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
None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Covenant Eyes. Conducted a Public Hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the application of Covenant Eyes, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property improvements at 1525 West King Street. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the tax exemption for a period of 12 years.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – North Street. City Manager Henne gave a brief presentation detailing the work that is being proposed. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2020-03 for North Street from Hickory Street to Gould Street for street reconstruction. The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment project: Tom Manke, Burton Fox, and Patty Zamora. The Council moved to approve the special assessment project as proposed.

Ordinance Amendment – Site Plan Review. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed amendments to Section 38-390, Site Plan Review, of Article XVII, General Provisions, of Chapter 38, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, to allow staff approval of select site plans. The following person commented in regard to the proposed ordinance amendment: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed.

Ordinance Amendment – Sign Ordinance. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed repeal and replacement of Chapter 26, Signs, of the Code of Ordinances. The following people commented in regard to the proposed ordinance amendment: Tom Manke, Dale Frazier, and Burton Fox. After a lengthy discussion as to whether certain types of signs should be prohibited the Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
Tom Manke said he felt the Council had damaged small businesses and overreached when it approved amendments to the Sign Ordinance. He also noted that the recent Oktoberfest was a great event and he thanked the Mayor for taking the time to answer public questions.
Dale Frazier said he was disappointed that Council approved the amendments to the Sign Ordinance, noting that he does not believe that any traffic accidents had been caused by the festoons at his car lot. He said he would not recommend a business move to Owosso.
Gale Porter said he opposes single hauler trash service in the City. He said he currently receives excellent service from a local company and jobs would be lost if the City switched to a single trash hauler.
Burton Fox said he had a great discussion with the City Manager regarding single hauler trash service. It is his belief that the trash ordinance needs to require trash pickup with services billed to the property owner. He then addressed the Sign Ordinance saying there needs to be further consideration for the car dealer and the City must provide equal enforcement of the ordinance.
Eddie Urban said he needs to have surgery again but has had to postpone it because the City is requiring him to clean up his property. He expressed frustration with the City saying he thought his sheds were grandfathered in.
CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:


OMS/DDA RLF Loan Funding Approval – 108 N. Washington Street. Approved the application from Owosso Books & Beans, LLC requesting a loan from the OMS/DDA Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of $50,000.00 for working capital for their location at 108 N. Washington Street.

OMS/DDA RLF Bridge Loan Funding Approval – 118 S. Washington Street. Approved the application from Nom Nom Sweeties requesting a loan from the OMS/DDA Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of $6,975.00 for buildout expenses for their location at 118 S. Washington Street.

OMS/DDA RLF Bridge Loan Funding Approval – 114-116 W. Main Street. (This item was removed from the agenda.)

OMS/DDA RLF Grant Funding Approval – Turnabout Ventures, LLC. Approved the application from Turnabout Ventures, LLC requesting a grant from the OMS/DDA Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of $9,575.00 to obtain architectural services for the development of upper-floor residential units at 113 E. Main Street, 115 E. Main Street, 110 N. Washington Street, and 108 E. Exchange Street.

Warrant No. 576. Authorized Warrant No. 576 as follows:

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Check Register – September 2019. (This item was added to the agenda.) Affirmed check disbursements totaling $3,136,209.80 for September 2019.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS


Development Agreement – Matthews/Mueller Building. Entered into an agreement with Owosso REI Group, LLC for the redevelopment and/or remediation of the Matthews/Mueller Building due to significant deterioration of the original building. (Councilmember Pidek abstained.)

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Revocation – D.R. & H.P., LLC. Approved revocation of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate #3-16-0026 issued to D.R. & H.P., LLC for the property located at 344 West Main Street due to a lack of follow-through on the project.

Brownfield Termination – Plan #19 – 344 W. Main Street. Approved termination of Brownfield Plan #19 – 344 W. Main Street Project for failure to execute eligible activities within two years of approval and sale of the property without notice to the City.

Tax Abatement Policy Amendments. Approved amendments to the City’s Tax Abatement Policy.

Complete Count Committee Establishment. Established a Complete Count Committee at the recommendation of the Census Bureau and approved appointment of the following people to the committee:

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of October 3, 2019.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke said that under the amended Sign Ordinance many signs in commercial districts will be rendered illegal. He cautioned the City against playing favorites by allowing signs for favored businesses and not others.
Justin Horvath, SEDP president, thanked Council for supporting the tax abatement for Covenant Eyes. He also thanked the group for their leadership in updating the tax abatement policy saying he thinks it could be a blueprint for other communities.
Eddie Urban said he looked up to Burton Fox as a Councilmember. He went on to say that Councilmember Law is a lot like him and he thanked him for his help the other day.
Councilmember Bailey asked for a report on the rental inspection program.
Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked Justin Horvath for educating her on various tax abatements.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, November 04, 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, 2019
Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2020
Parks & Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2021
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2020
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2022
Shiawassee District Library – term expires June 30, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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

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