

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020**

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

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mike Cline complained about the code violations existing at 1401 W. Main Street and was flabbergasted that City staff had told him nothing was going to be done about the property because the City is currently involved in litigation with the property owner. He asked whether Books & Beans would be repaying the loan they recently received from the City after he had read on Facebook that the business may not be able to weather the Corona Virus storm. He also asked if a building permit had been issued for the former O-town Café saying there is lots of work being done at the location.

Eddie Urban said he feels bad about the situation with the Corona Virus. He said that he hopes people will pay attention and follow instructions to stay away from other people.

In response to Mr. Cline, DDA/Main Street Director Josh Adams indicated that he is aware of a business that is planning to move in to the former O-town Café site, but is not aware of any construction taking place. He said he will have the Building Department take a look into the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Change Order – 2020 Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved Change Order No. 2 to the 2018 Sidewalk Replacement Program Contract with Seifert Construction LLC adding \$100,000.00 for performance of the 2020 Sidewalk Replacement Program at unit prices at same level as 2019 prices, further approved a contingency of \$20,000.00, and authorized payment up to \$120,000.00 to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

First Reading and Set Public Hearing – Rezoning 425 and 429 Hamblin Street. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, April 20, 2020 to receive citizen comment regarding the request to rezone the properties at 425 and 429 Hamblin from R-2, Two Family Residential, to I-1, Light Industrial.

Check Register – February 2020. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,001,541.85 for February 2020.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recreation Passport Grant Application. Approved application for a Recreation Passport Grant seeking funding for the rehabilitation of the parking lot and former pool house in Grove Holman Park.

METRO Act Application – Verizon Wireless – 825 W Main Street. Denied right-of-way telecommunications permit application under PA 48 of 2000 from Cellco Partnership, DBA Verizon Wireless at 825 W Main Street for a 43 foot small cell wireless communications pole and attachments.

March 30 City Council Meeting Agenda. (This meeting was cancelled by emergency action of the Mayor.)

COMMUNICATIONS

- Westtown Merchant Association. Request to move planters.
- Shiawassee Arts Center. Request for support of grant application.
- N. Bradley Hissong, Building Official. February 2020 Building Department Report.
- N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2020 Code Violations Report.
- N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2020 Inspection Report.
- N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. February 2020 Certificates Issued Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2020 Police Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2020 Fire Report.
- Historical Commission. Minutes of February 10, 2020.
- Planning Commission. Minutes of February 24, 2020.
- WWTP Review Board. Minutes of February 25, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizens wishing to comment.
 Councilmember Bailey thanked the City for working with other local jurisdictions to provide clarity for citizens.
 Councilmember Fear indicated that Owosso Public Schools will be holding a food distribution program during the COVID-19 threat similar to the program they run in the summer months to feed kids that would normally get their meals at school. Distribution sites will be the YMCA and Shiawassee Hope. She also noted that the MML, along with the governor and the legislature, are working to address issues related to the Open Meetings Act in light of the restrictions on gathering more than 50 people.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2020 – Regular meeting

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

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