

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2019
7:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. EVELETH

OPENING PRAYER: BURTON FOX
MEMBER OF SHIAWASSEE FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: DAN LAW, COUNCILMEMBER

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.

Mayor Eveleth called for a moment of silence in honor of Rick Schneider who passed away earlier today. Mr. Schneider was a City of Corunna Firefighter, a former City of Owosso Reserve Firefighter; and a member of the Shiawassee Firefighter Memorial Committee.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the agenda as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 29, 2019

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve the Minutes of the July 29, 2019 Meeting as presented.

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

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Burton Fox, 216 East Oliver Street, commented that he was there to promote the Shiawassee County Firefighters Memorial but he was there with a heavy heart after the passing of Rick Schneider this morning. Mr. Fox also shared that Mr. Schneider was the committee's biggest advocate for fundraising. He thanked the mayor for attending the pig roast fundraising and he also asked the council to promote the fundraising.

Tom Manke commented about Mr. Schneider. He stated the Mr. Schneider's passion was for firefighters and people. Mr. Manke also thanked the council on the good things going on in the City right now. He stated his expertise is in cyberspace and he is going to help fundraise for the Firefighters Memorial by using that.

Ed Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, showed a handmade Purple Heart wall hanging that he won at a veteran's conference He explained that his neighbor would like a gate to make sure people stop at the stop sign at Glenwood and Monroe. He then shared a story of witnessing a vehicle not stopping at the sign and driving, he estimated, between 65-75 mph. He also shared he picked up a handout at the Shiawassee County Fair about the Purple Heart Day, which Mr. Urban read a portion of.

Barbara Chase stated she owns the house at 421 Grover Street and wanted to know what the city is going to do with the burned out house next to it at 426 Grover Street.

City Manager Henne responded to Ms. Chase stating that the city will be tearing the house down this year.

Mayor Eveleth commented that the Moonlight Market was a great event it. He also congratulated Tracey Peltier and the people around her who made it happen.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Henne detailed the latest project status report.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Christopher Owens	Parks & Recreation Commission	06/30/2021
Elaine Greenway	Parks & Recreation Commission	06/30/2020

Owosso Community Players parking spaces. Approved request from Carl Ludington, OCP Representative, for the use of 2 parking spaces directly in front of OCP for the 2019-2020 OCP shows on the following dates/times: **2019, 3:00 pm shows** - Sept 8,15; Oct. 27; Nov. 3, 10; Dec. 14,15, 2019; **2020 3:00 pm shows** – Jan. 3,18; Mar 1, 8; Apr 19,26; June 14, 21; 2020; **2019 7:00 pm shows** – Sept 28; Dec 13, 14, 15, 2019; **2020 7 pm shows;** Jan 18, 2020; **2019 8 pm shows** Sept 6, 7, 13, 14; Oct 25, 26; Nov 1, 2, 9, 2019; **2020 8:00 pm shows** Feb 28, 29; Mar 6, 7, 13; Apr 17, 18, 24, 25; Jun 12, 13, 19, 20, 2020 and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1422 formalizing the action.

Bicycle Show and Swap Meet. Approved request from Rick Morris, Westown Merchant’s member, for the closure of the parking lot at 800 W. Main St. on Sunday, August 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1424 formalizing the action.

Vintage Motorcycle Show. Approve request from Josh Adams, Owosso DDA Executive Director, for street closures for the Vintage Motorcycle Show Event. The closure of Washington Street from Main Street to Williams Street; Exchange Street from Washington Street to Park Street, on Saturday, August ~~14~~, 24, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1425 formalizing the action.

Contract Amendment – Professional Service Agreement. Authorize an amendment to the professional service agreement with C2AE of Lansing, Michigan dated October 21, 2013 in the amount of \$155,000 as Addendum No 6, for providing engineering design and construction administration services for replacement of influent screw pumps and grit removal system at the wastewater treatment plant.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2019

AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM NO.6 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND C2AE ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES TO REPLACE INFLUENT SCREW PUMPS AND GRIT REMOVAL SYSTEM AT THE WASTEWATER PLANT

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has budgeted from the Wastewater Plant Replacement Fund for the replacement of the influent screw pumps and grit removal system, and

WHEREAS, the existing screw pumps are worn beyond reliability and economical repair, and the existing grit removal system is inoperable and in need of replacement components to reestablish this treatment process, and C2ae Engineers and Planners of Lansing, Michigan has provided a proposal for the necessary engineering services replace these capital items.

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the proposal and verified the engineering services as necessary for the design, bid specification development, and construction administration services to replace and restore the influent screw pumps and grit removal system to design operating capacity, and hereby recommends authorizing C2ae to provide these engineering services in the amount of \$155,000.00.

