

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 04, 2024**

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Emily S. Olson and Nicholas L. Pidek.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment - Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to repeal and replace Chapter 38, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances and move Chapter 26, Signs, within the new Zoning Ordinance, to update the City's Zoning Ordinance and map. The following people commented in regard to the proposed ordinance amendments: Cheryl Farver, David Hilden, Carolyn Koenig, Jane Ferraro, Betty Monroe, Judy Ford, Tom Manke, Brent Spaulding, Kathy Easlick (via email), and Kevin Minarik (via email). The Council moved to postpone voting until the March 18th meeting to allow more time for Councilmembers to examine the proposed changes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Josh Haley introduced himself as a candidate for the County Commission seat in District 1. Cheryl Farver said she felt the rules were being changed in favor of the very people that do not follow the rules. She implored Councilmembers to consider that allowing the development of multi-plex units in residential neighborhoods only brings in people that have no investment in the neighborhood. Tom Manke asked the Council not to sell the City-owned property on Bradley Street being proposed for the requisite twenty-one day posting. He said the City purchased the property in 1989 with the intention of using the property for a future parking lot to serve Heritage Park patrons. He said selling it would be a mistake because when the Middle School is redeveloped the Amphitheater will no longer have any dedicated parking.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Community Project Funding Program Application – Council Support. Approved the submittal of a Fiscal Year 2025 Community Project Funding grant through Community Project Funding to assist in the replacement of the Owosso Public Safety building and designated the City's authorized representative for the submission.

Change Order No. 2 – 2023 North Street Rehabilitation Project Engineering. Approved Change Order No. 2 to Addendum No. 2 to the contract with Eng., Inc. for engineering services for the 2023 North Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$15,872.28, increasing the contract to \$175,214.78, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the contract amount, including Change Order No. 2, upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Change Order No. 3 – Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 Well Houses Project. Approved Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Sorensen Gross Company for construction work on the Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 Well Houses project in the amount of \$3,202.00, increasing the contract amount to \$2,382,373.00 plus the addition of one (1) day to the timeline for both Substantial Completion as well as Ready for Final Payment, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Professional Services Agreement - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 5-Year Project Plan. Approved a professional services agreement with Fishbeck of Lansing, Michigan for the preparation of a DWSRF Five (5) Year Project Plan in the amount of \$55,000, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Bid Award - Public Safety Building Door Replacement. Approved bid award to HI-Quality Glass for the replacement of six (6) doors at the Public Safety building in the amount of \$26,490.00 and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Bid Award – 2024 Spring Tree Removal. Approved bid award to Lynch Tree Company LLC for the 2024 Spring Tree Removal bid in the amount of \$31,900.00 and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Tentative Bid Award - 2024 Water Main Replacement Project. Approved tentative bid award to Glaeser Dawes Corporation for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,608,110.71, and sanitary sewer replacement on Young Street in the amount of \$103,243.11, for a total contract amount of \$1,711,353.82, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF loan proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Tentative Bid Award – WTP Filters Improvements Project. Approved tentative bid award to Sorenson Gross Company for the WTP Filters Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,858,000.00, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF loan proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contact amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Check Register – February 2024. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$3,346,514.75 for February 2024.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Ordinance Adoption - Bonding for DWSRF Financing – Project No. 7497-01. Approved adoption of an ordinance to authorize and provide for the issuance of revenue bonds for DWSRF financing of the cost of the replacement of water mains and lead service lines, and filter improvements at the water treatment plant and related facilities, under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Proposed Property Sale – Twenty-One Day Posting. Council moved to deny the proposed sale of a city-owned vacant lot at the southwest corner of Curwood Castle Dr. and Bradley St. to Curwood Place, LLC in the amount of \$13,500.

Scheduling of Budget Meeting(s). Council moved to set a budget workshop for April 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2024-25 Proposed Budget, location to be announced.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – January 2024.

Historic District Commission. Minutes of February 21, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Janet Ferraro asked if the City had any money in the budget planned for planting trees. City Manager Henne noted that the City tries to plant one tree for each tree that is removed.

Tom Manke asked why the City was paying to purchase new doors for the Public Safety Building if a new building will be built in the next few years. He also made a few suggestions as to how the Council should spend the marijuana tax dollars that will be coming into the community.

Councilmember Fear thanked the City Clerk's Office for administering another smooth election despite all of the changes.

City Manager Henne noted that the current draft budget in Washington DC no longer contains any money for a new Public Safety building, in light of this he felt it would be prudent to tackle some of the necessary maintenance tasks.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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