

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Jerome C. Haber, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Carl C. Ludington, Emily S. Olson, Rachel M. Osmer, and Christopher D. Owens.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CDBG Housing Grant Application. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for a grant to assist in the improvement of owner-occupied, single-family homes of low- to moderate-income residents. The following person commented in regard to the grant: Tom Manke. The Council moved to authorize said application, approve the substantial amendment to the grant, and further approve the related authorizing resolution, procurement procedure, and determination of level of environmental review.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke asked if the City was planning on doing anything special to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States later this year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer indicated that the warming center serving meals is still looking for volunteers to cook and donors to buy food.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment Project—Woodlawn Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for February 2, 2026 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2026-01 for Woodlawn Avenue from Monroe Street to Corunna Avenue for street rehabilitation.

Purchase Order Amendment-Bulk Carbon Dioxide. Authorized amendment to Purchase Order with Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. for bulk carbon dioxide, increasing the unit price from \$0.11 per pound or \$220 per ton to \$0.12 per pound or \$240 per ton, raising the total estimated cost for the FY 2025-2026 to \$17,020.20, and further authorized payment to the supplier up to the increased amount based on unit prices for actual quantities required.

Change Order- Valve Replacement Project. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Valve Replacement Project with John E. Green Company increasing the amount by \$11,134.00 for additional work and materials needed to dismantle, clean and reinstall a section of pipe, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the amount of \$70,134.00.

Contract Authorization – Owosso Charter Township Ambulance Service. Approved contract with Owosso Charter Township to provide ambulance services on their behalf to the township in the amount of \$125.00 per residence, plus charges for businesses, churches, and campgrounds.

Bid Award — 2026 Water Main Replacement — Contract 1. Approved bid award to Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc., for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project — Contract 1, in the amount of \$377,600.00 for engineering and construction administration services, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Bid Award — 2026 Water Main Replacement —Contract 2. Approved bid award to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Hubber, Inc., DBA Fishbeck for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project — Contract 2 in the amount of \$358,400.00, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Contract Amendment – City Hall Improvements Project – Engineering Services Contract. Approved Amendment No. 2 to the engineering services contract with Spicer Group for the City Hall Improvements Project adding \$4,400.00 for additional engineering services during the pre-bid and post-bid processes, and authorized payment to the vendor up to the amount of \$48,400.00.

Warrant No. 661. Authorized Warrant No.661 as follows:

| Vendor | Description | Fund | Amount |
|------------------|--|-------|--------------|
| Waste Management | WWTP Refuge Disposal Services | WWTP | \$10,366.20 |
| Caledonia Twp | 25% payment per Water District Agreement | Water | \$73,886.07 |
| Owosso Twp | 25% Payment per Water Agreement | Water | \$22,242.59 |
| Total | | | \$106,494.86 |

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Council moved to allow Councilmember Ludington to abstain from the following vote due to conflict of interest. They went on to reiterate acknowledgement of the pecuniary interest of Councilmember in the contract(s) in question and approve \$757.74 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of December 2025.

Mortgage Discharge – 520 Comstock Street. Authorized discharge of mortgage as it relates to 520 Comstock Street and further authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute appropriate documents.

Charter Amendment Chapter 15 section 4 – Collection of Delinquent Utility Charges. Prior to taking action on this item the Council recessed for ten minutes to allow the ballot question to be amended. The Council then moved to authorize a resolution proposing a Charter amendment to Chapter 15, Section 4 of the Owosso City Charter and approving amended ballot language for submission to the voters at the August 4, 2026 regular election, consistent with City Council's Fiscal Year 2025–26 annual goals.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2025 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2025 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2025 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2025 Rental Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2025 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2025 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. Year end 2025 Police Statistics.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2025 Fire Report.

Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of January 7, 2026.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of January 12, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 02, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2026

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027

Historical Commission – term expires 12-31-2026

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

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