

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MAY 03, 2021**

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Daniel A. Law.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Buddy Poppy Sale Kickoff. Poppy Queen Natalie Thayer sold the ceremonial first Buddy Poppy to Mayor Christopher Eveleth marking the start of the annual Buddy Poppy Sale in Owosso.
Appreciation Award – C. Eveleth. (This item was postponed to another date.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

USDA Grant. A Public Hearing was conducted pursuant to USDA Grant guidelines to receive citizen comment regarding application for grant funding to be used toward the purchase of a Police cruiser. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The council moved to authorize the resolution approving application for the USDA grant.

Ordinance Amendment – Medical Marihuana Ordinance. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 16.5, Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing – Police Power Ordinance, Section 16.5-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso to allow for the transfer of medical marijuana facilities licenses. The following person addressed the Council regarding the proposed amendment: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed. The ordinance will take effect May 24, 2021.

Ordinance Amendment – Recreational Marihuana Ordinance. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 16.6, Adult Use Marihuana Establishments Licensing – Police Power Ordinance, Section 16.6-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso to allow for the transfer of recreational marijuana establishment licenses. The following person addressed the Council regarding the proposed amendment: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed. The ordinance will take effect May 24, 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

County Commissioner District #1 Marlene Webster relayed the latest actions of the County Board of Commissioners.

Eddie Urban spoke about still being able to see despite the fact that he is blind in one eye. Tom Manke asked about the status of the investigation into the fire at the former Jumbo's restaurant. Public Safety Director Lenkart indicated the investigation was ongoing. City Manager Henne noted that the City will start code enforcement efforts as soon as the investigation is concluded.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing - 2021-2022 City Budget. Set required Public Hearing pursuant to Chapter 8 of the City Charter for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 West Main Street, to receive citizen comment regarding proposed 2021-2022 City Budget.

Set Public Hearing-MEDC Water-Related Infrastructure Grant. Set required Public Hearing for Monday, May 17, 2021 to receive citizen comment regarding application for Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Water-Related Infrastructure Grant. The grant provides up to \$2 million with at least a 10% cash match from a qualified community.

Change Order – Private Property Lead Service Line Replacement. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Services Agreement for Private Property Lead Service Line Replacement with Smith Sand & Gravel in an amount not to exceed \$37,935.08, with an additional contingency amount of \$5,600.00 and authorized payment to the contractor up to a total of \$43,535.08.

Emergency Repair Authorization – Local Well No. 1. Approved emergency repair of Local Well No. 1 by Peerless Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$16,973.60 with a \$2,500.00 contingency for potential adjustments, and authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project.

Boards and Commissions Appointment. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Ryan Suchanek	Mid-County Wastewater Treatment Plant Review Board	N/A

Mr. Owosso Pickleball Tournament Traffic Control Order. Approved request from Shiawassee Family YMCA to utilize the Comstock Lot (#10) for a Pickleball Tournament as a Mr. Owosso Fundraiser on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm and approved Traffic Control Order No. 1448 formalizing the request.

Curwood Festival Permission. Authorized application from the Curwood Festival for use of various parking lots and streets from June 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. through June 7, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. for the annual Curwood Festival and further authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1449 formalizing the action.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Rescind Brownfield Tax Increment Plan-Robbins Property. Approved rescission of Brownfield District #9 for 1231 West Main Street and 210 Robbins Street for nonpayment of real property taxes in violation of the City's Tax Abatement Policy.

Set Special Meeting/Public Hearing. Authorized setting a Special Meeting of City Council for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment in a Public Hearing regarding the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund Project Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

COMMUNICATIONS

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of April 7, 2021.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of April 12, 2021.

Owosso Planning Commission. Minutes of April 26, 2021.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of April 27, 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke thanked the City for getting back to normal and holding events in the downtown once again.

Eddie Urban told a story about how he once got too close to a fireworks display. He also noted that he received his first COVID vaccination shot.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika updated the Council on the status of the social district and indicated that she is working with the Main Street Director to see that trash receptacles in the downtown are emptied more frequently.

Councilmember Fear noted that she had met with Patrice Martin, Councilmember Pidek, and City Manager Henne on the development of a strategic planning session. She also noted that she had attended an MML Elected Officials Academy session and found it very helpful. Lastly, she thanked Public Safety Director Lenkart for his work with Baker College making sure that Baker students feel welcome in the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked City Manager Henne for rescuing the Farmers' Market and bringing the bell to open the season.

Mayor Eveleth thanked Memorial Healthcare for their service in the vaccination process. He encouraged everyone to talk to their healthcare provider and consider getting the vaccine.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00p.m. - Budget Workshop

Monday, May 17, 2021 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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

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