

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026
6:30 P.M.**

**Meeting to be held at City Hall
301 West Main Street**

AGENDA

OPENING PRAYER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026:

ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

1. Your comments shall be made during times set aside for that purpose.
2. Stand or raise a hand to indicate that you wish to speak.
3. When recognized, give your name and address and direct your comments and/or questions to any City official in attendance.
4. Each person wishing to address the City Council and/or attending officials shall be afforded one opportunity of up to four (4) minutes duration during the first occasion for citizen comments and questions. Each person shall also be afforded one opportunity of up to three (3) minutes duration during the last occasion provided for citizen comments and questions and one opportunity of up to three (3) minutes duration during each public hearing. Comments made during public hearings shall be relevant to the subject for which the public hearings are held.
5. In addition to the opportunities described above, a citizen may respond to questions posed to him or her by the Mayor or members of the Council, provided members have been granted the floor to pose such questions.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance Amendment – Camping in Parks. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed addition of Sec. 21-10, *Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property*, Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled properties.
2. Ordinance Amendment – Single Hauler Garbage Collection. Conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 34, "Garbage and Rubbish," to Authorize an Exclusive Contract for Residential Refuse, Garbage, and Recycling Collection to comply with the 2022 revision to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, requiring every Michigan county to adopt a Materials Management Plan (MMP) by 2028.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Special Assessment District No. 2026-102 - Hazards & Nuisances. Authorize Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment

regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2026-102, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances.

2. Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approve the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Garret Behar	Parks and Recreation Commission (effective October 5, 2026)	6-30-2028

3. Designation of Street Administrator. Authorize resolution designating DPW Superintendent Benjamin “Chase” Peiffer as Street Administrator to represent the City in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to Act 51.
Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.22

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. City Manager Report – September 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of September 14, 2026.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of September 23, 2026.
3. Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of September 16, 2026
4. Temporary Carnegie Library Committee. Minutes of September 24, 2026

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2028
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027
Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2029
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

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CAN ONLY BE VIEWED VIRTUALLY***

The Owosso City Council will conduct an in-person meeting on October 5, 2026. Citizens may view and listen to the meeting using the following link and phone numbers.

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 5, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.**

The public joining the meeting via Zoom CANNOT participate in public comment.

- **Join Zoom Meeting:**
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- **Helpful notes for participants:** [Helpful Hints](#)
- **Meeting packets are published on the City of Owosso website** <http://www.ci.owosso.mi.us>

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**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
6:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR BILL MOULL
OWOSSO FREE METHODIST CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR PRO-TEM JEROME C. HABER

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.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the agenda with the following changes:

ADDITION - CONSENT AGENDA

12. Contract Authorization - Public Safety In-Car Camera Changeover. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal and installation of new in-car cameras in the public safety fleet in an amount not to exceed \$12,473.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.8

REMOVE - CITY MANAGER REPORT

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2026 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles

The proposed amendment would allow the City to tow the vehicles of people that have four or more unpaid tickets.

Councilmember Owens indicated he felt the City's enforcement of the parking regulations needs to be more consistent before he could support an ordinance allowing a vehicle to be towed.

Council discussion centered on establishing towing or other enforcement consequences for unpaid parking tickets, noting that the current lack of consequences has contributed to noncompliance and that a solution is needed to improve parking turnover.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Sec. 33-54, *Removal of Vehicle for Unpaid Parking Violations*, to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III, *Parking, stopping and standing*, Division 2, Parking violations bureau,

The following people commented regarding the proposed amendment:

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, raised concerns about the proposed parking enforcement process, including whether ticketing records would be subject to FOIA, which towing company would be used, how vehicles could be reclaimed, and how overnight street parking would be addressed. He suggested waiting for the new council to handle the matter, questioned whether the City would receive any revenue or fees, and expressed support for using vehicle boots.

Gil Humphreys, 1202 S. Chipman Street, said he talked to business owners downtown about the parking situation and he reached the conclusion that if the City is going to issue parking tickets, then they have to mean something.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all interested parties, motion by Councilmember Osmer that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 853

ADDING SEC. 33-54 TO CHAPTER 33, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FOR UNPAID PARKING VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, motor vehicles and licensed trailers may receive parking citations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a parking ordinance that does not include regulations for the towing of vehicle for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the parking ordinance to include the towing of motor vehicles and licensed trailers for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held and all interested parties were heard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Sec 33-54, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso be added as follows:

Sec. 33-54. – Unpaid parking violations.

