington Street, from Gute Street northerly to M-71 (Corunna Avenue).
- SECOND: The City of Owosso is willing to participate in the project and cost as illustrated within said Contract.
- THIRD: That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Contract as attached.
- FOURTH: The City Council hereby directs staff to allocate \$593,200.00 from the 2016 Unlimited Obligation Bond Proceeds Fund, Water Fund, and Wastewater Fund, and to receive another \$600,000.00 from Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds for a total of \$1,193,200.00 to fund this project, and directs the City Manager to proceed with the project, in accordance with the said MDOT Contract.

**Special Assessment District No. 2019-09 – Palmer Avenue.** (This item was added to the agenda.) Authorize Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2019-09 for Palmer Avenue from Gute Street to Prindle Street for street resurfacing as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2019**

**PALMER AVENUE  
FROM GUTE STREET TO PRINDLE STREET  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the cost of the public improvements more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in the *Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.
4. The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL  
CITY OF OWOSSO, COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

PALMER AVENUE, A PUBLIC STREET, FROM GUTE STREET TO PRINDLE STREET

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the Special Assessment district's share of the cost of the following described improvements:

**STREET REHABILITATION**

The said Special Assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment roll must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Bailey, Law, Pidek, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Haber, Fear, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Surface Transportation Program Fund Application - North Street**

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Program funds to assist in the reconstruction of North Street from Shiawassee Street to Hickory Street, authorize participation in the Small Urban Program, and further authorize commitment of City funds in the amount of \$183,000 plus the cost of project design engineering and construction administration as detailed in the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2019**

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR MDOT SMALL URBAN FUNDS FOR NORTH STREET FROM M-52 (SHIAWASSEE STREET) TO HICKORY STREET**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, Public Service Department recommends the reconstruction of North Street from M-52 (Shiawassee Street) easterly to Hickory Street; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation offers a portion of federal funds known as Small Urban Program funds for this type of work; and

WHEREAS, roadway improvements that are eligible for these funds must be located on the federal-aid highway system and within the federal urban area boundary, such as North Street in the City of Owosso; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso proposes to procure Small Urban Program funds for the purpose of providing a maximum of 80 percent (80%) federal match to the City's Major Street Funds or other funds as obligated; as outlined in its application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to proceed with the proposed roadway improvements.

SECOND: The City of Owosso is actively seeking Small Urban Program funds to partially fund the reconstruction of North Street from M-52 (Shiawassee Street) easterly to Hickory Street and is willing to participate in the Small Urban program.

THIRD: The proper city officials are authorized to sign the application documents and are further authorized to obligate city funds for the required match of the project cost.

FOURTH: The city's portion of costs shall be paid from the City's Public Act 51 Major Streets Fund or other funds as obligated.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Haber, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Law, Bailey, Pidek, Fear, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

**Surface Transportation Program Fund Application - Gould Street**

Motion by Councilmember Law to approve a grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Program funds to assist in the reconstruction of Gould Street from Oliver Street to Moore Street, authorize participation in the Small Urban Program, and further authorize commitment of City funds in the amount of \$305,000 plus the cost of project design engineering and construction administration as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2019**

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR MDOT SMALL URBAN FUNDS  
GOULD STREET FROM OLIVER STREET TO MOORE STREET**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, Public Service Department recommends the reconstruction of Gould Street from Oliver Street northerly to Moore Street; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation offers a portion of federal funds known as Small Urban Program funds for this type of work; and

WHEREAS, roadway improvements that are eligible for these funds must be located on the federal-aid highway system and within the federal urban area boundary, such as Gould Street in the City of Owosso; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso proposes to procure Small Urban Program funds for the purpose of providing a maximum of 80 percent (80%) federal match to the City's Major Street Funds or other funds as obligated; as outlined in its application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to proceed with the proposed roadway improvements.

SECOND: The City of Owosso is actively seeking Small Urban Program funds to partially fund the reconstruction of Gould Street from Oliver Street northerly to Moore Street and is willing to participate in the Small Urban program.

THIRD: The proper city officials are authorized to sign the application documents and are further authorized to obligate city funds for the required match of the project cost.

FOURTH: The city's portion of costs shall be paid from the City's Public Act 51 Major Streets Fund or other funds as obligated.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Pidek, Law, Fear, Haber, Bailey, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Cheryl A. Grice, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – December 2018.  
Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of January 9, 2019.  
Mid-Shiawassee County WWTP Review Board. Minutes of January 29, 2019.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke, editor- Facebook.com/FriendsAndNeighborsOwosso, suggested that when considering future street improvement projects the Council keep in mind that the next generation wants to live in a walkable city.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, noted a hollow tree near the intersection of King Street and Seventh Street that should be cut down before it falls down.

Councilmember Bailey complimented Council and staff for their work during the goal setting session held last week. She said she found it helpful and that she appreciated the opportunity to have such a candid session.

Councilmember Fear led a round of applause for the City's DPW workers for their extraordinary efforts over the last couple of weeks. She also thanked City Manager Henne for going out to work with them last Monday during the snow storm. Mayor Pro-Tem Osika reminded everyone that the annual Chocolate Walk was scheduled for this weekend starting at 5:00 p.m. She said tickets were available at Apple Tree Lane or online.

City Manager Henne complemented Paul Oberlin for his leadership of the City's water crew, saying he was doing an exceptional job under challenging circumstances. He also announced that he had recently spoken with Friends of the Shiawassee River Executive Director Lorrain Austin and had agreed to conduct a series of tours of the waste water treatment plant for Friends board members.

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

- Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2019
- Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022
- Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2020
- Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2021
- Parks & Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2019
- Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate – term expires June 30, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Bailey for adjournment at 8:59 p.m.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika and concurred in by unanimous vote.

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Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

\*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.