

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 02, 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

Giving Tuesday Proclamation. Mayor Eveleth read aloud a Proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring Tuesday, December 3, 2019 as Giving Tuesday/Raise Up Shiawassee Day in the City of Owosso.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPRA District – 114-116 W. Main Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the application from Ruesswood REI Group, LLC to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the 2nd and 3rd floors of the property located at 114-116 W. Main Street. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the district as requested.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke asked that people think of giving to one of the many small local charitable organizations on Giving Tuesday. He also asked when recreational marijuana will be for sale in Owosso.

Yvette Collard pointed out that of the 19 non-profit organizations mentioned in the proclamation not all of them have paid staff.

Eddie Urban said he paid his sister's taxes recently and he asked for a list of the organizations that are involved in Giving Tuesday. Lastly, he asked for clarification as to why the sheds on his property are no longer grandfathered in and have to be taken down.

Davina Inman, owner of property at 1417 Frederick Street, protested the continued inclusion of her property on the Hazards & Nuisances Special Assessment Roll. She said the new water meter should have been billed to the bank that owned the property before she purchased it. Mayor Eveleth announced the Historical Commission Holiday Party to be held this Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm at Curwood Castle. He also thanked everyone involved in Glow Owosso saying it was bigger and better than ever before.

Mayor Eveleth then asked the City Manager for an update on recreational marijuana. City Manager Henne indicated that he is planning on bringing the topic up in January.

Responding to Mr. Urban's inquiry for clarification, Mayor Eveleth noted that he can't comment on pending legal matters.

Lastly, Mayor Eveleth responded to Ms. Inman's protest noting that Council will be talking about her issue specifically later in the meeting.

Councilmember Bailey said the town looks great all decked out for Christmas.

Councilmember Law said now that the State has allowed medical marijuana provisioning centers to sell recreational marijuana he would like Council to consider such sales as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

A Project Status Report for the DPW was distributed to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing - Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate – 114-116 W. Main Street. Set a public hearing for Monday, December 16, 2019 to receive citizen comment regarding the application from Ruesswood REI Group, LLC for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for their property at 114-116 W. Main Street.

2020 Schedule of Meetings. Adopted the 2020 Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule.

New Year's Eve Block Party Permission. Approved request from Owosso Main Street for the closure of Main Street Plaza (Lot #13) on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 1, 2020 at 1:30 a.m. as well as the closure of South Washington Street from Main Street to Jerome Avenue on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. until Tuesday, January 1, 2020 at 1:30 a.m. for the New Year's Eve Block Party, waived the insurance requirement, and approved Traffic Control Order No. 1431 formalizing the request.

Christmas on Main Permission. Approved request from Owosso Main Street for the closure of Main Street Plaza (Lot #13) on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the Christmas on Main event, waived the insurance requirement, and approved Traffic Control Order No. 1432 formalizing the request.

Contract Amendment – South Washington Street Reconstruction Project - Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 3 to the contract with Eng., Inc. for additional engineering services for the South Washington Street Reconstruction Project, due to unforeseen underground issues and some weather related impacts requiring additional time for construction oversight and MDOT compliance, in the amount of \$3,930.00.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2019-01 - Hazards and Nuisances. Approved the roll as proposed, less the charges against the property at 1417 Frederick Street, for 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. The Council further directed staff to research the history of service at 1417 Frederick Street and bring the issue back for consideration at the December 16th meeting.

Water & Sewer Rate Proposal. Approved resolution adopting water and sewer rates beginning January 1, 2020 as proposed.

Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum. Adopted resolution of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum thereof for the proposed issuance of bonds to finance the 2020 DWRF projects.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Marlene Webster, Shiawassee Hope Director and County Commissioner for District 1, indicated that Shiawassee Hope is starting its 8th year working with the Pleasant Valley Trailer Park and the organization is hosting an open house tomorrow, all are invited to attend. Changing hats, Ms. Webster indicated that County Commission meetings will be held next week with discussions on the budget being included.

Eddie Urban says he cannot hear the sound of running water so sometimes he ends up with a high water bill because he doesn't realize he's left a faucet on.

Tom Manke said he feels it is the Water Department's job to bill the right party and the City should eat the cost of the water meter for not billing the correct people.

Councilmember Fear, volunteer for the Memorial Healthcare Foundation, encouraged everyone to eat out at a local restaurant on Giving Tuesday and contribute to the Foundation. She went on to say that she also works for the YMCA and Girls on the Run will be holding a fund raising event there tomorrow. She said there were many great organizations that people could donate to. She also thanked everyone involved in Glow Owosso saying she had family in from out of town and the event was a great time.

Mayor Eveleth noted that he and Councilmembers Haber and Law were judges for the Glow Owosso parade.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika commented that she has been involved in Glow Owosso for a number of years now and this year the parade was bigger than ever and the crowd was great.

Mayor Eveleth noted the homemade candies his mom made and distributed to Council.

Councilmember Fear said the Christmas on Main event was great last year and she anticipated this year would be as well. She encouraged everyone to support the downtown.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 16, 2019

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – County Representative – term expires 06-30-2020
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022
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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022
Downtown Loan Committee – Bank Representative - term expires June 30, 2021
Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2022
Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2020
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2020
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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

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