

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Loreen F. Bailey, Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Certificate – 114-116 W. Main Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the 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. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the OPRA tax abatement request for a period of twelve years.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke asked why the house at 424 Grover Street was being demolished instead of being sold. He also noted the recent sewage overflow into the Shiawassee River and asked why Council isn't doing anything about it.

Eddie Urban said he didn't have an opportunity to work in his yard today but he did have the chance to visit several stores to obtain quotes for a new shed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika asked about the status of the Matthews Building. City Manager Henne indicated the City is working through the code enforcement process with the new owners now. A letter has been sent asking the owners to secure the building, enclose the area where the roof has collapsed, and fix all broken windows. The owners will have 30 days to start the said work. Councilmember Bailey asked if there was any consideration of taking the building down. City Manager Henne said he had broached the idea with the new owner but they want to try and rehab the building before resorting to tearing it down.

City Manager Henne addressed Mr. Manke's question regarding the house at 424 Grover Street saying there is no opportunity for a sale as the house had been involved in a fire and was labeled a dangerous structure by the Building Official.

Councilmember Bailey said she loves the new entry signs for the City.

Councilmember Pidek asked the City Manager to address Mr. Manke's question regarding the recent sewage overflow. City Manager Henne explained that there are multiple reasons for the occasional overflows which the City is beginning to address. New screw pumps will be installed at the WWTP increasing the plant's ability to move more volume into the plant by 25%. The sewer interceptor responsible for a large majority of the overflows will be cleaned later this year. The City is also exploring the option of building a 2 million gallon storage tank to hold overflows until the WWTP can accept the volume. He noted that the long-term solution would be to start cracking down on illicit connections and footing drains, the difficulty is that these connections are often inside private homes and businesses.

Councilmember Bailey noted that there is some concern that the 2-million gallon tank would not be large enough. She encouraged the City to pursue a multi-pronged solution to the problem.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Recreational Marijuana Ordinance. Conducted the first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Chapter 16.6, Adult Use Marijuana Facilities Licensing – Police Power Ordinance, to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso.

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Retirement Board Ordinance Amendment. Conducted the first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen

comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VII, Municipal Employees' Pensions, Sections 2-403 & 2-407, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso. Special Assessment District No. 2020-03 – North Street. Authorized Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Monday, February 3, 2020 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2020-03 for North Street, from Hickory Street to Gould Street for street reconstruction.

Special Assessment District No. 2020-04 – Summit Street. Authorized Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Monday, February 3, 2020 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2020-04 for Summit Street, from Abbott Street to Rubelman Drive for street rehabilitation.

Memorial Healthcare Gala Permission. Approved request from Owosso Community Players for the closure of South Park Street from Comstock Street to Main Street from 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020 until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2020 for handicap and valet parking for the annual Memorial Healthcare Gala, waived the insurance requirement, and approved Traffic Control Order No. 1433 formalizing the request.

Contract Amendment – WTP Improvements Project Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the WTP Improvements Project Engineering Services Contract with OHM Advisors, adding \$49,100.00 for additional water treatment plant design and construction administration services, and authorized payment to the engineer up to the contract amount, including Amendment No. 1.

Contract Amendment – 2020 Street Program Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the 2020 Street Program Engineering Services Contract with OHM Advisors, adding \$26,730.00 for additional water main construction administrative services, and authorized payment to the engineer up to the contract amount, including Amendment No. 1.

Change Order – Demolition of 424 Grover Street. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the contract with SC Environmental, LLC for the demolition of the structures at 424 Grover Street, adding \$7,279.50 for asbestos removal, and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Warrant No. 579. Authorized Warrant No. 579 as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Caledonia Charter Township	Caledonia Utility Fund payment-10/1/819-12/31/19	Water	\$32,070.49
Owosso Charter Township	Owosso Charter Township 2011 Water Agreement payment-10/1/19-12/31/19	Water	\$14,284.24

Check Register – December 2019. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,075,158.63 for December 2019.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Cheryl A. Grice, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – December 2019.

N. Bradley Hissong, Building Official. December 2019 Building Department Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. December 2019 Code Violations Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. December 2019 Inspection Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. December 2019 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2019 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2019 Fire Report.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Manke thanked the Council and staff for answering his questions. He suggested a committee be formed to address the WWTP overflows, then asked what happens if the owners of the Matthews Building don't comply with the City's request.

Eddie Urban spoke about legal services available to Purple Heart recipients, his search for a new phone book, and ways to reduce sanitary sewer overflows.

Kevin Blair, attorney for Lume, announced that the Owosso Lume location will be opening the next day. He also put the Council on notice that at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting his clients will be asking them to approve the proposed recreational marijuana facilities ordinance as an emergency

ordinance so that they could begin recreational sales immediately rather than waiting the usual 20 days for the new ordinance to become effective. Lastly, he offered to arrange a tour for anyone wishing to see the facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika noted that Mayor Eveleth is not present tonight because he is in Arizona on vacation.

Ms. Osika also announced that a job offer had been made by the Historical Commission to Albert Martenis for the OHC Director position.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, February 03, 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 8:11 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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