

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JANUARY 06, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

ABSENT: Councilmember Loreen F. Bailey.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban spoke about the fireworks at the downtown New Year's celebration.

Mayor Eveleth thanked everyone that helped put on the New Year's celebration downtown saying it was yet another great event.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Henne detailed a brief report of recent City activities taking place over the holidays.

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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to receive citizen comment regarding the revised application from Ruesswood REI Group, LLC for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the third floor of their property at 114-116 W. Main Street.

Property Lease - Tillable Acreage – Twenty-One Day Posting. Authorized twenty-one (21) day posting period for the lease of approximately 10 acres of city owned tillable land near Hopkins Lake to Shawnee Creek Farms for \$500.00 per year for the 2020-2024 farming seasons.

Contract Amendment - GIS Support Services for Water & Sewer System Mapping Contract. Approved amendment to the professional services agreement with Orchard, Hiltz and McClement (OHM) of Livonia, Michigan, for additional GIS-geodatabase maintenance support services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Professional Services Agreement – 2021 Gould Street Rehabilitation Project Engineering Services. Approved professional services agreement with Fleis &Vandenbrink, Inc. for engineering and construction administration services related to the 2021 Gould Street Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$132,900.00 and authorized payment up to the contract amount as terms of the contract are fulfilled.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recreational Marijuana Facilities Public Forum. City Manager Henne presented his suggested course of action to the Council. The public was then provided an opportunity to comment. The following people commented in regard to the various recreational marijuana facilities licenses established by the State, which licenses and how many should be allowed, and allowing medical marijuana provisioning centers to sell recreational marijuana immediately: Tom Manke; Doug Williams; John Basset; Kevin M. Blair, Attorney for Lume; and Eddie Urban. After discussion of the different types of licenses and the different perspectives of the players involved the Council moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance allowing current and future medical marijuana facility license holders to apply for a recreational license. Further, the moratorium on the establishment of the following types of recreational marijuana facilities would be lifted at the time the ordinance takes effect: grower, processor, provisioning center, safety compliance facility, and secure transporter. The Council also directed the Planning Commission to explore and make a recommendation to Council as to whether the following new types of marijuana facilities should be allowed in the City, where they could be placed, and how many facilities will

be allowed: designated consumption establishment, event organizer, excess marijuana grower, microbusiness, and temporary marijuana event.

COMMUNICATIONS

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of December 4, 2019.

Historical Commission. Minutes of December 9, 2019.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of December 11, 2019.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke inquired whether the moratorium was officially over (it was indicated it was not). He asked that Council take a look at the ordinance “that closed Rock-a-Rolla Records”. He also inquired about the status of a solution for the flooding at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Eddie Urban said he was working in his yard today and realized he had much more stuff in his yard than he thought. He said he will be giving much of it away and eventually wants to put up a 20’ shed to consolidate the items in the other small sheds on his property.

Kevin M. Blair, attorney for Lume Cannabis Co., said he agreed in theory with the Council’s action to allow medical marijuana facilities license holders to convert to recreational purposes. He said allowing split stores could happen immediately but the 4 remaining license types would be more complicated based on the interaction of the medical and recreational marijuana laws.

Councilmember Law inquired whether the City still has an ordinance banning all marijuana paraphernalia. Mayor Eveleth directed the City Attorney to look into the paraphernalia statute as well.

Mayor Eveleth went on to say that he had spoken with the County Drain Commissioner recently and was told they would be holding a meeting to discuss the situation at Oak Hill Cemetery later this week. He encouraged Mr. Manke to contact the County Drain Office to find out the latest information.

Councilmember Law noted that he would like to see a proposed recreational marijuana ordinance as soon as possible. City Attorney Gould indicated he hoped to have an ordinance drafted in time for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Eveleth noted that he will be absent for the January 21st meeting as he will be out of town.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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

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