In any case where more than four (4) parking violations under any section of this chapter shall have been issued and remain unpaid in excess of thirty (30) calendar days for a vehicle bearing the same registration plate, the vehicle may be removed from any public place in the city at the direction of any police officer. Such vehicle shall not be released to its owner until all outstanding

violations, storage and towing charges have been paid.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect October 12, 2026.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Osmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmember Ludington, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: Councilmember Owens.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sean Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, said last weekend was a great weekend with the Historical Home Tour taking place, of which his home was a part. He said he hopes to have more events at the house this fall, starting with a meet the council candidates event this Saturday from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, asked if all council candidates were invited to the meet the candidates event. He went on to ask whether City employees improperly parking a City-owned car would get a parking ticket and why the tree is still in the river behind the old YWCA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich indicated that anyone parking improperly could receive a ticket.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Ludington to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Camping in Parks. Conduct first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed addition of Sec. 21-10, *Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property*, Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled properties as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 145-2026

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADD SEC. 21-10 TO CHAPTER 21, PARKS AND RECREATION, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPATION OF CITY-OWNED OR CITY-CONTROLLED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan has numerous parks and other City-owned or controlled properties; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have an ordinance prohibiting camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled property; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prohibit unauthorized use of City controlled and/or City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That Sec. 21-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 21-10. - Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property.

- (a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, establish or maintain a temporary place to live or sleep, or occupy City-owned or City-controlled property overnight.
- (b) *Sleeping in Vehicles.* It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep overnight in a vehicle, including, but not limited to, a van, automobile, camper, motor home, recreational vehicle, or similar vehicle, while the vehicle is located on City-owned or City-controlled property.
- (c) *Camping Facilities and Paraphernalia.* It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain a campsite or temporary place to live or sleep on City-owned or City-controlled property through the use of camping facilities or camping paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tarps, or similar items.
- (d) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
 - Campsite* means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained, regardless of whether such place incorporates the use of any tent, shack, structure, or vehicle.
 - To Camp* means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a temporary place to live or sleep.
 - Temporary shelter* means any structure, enclosure, covering, or other arrangement used or intended to provide temporary protection from the elements or to establish or maintain a place to live or sleep, including, but not limited to, tents, tarps, huts, or makeshift shelters.
- (e) *City-Owned or City-Controlled Property.* The prohibitions contained in this section apply to all City-owned or City-controlled property, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. City parks;
 - 2. Public parking lots;
 - 3. Streets and alleys;
 - 4. Sidewalks;
 - 5. Public rights-of-way;
 - 6. Public easements;
 - 7. Public bike paths and trails;
 - 8. Public recreational areas; and
 - 9. Other public areas, whether improved or unimproved, under the ownership or control of the City.
- (f) *Personal Property Associated with Unauthorized Camping or Occupation.*

1. If camping facilities, camping paraphernalia, or other personal property are found on City-owned or City-controlled property in violation of this section, the owner of such property, if present, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to remove the property.
2. If the owner is not present, or refuses to remove the property, the property may be removed and handled in accordance with established City policies and applicable law.
3. If the owner arrives during the removal of property, the owner shall, when reasonably practicable, be provided an opportunity to remove the property.

(g) *Violation.* A person who violates any provision of this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(h) *Enforcement.* Nothing in this section shall prevent the City or its authorized personnel from taking appropriate action to address an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare or from enforcing any other applicable provision of the City Code.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed addition to Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication.

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Single Hauler Garbage Collection. Conduct first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 34, Utilities and Services, Article II, *Garbage and Rubbish*, Division 2, Collection, Sec. 34-43(c) and Secs. 34-51 through 34-55, to authorize exclusive contracts for residential refuse, garbage, and recycling collection to comply with the 2022 revision to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, requiring 90% of single-family homes to have access to curbside recycling as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2026

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND SEC. 34-43(C) AND ADD SECS. 34-51 THROUGH 34-55 TO CHAPTER 34, UTILITIES AND SERVICES, TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan is facing changes to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requiring 90% of single-family homes in the City to have access to curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment establishing a single-hauler, exclusive-contract option for residential garbage, refuse, and recycling collection to comply with said changes; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan, is hereby amended by revising 34-43(c) as follows:

Sec. 34-43. – Owner’s duty as to refuse.

