

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 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

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Brownfield Plan #21. The property owners and their consultant were on hand to describe the project and answer any questions. A public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed Brownfield Redevelopment Plan #21 – 152 Howard Street Project and consider approval of the proposed plan and reimbursement agreement. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the plan and reimbursement agreement as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Eveleth noted there was on-going interest in the trash discussion, though the only trash related item on the agenda this evening was to set a time and place for the public forum.

Arnie Dunchock commented on trash collection saying more competition is better for the public and the City would be interfering with competition if they move to a single hauler. He went on to say that the wear and tear on the streets caused by garbage trucks is not enough to warrant a change.

County Commissioner Marlene Webster updated the Council on pending items at the County including: the opening for emergency manager, proposed decommissioning plans for the solar project projected for the north of the county, and working on the 2020 budget.

Deborah Reynolds said the people she knows with single hauler trash service do not like it, and personally neither does she. She feels trash haulers are not causing damage to the streets and she doesn't want to see them go out of business.

Tom Manke said he was registering a formal complaint against the City Manager for alleged retaliation against him. He went on to say that he believes the cost to residents for a single hauler would be unequal and the City was headed toward socialism.

John Smith said he believes the trash trucks do not cause undue damage to the streets and the argument is ridiculous. He said if trucks are too heavy then enforcement of weight restrictions should be stepped up.

Mayor Eveleth clarified that the City Council had asked for the public forum on trash collection. He went on to note the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade in Durand at 6:00p.m. Lastly, he sadly noted that this will be the last year for the great Christmas tree on South M-52. The tree is diseased and will be taken down.

Councilmember Haber noted for the public that the Council has tabled the idea of going to a single trash hauler. They are still looking for input and will hold the public forum, but at this point trash collection is not changing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The Project Status Report was postponed until the November 18, 2019 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-01 - Hazards and Nuisances. Authorized Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, November 18, 2019 to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-01, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Gould Street. Authorized Resolution No. 1 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-01 for Gould Street from Oliver Street to Moore Street for street rehabilitation.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Land Sale & Development Agreement – 30 Acres Industrial Property. Approved the sale of 30 acres of City-owned industrial property to BCC Agriculture, LLC in the amount of \$75,000.00 and further approved a development agreement spelling out the terms of the sale and development of the property.

Lot Split Authorization – VL Industrial Drive. Authorized the division of a City lot under the Michigan Subdivision Control Act for vacant platted lot Industrial Drive.

Set Trash Hauler Public Forum. Set a public forum for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Public Safety Department fire truck bay for the purpose of receiving input from citizens and local refuse haulers regarding possible changes to the City's refuse collection ordinance, to be conducted in the format proposed.

Demolition Authorization & Contract Approval – 424 Grover Street. Authorized demolition of the structure at 424 Grover Street and approved bid award to SC Environmental LLC in the amount of \$11,219.00.

21-Day Posting – Proposed Property Sale. (This item was removed from the agenda.)

Small Urban Program Resolution of Financial Assurance - Gould Street. Approved resolution of participation in the Small Urban Program and authorized commitment of City funds in the amount of \$225,000 plus the cost of project design engineering and construction administration as the City's share of the cost to rehabilitate Gould Street from Oliver Street to Moore Street.

Closed Session. Authorized holding closed session after the last period for Citizen Comments and Questions for the purpose of considering a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager and discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Katherine R. Fagan, City Treasurer. Correction to summer tax bill for parcel 050-470-003-001-00.

Historical Commission. Minutes of September 23, 2019.

Mid-County WWTP Review Board. Minutes of October 22, 2019.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Bob Marble said he couldn't understand why the Council would consider moving to a single trash hauler because it would irreparably damage local businesses.

Steven Goff, Nature's Releaf CFO, inquired when the Council planned on ending the moratorium on recreational marijuana facilities. He said his company is interested in building a recreational facility and end date of the moratorium would be helpful in their planning process.

Tom Manke said he hoped that someone from the City would attend the upcoming Osburn Lakes HOA meeting. Particularly in light of the fact that the City is considered the developer of the subdivision and the HOA is suing a builder. He then asked why the Council scheduled a special meeting if moving to a single trash hauler is no longer going to be considered.

Pete Yerian indicated the annual meeting of the Osburn Lakes HOA will be held at the Wrought Iron Grill at 1:00p.m. He indicated he would like to stop the lawsuit filed by the HOA so the planned houses can be built. He also noted his plans to file another recall petition for the HOA Board.

Mark Seamans inquired about the type of improvements that Council is looking for in regard to trash collection. He offered to help facilitate a web discussion if desired.

Councilmember Bailey said that 40 cat shelters had been built at the Community Cats event last night. She thanked those in the community that participated.

Councilmember Fear announced that the Parks & Recreation Commission will be holding meeting/tours of the parks each Saturday this month to solicit public input on what people would like to see done.

Councilmember Law said he was concerned that Council appeared to be against local businesses with its passage of the new sign ordinance and discussion of a single trash hauler. He said the group needed to rethink things.

Councilmember Pidek asked if someone could put together a summary of the key issues and the goals they are trying to accomplish with the trash discussion.

The meeting recessed at 8:24 p.m. to prepare for closed session.

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

COUNCIL RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 9:33 P.M.

Closed Session Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the Closed Session held May 20, 2019 as presented.

Closed Session Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the Closed Session held August 5, 2019 as presented.

AFSCME Contract. Council moved to approve the AFSCME contract as proposed.

IAFF Settlement. Council moved to approve the IAFF settlement as proposed.

City Manager Contract. Council moved to approve amendments to the contract with City Manager Nathan Henne.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – Public Forum, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 18, 2019 – Regular, 7:30 p.m.

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 9:37 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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