

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
MONDAY, APRIL 05, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Firefighter Thank You. Mayor Eveleth, State Representative Ben Frederick, and Public Safety Director Lenkart gave a formal thank you to firefighters from the City of Owosso Fire Department, Owosso Charter Township Fire Department, Corunna-Caledonia Fire Department, and the City of Perry Fire Department for their invaluable efforts in fighting the fire at the former Jumbo's Restaurant.

Citizen Thank You. Mayor Eveleth, State Representative Ben Frederick, and Public Safety Director Lenkart gave a formal thank you to Owosso citizens Nicole Miller and Heather Scallon for personally purchasing enough food and beverages for all four fire departments working on the Jumbo's fire.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

USDA Grant – Police Cruiser. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to apply for grant funding from the USDA to go toward the purchase of a new police vehicle. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the application as requested.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Tom Kregger inquired if someone from the Department of Public Safety could speak to his neighbors about proper outdoor burning. He said the neighbors on either side of his house regularly violate the open burning ordinance. It was noted that someone from the Department would be visiting his neighbors this evening.

Mayor Eveleth welcomed Councilmember Teich back to the Council Chambers after an extended time away from in-person meetings.

Councilmember Law thanked the DPW for the very timely brush pickup.

Mayor Eveleth thanked City employee Don Luft and the Water Treatment Plant employees for all they did assisting with the fire at Jumbo's.

City Manager Henne thanked City network engineer Jeff Kish for his help in restarting all the IT equipment while he was on vacation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Traffic Control Order No. 1442 Amendment. Approved Traffic Control Order No. 1442.1 amending TCO 1442, extending the expiration date through April 30, 2021.

Downtown Owosso Farmers' Market Permission. Approved request from Tracy Peltier- Executive Director of the Downtown Owosso Farmers' Market to close Exchange Street from Water Street to Washington Street, Ball Street from Main Street to Mason Street, and Water Street from Exchange Street to Mason Street every Saturday from May 1, 2021 to October 30, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the annual farmers' market, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1444 formalizing the request.

Emergency Purchase Authorization – WTP Sludge Valves. Authorized emergency purchase of four Rotork valves and one Rotork valve actuator for the Water Treatment Plant from Systems Specialties Company in the amount of \$11,753.00 plus shipping and handling and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory receipt of said equipment.

Bid Award - Chip Seal – Contract No. 1. Approved bid award to Highway Maintenance and Construction Company for the 2021 Chip Seal Program – Contract No. 1 in the amount of

\$147,026.20, plus a contingency of \$8,000.00, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the contract amount plus the contingency.

Bid Award - Chip Seal – Contract No. 2. Approved bid award to Highway Maintenance and Construction Company for the 2021 Chip Seal Program – Contract No. 2 in the amount of \$151,006.00, plus a contingency of \$10,000.00, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the contract amount plus the contingency.

Bid Award - Retaining Wall. Approved bid award to Gordon Construction Services, Inc. for the 2021 Retaining Wall Project in the amount of \$220,937.20 and authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Unpaid Utility Charges. Authorized the Annual Notice for the collection of unpaid utility charges and the intent to lien therefore in compliance with Chapter 15, Section 15.4(c) of the Owosso City Charter.

City Budget Amendment. Adopted Amendment No. 3 to the 2020-2021 Budget.

2021 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. Authorized the issuance of 2021 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds to refund the existing 2009 DDA General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds for interest savings.

2021 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds. Authorized the issuance of 2021 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds to refund the existing 2010 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Street Bonds, the 2013 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Street Bonds, the 2017 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Street Bonds, and the 2018 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Street Bonds for interest savings.

Electric Vehicle Charger – Transformer Easement. Authorized granting a utilities easement to Consumers Energy for the installation of a transformer for the new EV Charging station that will be installed in Main Street Plaza.

OMS/DDA Loan & Grant Manual Revisions. Approved changing the eligibility requirements to qualify for a Fire Suppression grant for upper story housing developments as defined in the OMS/DDA Loan & Grant Manual governing the use of downtown revolving loan and grant funds.

Public Services Employees COVID-19 Hazard Payment. Approved giving each AFSCME Public Services Employee a \$1,000 COVID-19 Hazard Payment.

Library Lease. Approved lease agreement between the City of Owosso and the Shiawassee District Library for library building situated on City-owned property at 502 W. Main Street and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said document.

Washington Park Water Main Easement. Approved acceptance of a permanent easement from the Jerry S. Voight Trust for the construction and maintenance of a water main on parcel no. 050-535-000-001-00 to service the Washington Park development in the amount of \$1.00.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Paula Alexander, Parks & Recreation Board. Letter of Resignation.

Owosso Historic District Commission. Minutes of February 17, 2021.

Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of March 3, 2021.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of March 8, 2021.

Owosso Historic District Commission. Minutes of March 12, 2021.

Planning Commission. Minutes of March 22, 2021.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Review Board. Minutes of March 23, 2021.

Parks & Recreation. Minutes of March 24, 2021.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Eveleth offered his thanks to Public Safety Director Lenkart for his work during the Jumbo's fire.

Mayor Eveleth went on to encourage everyone to consider getting a COVID vaccination as the side effects from the virus can be life changing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked Amy Fuller and the Parks & Recreation Commission for their work bringing the new dock at Hopkins Lake to fruition.

Councilmember Haber thanked the Mayor for being a part of student statesmanship activities at the schools.

Councilmember Fear pointed out the survey included with this quarter's utility bills and encouraged everyone to complete it. She also asked if the castle is open. It was noted it would be opening the following day.

Councilmember Fear also requested an update on the Matthews Building. City Attorney Gould indicated that the owners had complied with the terms of the City's order so the lawsuit was dropped. They now have a little over a year to complete more permanent repairs.

Councilmember Pidek invited everyone to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the community this Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 at Foster Coffee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika asked Public Safety Director Lenkart for a quick recap of the Jumbo's fire. He gave a brief recount of the incident noting that the fire burned so hot that firefighters were not allowed inside the building to fight the fire and it took four departments several hours to put out the fire.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 19, 2021

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2026  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021  
Downtown Development Authority – 2 terms expire June 30, 2021  
Owosso Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2021  
Owosso Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2022  
Owosso Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2023  
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2021  
Zoning Board of Appeals – term expires June 30, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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