- (c) All rates and charges for the use of garbage or refuse service under the provisions of this division shall be determined by contractual agreement between the citizen using the garbage and rubbish collection service and the provider of the garbage and rubbish collection service **except for Exclusive Contracts as established by Ordinance**

SECTION 2. ADDITION. That Sections 34-51, 34-52, 34-53, 34-54 and 34-55 shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 34-51. - Exclusive contracts.

The City Council may, either by advertising for bids or otherwise, enter into an exclusive contract or extend the term of a contract with a City contractor who shall be licensed and insured, with such person or entity as the City Council may deem best able to collect and dispose of residential refuse and/or garbage and/or recyclable materials in accordance with the best interests of the City and its residents. The City contractor shall be the only person or entity allowed to provide the contracted services to residential premises having one- and two-family residences within the City. The City contractor shall provide the contracted services to all covered residential premises in the City in full compliance with the contract, this chapter and applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 34-52. - Rates, charges and collections for Residential Refuse Service, Residential Garbage Service, and recycling services.

- a) *Rates.* The City Council shall set the rates that may be charged for residential refuse service, residential garbage service, and recycling services to premises having one- and two-family residential dwellings. The rates to be charged shall be proportionate to the necessary costs of the services.
- b) *Fee Collection.* The City may choose, by resolution, any of the following methods of collecting and/or billing residential properties for services rendered:
1. Special Assess properties, in accordance with the Charter Chapter 10 Special Assessments, receiving garbage collection services; or
 2. City to Resident direct billing as described in Sec. 34-53 and Sec. 34-54; or
 3. Obligate contractor to bill the resident directly.
- c) *Publication of terms.* Upon adoption, the approved rates, collection schedule and times, shall be published to provide notice to the public.
- d) *Schedule.* The City manager shall establish schedules, conditions, and methods of collecting refuse and shall, by appropriate means, provide the citizens of the City with information concerning the same; provided, that collection shall not commence before 7:00 a.m., nor be continued after 6:00 p.m., except where, for the protection of public health the City manager may require the extending of the time limit herein fixed; provided, further, that no person shall place refuse containers in the public right-of-way for collection by the City before 8:00 p.m. of the day

preceding the regularly scheduled collection day, or a special collection day requested by the occupant and approved by the department of public works, and the occupant(s) shall not allow the refuse containers to remain in the public right-of-way past 10:00 a.m. on the day following the date the refuse is collected.

- e) *Non-residential units.* All non-residential properties (including, but not limited to, apartment buildings, mobile home parks or multiple family attached dwelling units greater than three in number) shall make independent arrangements for pickup and disposal/processing of garbage/rubbish, bulk waste, yard waste and/or recyclable waste.
- f) *Contractor provided carts.* The contractor shall provide and adequately maintain City approved carts to satisfy the services anticipated by the agreement.
- g) *Noncompliance by Resident.* Failure by Resident to timely and properly place his/her waste and recyclables as directed by the approved contract collection schedule will not relieve the resident from the collection fee or the special assessment in full or in part.
- h) *Promulgation of rules.* In order to clarify and implement the provisions of this section, the City Manager shall be authorized to promulgate all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this section in the best interests of the public health and safety of the City and residents.
- i) *Separation of materials.* Non-recyclable materials shall not be placed in the recycling containers. Failure to separate recyclables as required in this section excuses the City and/or its contractors from any obligation to remove the recyclables and/or the solid waste from the curb in addition to the other penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter.
- j) *Responsibilities of residential property owners and occupants.* All property owners and occupants who receive refuse collection services contracted by the City pursuant to Section 34-51 shall comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable contract, which shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Such contracts may address topics, including:
 - 1. Size and other specifications for refuse bins;
 - 2. Appropriate locations for placing refuse bins prior to pickup;
 - 3. Weight and Size limitations for the curbside pickup, of bulk items, and yard waste;
 - 4. Appropriate separation of refuse and recyclable materials.

Sec. 34-53. - Billing.

