

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

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.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proposal for New Jail. (This item was postponed until April 1, 2019.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment A - Chapter 38, Zoning. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed amendments to sections: Section 38-197, 38-217, 38-242, 38-267, and 38-292 of Chapter 38, Zoning, to set buffer zone requirements for medical marihuana businesses. The following person commented in regard to the proposed amendment: Kasey Hadd. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Ordinance Amendment B - Chapter 38, Zoning. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed amendments to sections: Section 38-292, 38-312, 38-393 and 38-389 of Chapter 38, Zoning, to establish requirements for industrial outdoor storage screening. The following person commented in regard to the proposed amendment: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Special Assessment District No. 2019-01 – Abrey Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2019-01 for Abrey Street, from Melinda Avenue to Allendale Avenue for resurfacing. The following person commented regarding the proposed special assessment roll: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

Special Assessment District No. 2019-02 – Allendale Avenue. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2019-02 for Allendale Avenue, from Gould Street to the east City limits for resurfacing. The following person commented regarding the proposed special assessment roll: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

Special Assessment District No. 2019-07 – Monroe Street. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2019-07 for Monroe Street, from McMillan Avenue to the east City limits for resurfacing. There were no citizen comments. The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

Special Assessment District No. 2019-08 – North Street. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2019-08 for North Street, from the west City limits to Chipman Street for resurfacing. The following people commented regarding the proposed special assessment roll: Tom Manke, Gordon Parkinson on behalf of Covenant Eyes, and Robert Miller (via email). The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shiawassee County District 2 Commissioner John Horvath stepped to the podium and said he was happy to be back representing the people. He asked for patience should he need to take a break in his responsibilities due to his health, but said he wants to be part of the process going forward.

Tom Manke said he was proud of the Shiawassee County community for coming together so quickly to assist those in the Vernon/Durand area that suffered damage from Thursday's tornado. He also encouraged everyone to tour the jail to get an idea of what the conditions are really like before going to the polls in May.

Mayor Eveleth agreed with Mr. Manke’s sentiment regarding those that came out to assist with the tornado recovery, including the City’s Public Safety Director, City Manager, and Public Works Department. He said it was a miracle that no one was hurt in the storm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Special Assessment District No. 2019-13 – S. Washington Street. Authorized Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Monday, April 1, 2019 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2019-13 for Washington Street, from Gute to Corunna Avenue for reconstruction.

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Bobbi Fuller	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board filling unexpired term of K. Wiles	06-30-2021
Jed Dingens	Owosso Historical Commission Filling unexpired term of A. Ludington	12-31-2020

Curwood Festival Permission. Authorized application from the Curwood Festival for use of various parking lots and streets from June 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. through June 10, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. for the annual Curwood Festival and further authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1412 formalizing the action.

Change Order – 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved Change Order No. 1 to the 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract with Seifert Construction LLC adding \$100,000.00 for performance of the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Program at unit prices 5% below that of the 2018 contract, further approved a contingency of \$30,000.00, and authorized payment up to \$130,000.00 to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Contract Amendment - 2017 Tall Grass Mowing Program Contract. Authorized Addendum No. 2 to the 2017 Tall Grass Mowing Program Contract with J&M Tree Service a.k.a. Forrest M. Spitzer for mowing of private properties in violation of the weed ordinance and for certain city-owned properties extending the contract through the 2019 mowing season in the amount of \$12,420.00, approving a contingency of \$4,000.00 to be utilized only upon written approval, and further authorizing payment up to the addendum amount plus the contingency.

Bid Award – 2019 Street Resurfacing Program – Contract No. 2. Approved the low bid of Crawford Contracting for the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program – Contract No. 2 in the amount of \$396,532.87, authorized a contingency amount of \$50,000.00, and further authorized payment up to the bid amount plus the contingency (with prior written approval) upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Check Register – February 2019. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,711,179.26 for February 2019.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Steam Railroading Institute / MDOT Grant Application. Authorized a letter of support for the establishment of a partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Steam Railroading Institute for the purpose of rebuilding the Chicago & North Western 175 locomotive and agreed to serve as the certified local government unit for the project as it relates to the application for TAP funds for said project.

Recreation Passport Grant Application. Authorized application for a Recreation Passport Grant seeking funding for the rehabilitation of the parking lot and former pool house in Grove Holman Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

N. Bradley Hissong, Building Official. February 2019 Building Department Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2019 Code Violations Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2019 Certificates Issued Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2019 Inspections Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2019 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2019 Fire Report.

Historical Commission. Minutes of February 11, 2019.

Planning Commission. Minutes of February 25, 2019.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of March 6, 2019.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments.

Councilmember Bailey inquired about the timing of the recent tax assessment notices noting that she had recently received her assessment along with a letter inviting her to the Board of Review. The letter indicated that appointments to come before the board were strongly suggested but left very little time to schedule as the Board of Review meetings were just days from the time she received the notice. City Manager Henne indicated he would discuss the matter with staff tomorrow.

Councilmember Pidek asked if the information in the City Manager's presentation was being given to citizens. He said it was great information presented in an easy to read manner and suggested it be placed on the website so it could be a resource for citizens.

Mayor Eveleth thanked County Commissioner Horvath for coming this evening saying he was a great example of a public servant, always ready whenever needed.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 01, 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 – 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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