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 contract with C2ae Engineers and Planners for design services to replace the aged screw pumps and to restore the grit removal system components at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to C2ae in the amount of \$155,000.00 for these services.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the Wastewater Plant Fund 599-901-977.000.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Professional Agreement - MML Wage Study

City Manager Henne passed out a list of all 28 non-union employees to council that could be included in the wage study. City Manager explained he felt union contract negotiations are going to take longer than what he previously thought and would like to start on the wage study now. He explained that the wage study will probably take months. He also shared with council that if they wanted to they could remove him from the list because council negotiates his salary, Owosso Historical Facilities Director and the Curwood Castle Docent because the Owosso Historical Commission is going to spin off into their own non-profit so the city may not be issuing those employee's checks.

Councilmembers discussed removing or leaving all 28 employees in the wage study and the possibility of leaving the 2 Owosso Historical Commission employees in the study or removing them and what the benefits would be. Councilmembers also discussed removing the city manager from the list and using the Human Resource Director to help council with the deciding on the city manager's wage.

Councilmember Bailey suggested leaving the Owosso Historical Facilities Director and the Castle Docent in the study as a donation to the OHC.

Councilmember Law questioned if they could be added in at a later date if they remain as the city employees and he didn't see the need to leave them in if the city would no longer be responsible for their wages.

City Manager replied they could be added in later.

Councilmember Law made a motion to enter into to the wage study agreement with the omission of the city manager, Owosso Historical Facilities Director and the Curwood Castle Docent.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WAGE AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, wishes to complete a wage and classification study for all non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso through its membership in the Michigan Municipal League is eligible for the requested professional service; and

WHEREAS, since the Great Recession there has been multiple restructuring of staffing levels and responsibilities within the city's nonunion staff; and

WHEREAS, no professional wage study has been completed in the last 10 years for non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, this is a not budgeted item for fiscal year 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, recent unbudgeted revenue has been received by the city.

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 hire the Michigan Municipal League to conduct a wage and classification study for non-union employees for a cost to the City of Owosso of \$27,000.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in the form attached, Contract for Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and the Michigan Municipal League up to the amount of \$29,160.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the General Fund.

Motion supported by Pro-Tem Osika.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: Councilmembers Fear and Bailey.

Closed Session

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to approve holding closed session after the last session of Citizen Comments and Questions for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Burk - Mid-County Wastewater Treatment Plant Review Board. Letter of resignation.
DDA/MainStreet. Minutes of July 10, 2019.
Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of May 29, 2019.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke commented he wanted to bring to the city council attention, they should check on the consent agenda the vintage motorcycles date on the agenda it says it is on the 14th of August which is a Wednesday. He shared the city was losing a valuable person with Gary Burk. He also commented that the downtown sidewalk on Exchange Street is in bad shape. He continued asking if you have a problem with a contractor why the city can't just move on to the next contractor. Mr. Manke also stated he has had people ask why they have to pay to pay their water bill?

Ed Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, shared a story about an Owosso women complaining about dead flowers around Owosso because of the lack of water nobody is watering them. He also shared his neighbor would like a gated Glenwood Avenue and Monroe street so people won't run the stop sign. Mr. Urban stated there was a vehicle that ran stop signs (Gould and Monroe, Glenwood and Monroe) and Mr. Urban estimated they were driving about 65 to 75mph.

Carol Ann Smith, Jackson Drive, explained she takes Moore Avenue across to go to the hospital for work. She stated at Krust Drive and Moore there is a yield sign for Krust Drive but people don't always observe the yield sign. She herself was involved in an accident at that corner because the other driver didn't see the yield sign. She is requesting a stop sign at Krust to replace the yield sign.

City manager Henne stated they will check into a stop sign at Krust Drive to replace the yield sign there now.

Councilmember Pidek asked about the convenience fee and was wondering if it was a BS&A fee.

City manager Henne replied he will look into it.

Councilmember Pidek also stated that he knew that businesses pay the credit card cost. Thought maybe there could be a reduction of the cost per transaction.

Councilmember Law stated that he sees that to be problematic to have to pay to pay your bill. He asked if it would be a reasonable comparison that using a credit card would be a labor savings rather than if someone dropped a check in the drop box and the labor involved with processing the check?

City Manager Henne responded to Councilmember Law that it wouldn't be a labor savings but a reallocation of duties.

Mayor Eveleth asked about a motion to correct the date of Traffic Control Order for the Vintage Motorcycle Show.

Date for Vintage Motorcycle Show

Motion by Councilmember Bailey to amend the date on the Vintage Motorcycle Show from the 14th to the 24th. The agenda had the date listed incorrectly.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:31 P.M.

COUNCIL RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:45 P.M.

Councilmember Bailey suggested some sort of recognition for Gary Burk for his many years of service.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 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 – 2 terms expire December 31, 2021
- Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2019
- SATA Board of Directors – term expires October 1, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Pidek for adjournment at 8:46 p.m.

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

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Roxane K. Cramer, Deputy City Clerk