- (a) Charges for garbage collection services may be billed and collected monthly, or on a quarterly basis, or on a biannual basis, or on an annual basis.
- (b) Garbage collection service surcharges shall be billed and collected concurrently with the garbage collection service charge.

Sec. 34-54. Collection.

- a) The public services department is hereby authorized to enforce the payment of charges for garbage collection services to any premises and/or for a customer's violation of Section 34-52(j), and may discontinue the collection service to such premises with an action of assumpsit instituted by the City against the customer. Where the garbage collection service to any premises is discontinued to enforce the payment of garbage collection service charges, the service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid.
- b) Charges for garbage collection services to a premises shall constitute a lien on such premises.

Sec. 34-55. Penalty.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, a person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.
- (b) Any person, firm, or entity engaging in unauthorized commercial collection of residential refuse, garbage, or recyclable materials from covered residential premises in violation of an exclusive contract awarded pursuant to Sec. 34-51 shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$2,500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.
- (c) Any violation subject to general Code enforcement shall be governed by the general penalty provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 34, Utilities and Services, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication.

Traffic Control Order Request – Owosso High School 2026 Homecoming Parade. Approve request from Owosso High School for closure of the streets listed on the application from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026 for the annual High School Homecoming parade and approve Traffic Control Order No. 1547 formalizing the request.
Master Plan Implementation Goals: 4.2, 4.6, 5.12, 7.1

Financial Account Signatories. Consider resolution designating authorized signers on City financial accounts as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2026

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES
ON CITY OF OWOSSO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- (i) The City uses a range of financial institutions for its financial needs and all said institutions (the "Financial Institutions") are depositories for the City of Owosso (the "City") and are hereby designated as depositories of the City;
- (ii) any of the individuals whose names are set forth in (iv), below or, whose genuine signatures appear on separate cards dated and filed with the individual Financial Institutions, (collectively the "Authorized Signatories" and individually an "Authorized Signatory") are hereby authorized to act individually on behalf of the City and in its name to:
 - a. sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances, or other orders for payment of funds from any account maintained by the City;
 - b. indorse checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments owned or held by the City for deposit in any such account, or for collection or discount by the Bank;
 - c. identify, approve and guarantee the indorsements of any and all checks and drafts drawn by the City;
 - d. waive demand, protest, and notice of protest, or dishonor of any check, draft, note, bill, certificates of deposit or other instruments made, drawn, or indorsed by the City;
 - e. act for the City in the transaction of all other business (whether or not it is of the kind, nature or character specified in this certificate) on the City's behalf with the Financial Institutions, including but not limited to executing contracts and delegating person to engage in transaction in connection with such contracts;
 - f. open and maintain an account in the name of the City (any account so opened shall be bound by the provisions of this certificate);
 - g. certify to the Financial Institutions the names of the Authorized Signatories and shall certify such change to the Financial Institutions, and the Financial Institutions shall be fully protected in relying on such certification, or refusing to honor the signature of any individual not so certified;
 - h. delegate other person(s) to perform any of the foregoing acts;

(iv) Names or Titles of Authorized Signatories:

City Clerk
City Treasurer
Finance Director
City Manager

***Change Order - 2025 Well Improvements Project.** Approve Change Order #4 to the 2025 Well Improvements Project contract, increasing the contract amount \$190,628.00 for rehabilitation and upgrades to Palmer 2 Well and Local Well 1 and necessary tasks related to the abandonment of the Palmer 1 Well, and further approve payment to the contractor including Change Order No. 4 not to exceed a final amount of \$2,115,023.00 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2026

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4
TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND
SORENSEN GROSS COMPANY OF FLINT, MICHIGAN
FOR 2025 WELL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a contract with Sorensen Gross Company, on June 2, 2025 for improvements to its existing water distribution system, known as the 2025 Well Improvements Project, which is a planned and approved 2025 SRF project; and

WHEREAS, the project is now underway and a change order is necessary to reconcile contract work and supplies to be used.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to amend the 2025 Wells Improvements Project contract with Sorensen Gross Company to increase the contract amount to update contract work and supplies to be used.

SECOND: The Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in form attached as Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$190,628.00; an increase to the Contract for Services between the City of Owosso and Sorenson Gross Company revising the total current contract amount from \$1,924,395.00 to \$2,115,023.00 addition of two hundred and seventy-six (276) days to the contract time.

