

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2021**

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Probate Court Judge James Clatterbaugh on the occasion of his passing.

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

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Glenwood Avenue. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-02 for Glenwood Avenue from Farr Street to the south end for street resurfacing. The following person commented in regard to the proposed project: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the special assessment project as proposed.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Park Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-06 for Park Street from Harper Street to Ridge Street for street resurfacing. The following people commented in regard to the proposed project: Jeff Moiles, Molly Ward, Brandon Ward, Annette Bleisner, and Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the special assessment project as proposed.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Pearce Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-07 for Pearce Street from South Street to Francis Street for street resurfacing. The following people commented in regard to the proposed project: Mike Martin, Tom Manke, and Jason Case. The Council moved to approve the special assessment project as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban spoke about Memorial Day events and participating in the Curwood Festival. He also encouraged people to be careful where there is possible PFAS contamination.

Tom Manke thanked the Public Safety Department for the job they did during the Curwood Festival. He said it was nice to see everyone come out to local events, with many events having their highest attendance ever. Lastly he said that people are largely against the idea of narrowing M21 in Westtown and asked that the idea be removed from the Master Plan.

Mayor Eveleth remarked on the wonderful Curwood Festival over the weekend, saying it was good to see it back. He asked if there were any updates on the cleanup and investigations at the former Jumbo's site. Staff noted that the property owner is currently seeking bids for cleanup and all investigations have been closed with the final cause of the fire noted as unknown.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked Public Safety Director Lenkart for introducing the golf cart ordinance.

Councilmember Fear said she had received a phone call regarding fireworks activity and wondered if the City was going to put out word as to what is allowed. Public Safety Director Lenkart indicated something would be done in the coming weeks.

City Manager Henne noted for all present that the suggestion to narrow west M-21 had been removed from the Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Garfield Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-03 for Garfield Avenue from Corunna Avenue to the south end for street resurfacing.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Lincoln Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-04 for Lincoln Avenue from Farr Street to Monroe Street for street resurfacing.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – McMillan Road. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-05 for McMillan Road from Industrial Drive to the south end for street resurfacing.

First Reading and Set Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Article IX, *Golf Carts*, to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, governing the use of golf carts on City streets.

Antique Bicycle Swap Meet and Ride Traffic Control Order. Approved request from Rick Morris of Westown Merchant’s Association for closure of Lot #11, 800 block of West Main Street, for an Antique Bicycle Swap Meet and Ride on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 7:00am through 3:00pm and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1453 formalizing the request.

Midwest Brass & Gas Traffic Control Order. Approved request from Devin Shaw for closure of the Comstock Lot (Lot #10) to park trucks with trailers on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 9:00am until Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 6:00pm for the Midwest Brass & Gas Tour of Shiawassee County and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1454 formalizing the request.

Contract Renewal - General Engineering Services. Approved the required annual renewal of the General Engineering Services contracts with Eng., Inc., Fleis & Vandenbrink, Inc., Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., and Spicer Group, Inc. to provide engineering services through June 30, 2022.

Contract Approval – COVID Vaccines. Approved contract with the Shiawassee County Health Department for the provision of COVID vaccines to local homebound residents.

Bid Award - Sidewalk Replacement Contract. Approved the low responsive bid from KMI Road Maintenance, LLC for the 2021 Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$80,244.00 with additional contingency funding authorization in the amount of \$20,000.00, and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or a portion thereof.

Bid Award - Water Service Line Replacement Project. Approved the bid from W.T. Stevens Construction, Inc. for the 2021 Water Service Line Replacement Project in the amount of \$136,738.00, with contingency funding authorization in the amount of \$7,000.00, and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or a portion thereof.

Check Register – May 2021. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,183,391.82 for May 2021.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2021-22 City Budget Adoption. Adopted General Appropriations Resolution approving the 2021-2022 City Budget with the addition of the following expenses: \$30,000 for a water/sewer rate study and \$10,000 for a cybersecurity assessment.

Downtown Development Authority General Appropriations Resolution. Adopted the General Appropriations Resolution to authorize the levy of the Downtown Development Authority millage for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Additional MERS Payment. Authorized making a voluntary additional payment to the defined benefit portion of the plan with MERS in the amount of \$504,302.38 using the portion of the fund balance assigned June 30, 2020.

Set Special Meeting/Public Hearing. Set a Special Meeting of City Council for Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund Project Plan for the replacement of lead and galvanized water service lines.

DayStarr Communications Easement. Approved two 10’ easements through the City lot located at the Southwest Corner of Gould Street and Corunna Avenue for installation and maintenance of new underground fiber optic communication lines.

Proposed Master Plan Adoption. Authorized adoption of the proposed Master Plan as approved by the Planning Commission.

Closed Session. Authorized holding closed session after the last session of Citizen Comments and Questions for the purpose of consulting with an attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy

in connection with specific pending litigation and to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Nathan Henne, City Manager. June 2021 Report.
- Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of April 28, 2021.
- Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of May 5, 2021.
- Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of May 10, 2021.
- Historic District Commission. Minutes of May 20, 2021.
- Planning Commission. Minutes of May 24, 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban commented on reducing medications, people getting sunburned, Flag Day, and the dangers of PFAS.

Tom Manke spoke on behalf of Kevin Mitts. Mr. Mitts took out a permit to repair his mother's house, she has since died and the house is now going through the probate process. The Code Enforcement Department insists on improvements to the home but Mr. Mitts is unsure if he should put money into the home while it's in probate court. He asked that the situation be looked into.

Councilmember Fear asked if special meetings could be held earlier in the future. She also asked for an update on the electric car chargers. Mayor Pro-Tem Osika indicated she is waiting for an update from the DDA.

Councilmember Fear also asked about the status of a strategic planning session. City Manager Henne noted that he has reached out to a facilitator and will circle back with her in the coming days.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:48 P.M.

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 9:43 P.M.

Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the closed session of February 1, 2021 as written.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 21, 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
- 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
- Parks & Recreation Commission-term expires June 30, 2022
- 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 9:47 p.m.

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

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