THIRD: The Accounts Payable department is authorized to pay Sorenson Gross Company for work satisfactorily completed up to the revised contract amount of \$2,115,023.00.

FOURTH: The above additional expenses of \$190,628.00, are contingent upon EGLE's approval.

FIFTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Water Fund, and SRF Bond Funds.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

Purchase Authorization - DPW Fleet Pickup Truck. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of one Ford 2027 F250 pickup truck for the DPW fleet from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$46,575.00 utilizing State of Michigan MiDeal Contract # MA 240000001208, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2026

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LUNGHAMER FORD OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN TO PROCURE ONE (1) FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK FOR USE IN THE FLEET MOTOR POOL

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has budgeted from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the replacement of one pickup truck used for the maintenance of streets and other community public works services; and

WHEREAS, one (1) existing pickup truck is at the end of its useful service life, and no longer cost efficient to maintain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the replacement equipment on the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract as priced by Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, Michigan, and recommends authorizing a purchase agreement between the City of Owosso and Lunghamer Ford for the acquisition of one (1) Ford F250 pickup truck on the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract, MA 240000001208 in the amount of \$46,575.00 total; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the purchasing policy formal bid requirements is requested, to initiate procurement upon approval and authorization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to contract with Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, Michigan for the purchase of one (1) Ford F250 pickup truck on State of Michigan MiDeal Contract, MA 240000001208, for use in the Fleet Motor Pool, in the amount of \$46,575.00.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, Michigan in the amount of \$46,575.00.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

Purchase Authorization – John Deere Gator. Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize the purchase of one 2027 John Deere GATOR HPX815E and accessories from Hutson, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell competitive contract 112624-DAC, in the amount of \$41,330.17, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2026

**AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR
A 2027 JOHN DEERE GATOR™HPX815E
AND ACCESSORIES FROM HUTSON, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a Department of Public Works requiring the use of a John Deere Gator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has budgeted from the Fleet Motor Pool Replacement Fund for the purchase of one (1) John Deere Gator and accessories; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the equipment on the Sourcewell Program as priced by Hutson, Inc. and recommends authorizing a purchase agreement between the City of Owosso and Hutson, Inc. for the acquisition of one (1) John Deere GATOR™HPX815E (Model Year 2027) and accessories on the Sourcewell Contract 112624-DAC in the amount of \$41,330.17 total; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the purchasing policy formal bid requirements is requested, to initiate procurement upon approval and authorization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to contract with Hutson, Inc. for the purchase of one (1) John Deere GATOR™HPX815E (Model Year 2027) and accessories on Sourcewell Contract 112624-DAC, for use in the Fleet Motor Pool, in the amount of \$41,330.17.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Hutson, Inc. in the amount of \$41,330.17.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

***Contract Authorization – Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize a contract with Pleune Service Company for the Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement project in the amount of \$92,581.28, plus a contingency of \$5,000.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2026

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PLEUNE SERVICE COMPANY
FOR SERVICES AT CURWOOD CASTLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, owns Curwood Castle, a historic building; and

WHEREAS, Curwood Castle needs radiator, pipe, and boiler repairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's insurance provider, MMRMA has authorized these expenses; and

WHEREAS, Pleune Service Company submitted the only qualified quote; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant City Manager recommends waiving bidding requirements and authorizing the City to contract with Pleune Service Company for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary, and in the public interest to waive bid requirements and authorize a contract with Pleune Service Company for the Curwood Castle Radiator Project.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Pleune Service Company in an amount not to exceed \$97,581.28 upon completion of the project or portion thereof.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the Historical Fund Account 297-798-930.000 and reimbursed by MMRMA.

***Bid Award – 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project – Engineering Services.** Approve bid award to Fishbeck for the 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project, in the amount of \$150,100.00 for engineering and construction administration services, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and authorize payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2026

**APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 16 TO THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWOSSO AND FISHBECK FOR
ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
FOR THE 2027 DWSRF LSLR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, will fund from the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for drinking water distribution system improvements, and

WHEREAS, non-compliant water service lines of the water distribution system need to be replaced with compliant materials, and Fishbeck of Lansing, Michigan has provided a proposal for the necessary engineering services to replace non-compliant water service lines, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the proposal and verified the engineering services as necessary for the: federal crosscutter services, design, bid specification development, construction administration services, and construction inspection services to replace the non-compliant water service lines, and hereby recommends authorizing Fishbeck to provide these engineering services in the amount of \$150,100.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to contract with Fishbeck for engineering services to replace the non-compliant water service lines within the water distribution system.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Fishbeck in the amount of \$150,100.00 for these services.
- THIRD: Task 3 – Construction Administration Services, and Task 4 – Construction Inspection Services are contingent upon the City securing loan funding through the State's DWSRF program.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the fund 591-901-972.200.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

***AP Check Register – August 2026.** Affirm Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$3,070,454.16 from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

***Payroll Check Register – August 2026.** Affirm Payroll check disbursements totaling \$909,454.51 for the period from August 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

***Contract Authorization - Public Safety In-Car Camera Changeover.** Waive competitive bidding requirements, authorize contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal and installation of new in-car cameras in the public safety fleet in an amount not to exceed \$12,473.00, and further authorize payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2026

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF IN-CAR CAMERAS IN THE POLICE SAFETY FLEET WITH MID MICHIGAN EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES AND SERVICE L.L.C.

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has purchased new Axon Inc in-car cameras for its police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, our current fleet of ten (10) police vehicles need to have the current cameras removed and the new cameras installed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received a quote from Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal of the old equipment, supply of select fittings, and the installation of all said materials; and it is hereby determined that this company is qualified to perform the work requested; and

WHEREAS, a waiver of the bidding requirements is requested as professional services are exempt from competitive bidding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to contract Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal, purchase, and installation of public safety equipment in City Police vehicles in the amount of \$12,473.00.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document in the form attached, Contract for Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C.

THIRD: The Accounts Payable Department is hereby authorized to issue payment to Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. in the amount of \$12,473.00 upon delivery of the equipment and satisfactory completion of the work.

FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Police equipment fund 101-301-978.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.8

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Osmer, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Olson, Ludington, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

SATA Commitment

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 7.1

City Manager Nathan R. Henne explained the item before the Council, saying that SATA's fiscal year starts October 1 and each year they ask for a commitment that the City will pay the requested amount.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve the annual commitment to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$123,586.75 for the provision of public transportation as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2026

APPROVING THE SHIAWASSEE AREA TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (SATA) COMMITMENT FOR 2027

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso is a member of the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA), a public transportation service committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to the citizens of Shiawassee County; and

WHEREAS, the SATA Board of Directors has approved the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's share of the total local funding request for the fiscal year is \$123,586.75, which reflects the City's proportional share based on the established funding model; and

WHEREAS, this commitment from the City of Owosso is necessary to ensure the continued provision of essential transportation services to the community; and

WHEREAS, SATA has requested that the City of Owosso forward their commitment regarding this funding request by August 26, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: it hereby approves the commitment of \$123,586.75 to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

SECOND: the City Manager is authorized to sign and submit any necessary documentation to confirm the City's commitment to SATA.

THIRD: the funds for this commitment shall be allocated from the Transportation Fund – Contractual Services: 588-200-818.000 and any other funds approved by Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Ludington, Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Fear, Osmer, Olson, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to allow Councilmember Ludington to abstain from the following vote.

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Owens, Olson, Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Osmer, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

Councilmember Ludington leaves the room at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Olson acknowledging the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington in the contract(s) in question and approving \$1,023.49 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of August 2026 as follows:

STATEMENT REGARDING BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE CITY

Per Owosso City Charter Section 14.4 and Michigan Public Act 317 of 1968, as amended

I, Carl Ludington, being an officer of the City of Owosso, do hereby declare a pecuniary interest in the foregoing proposed contract(s) with the City of Owosso as described as:

PO NUMBER	DEPT.	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
000048076	862	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	REMOVAL & INSTALL OF FILTERS 3 & 4 ALARMS	1,023.49
				<u>\$ 1,023.49</u>

For the Period of: August 2026

Vendor: Ludington Electric, Inc

Total Amount: \$1,023.49

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Owens, Olson, Fear, Osmer, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Ludington.

Councilmember Ludington returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gil Humphreys, 1202 S. Chipman Street, asked why there is a deficit in the SATA funding.

Jeff Turner, 204 Oakwood Avenue, asked for more parking enforcement when it comes to parking on City streets overnight and parking in front yards. He also asked why the City only has two police officers on duty during the night.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Henne explained that the Headlee Rollback and tax captures by the Brownfield Authority and DDA are the reasons why the City's millage does not pay the entire fee for SATA and that this deficit has only occurred in the last couple of years.

Public Safety Director Lenkart responded to Mr. Turner's questions saying he will advise officers to step up parking enforcement in residential areas and he explained that two officers are the minimum number of officers that would be on duty.

Councilmember Fear asked about the status of the vacant commercial property registration ordinance. It was noted the proposed ordinance is currently being evaluated by the DDA and should be ready for Council in October.

Councilmember Olson initiated a discussion regarding the ongoing issues with the downtown holiday lights, which are affected by outdated electrical infrastructure and circuit problems, with potential repairs expected to cost many thousands of dollars. Olson expressed frustration with the lack of consistent information and requested greater transparency, while Mayor Teich suggested developing a clear game plan to identify a feasible and affordable solution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. July 2026 Financial Report.

Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. August 2026 Financial Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Rental Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Parking Citation Report

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Fire Report.

Kathy Fagan, City Treasurer. Quarterly Utility Billing Delinquent and Shut off Statistics. April 2026 – June 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2028

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

Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027

Parks and Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2028

Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027

Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2029

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Owens for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Owosso City Council

FROM: Kevin Lenkart
Public Safety Chief

RE: Ordinance Addition – Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property

Recommendation:

Recommend Owosso City Council approve the attached resolution setting a public hearing for October 5, 2026, to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to add ordinance, Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property, to Chapter 21-10, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso.

Background:

Currently the City of Owosso Parking does not have an ordinance prohibiting camping on City Property. The adoption of this ordinance will allow Owosso Police staff to enforce this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ADD SEC. 21-10
TO CHAPTER 21, PARKS AND RECREATION,
TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPATION
OF CITY-OWNED OR CITY-CONTROLLED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan has numerous parks and other City-owned or controlled properties; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have an ordinance prohibiting camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled property; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to prohibit unauthorized use of City controlled and/or City-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heard all interested parties at a public hearing conducted October 5, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That Sec. 21-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 21-10. - Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property.

- (a) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for any person to camp, establish or maintain a temporary place to live or sleep, or occupy City-owned or City-controlled property overnight.
- (b) *Sleeping in Vehicles.* It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep overnight in a vehicle, including, but not limited to, a van, automobile, camper, motor home, recreational vehicle, or similar vehicle, while the vehicle is located on City-owned or City-controlled property.
- (c) *Camping Facilities and Paraphernalia.* It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain a campsite or temporary place to live or sleep on City-owned or City-controlled property through the use of camping facilities or camping paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, tents, huts, temporary shelters, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, tarps, or similar items.

- (d) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Campsite means any place where any bedding, sleeping bag or other sleeping matter, or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained, regardless of whether such place incorporates the use of any tent, shack, structure, or vehicle.

To Camp means to set up or to remain in or at a campsite for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a temporary place to live or sleep.

Temporary shelter means any structure, enclosure, covering, or other arrangement used or intended to provide temporary protection from the elements or to establish or maintain a place to live or sleep, including, but not limited to, tents, tarps, huts, or makeshift shelters.

- (e) *City-Owned or City-Controlled Property.* The prohibitions contained in this section apply to all City-owned or City-controlled property, including, but not limited to:

- 1. City parks;
- 2. Public parking lots;
- 3. Streets and alleys;
- 4. Sidewalks;

5. Public rights-of-way;
6. Public easements;
7. Public bike paths and trails;
8. Public recreational areas; and
9. Other public areas, whether improved or unimproved, under the ownership or control of the City.

(f) *Personal Property Associated with Unauthorized Camping or Occupation.*

1. If camping facilities, camping paraphernalia, or other personal property are found on City-owned or City-controlled property in violation of this section, the owner of such property, if present, shall be given a reasonable opportunity to remove the property.
2. If the owner is not present, or refuses to remove the property, the property may be removed and handled in accordance with established City policies and applicable law.
3. If the owner arrives during the removal of property, the owner shall, when reasonably practicable, be provided an opportunity to remove the property.

(g) *Violation.* A person who violates any provision of this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(h) *Enforcement.* Nothing in this section shall prevent the City or its authorized personnel from taking appropriate action to address an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare or from enforcing any other applicable provision of the City Code.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect October 26, 2026.



DATE: September 11, 2026
TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Second Reading and Public Hearing: Ordinance Amending Chapter 34, "Garbage and Rubbish," to Authorize an Exclusive Contract for Residential Refuse, Garbage, and Recycling Collection

BACKGROUND

The 2022 revision to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, requires every Michigan county to adopt a Materials Management Plan (MMP) by 2028. For cities with a population over 5,000, the standard is that 90% of single-family dwellings have access to curbside recycling.

Over the past year, the City has participated as a charter member of the Shiawassee Recycling Leadership Group, working with other county municipalities toward a unified county MMP. As part of that effort, KSK Consultancy, led by Dr. Kari Krantz, conducted a city-wide public input process in spring 2025 that included in-person sessions, virtual sessions, local hauler sessions, and high school student sessions across Shiawassee County, with support from the Cook Foundation. Staff presented the findings and a set of local policy options to Council in July 2026.

On August 17, 2026, Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment establishing a single-hauler, exclusive-contract option for residential garbage, refuse, and recycling collection. The first reading of the attached draft ordinance was held on September 8, 2026. This memo presents the ordinance for second reading and public hearing.

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

The attached draft ordinance amends Chapter 34, "Garbage and Rubbish," of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

1. Sec. 34-43(c) is revised to except City-established exclusive contracts from the current rule that garbage rates are set solely by private agreement between a resident and a hauler.
2. New Sec. 34-51 authorizes the City Council to award an exclusive contract to a single licensed hauler to provide residential refuse, garbage, and recycling collection to one- and two-family residential premises.
3. New Sec. 34-52 gives Council authority to set rates proportionate to service costs and to choose a billing method — special assessment, direct City billing, or contractor billing — and establishes collection hours, cart placement, and contractor cart-provision requirements.

4. New Sec. 34-53 and Sec. 34-54 establish billing frequency and give the City authority to enforce nonpayment, including discontinuing service and placing a lien on the property.
5. New Sec. 34-55 establishes civil infraction penalties for noncompliance, with enhanced penalties of \$500 to \$2,500 for any hauler that collects residential refuse, garbage, or recyclables in violation of the exclusive contract.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND REPRESENTATIVENESS

The policy direction behind this ordinance was informed by the public input process led by Dr. Krantz, which gathered responses from 103 residents. This sample is statistically representative of the community: applying standard margin-of-error methodology to Owosso's population similar to models used for national public opinion polling.

MASTER PLAN GOALS: 1.23

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE TO
AMEND SEC. 34-43(C) AND ADD SECS. 34-51 THROUGH 34-55
TO CHAPTER 34, UTILITIES AND SERVICES,
TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan is facing changes to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requiring 90% of single-family homes in the City to have access to curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment establishing a single-hauler, exclusive-contract option for residential garbage, refuse, and recycling collection to comply with said changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met, and heard all interested persons.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan, is hereby amended by revising 34-43(c) as follows:

Sec. 34-43. – Owner's duty as to refuse.

(c) All rates and charges for the use of garbage or refuse service under the provisions of this division shall be determined by contractual agreement between the citizen using the garbage and rubbish collection service and the provider of the garbage and rubbish collection service except for Exclusive Contracts as established by Ordinance

SECTION 2. ADDITION. That Sections 34-51, 34-52, 34-53, 34-54 and 34-55 shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 34-51. - Exclusive contracts.

The City Council may, either by advertising for bids or otherwise, enter into an exclusive contract or extend the term of a contract with a City contractor who shall be licensed and insured, with such person or entity as the City Council may deem best able to collect and dispose of residential refuse and/or garbage and/or recyclable materials in accordance with the best interests of the City and its residents. The City contractor shall be the only person or entity allowed to provide the contracted services to residential premises having one- and two-family residences within the City. The City contractor shall provide the contracted services to all covered residential premises in the City in full compliance with the contract, this chapter and applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 34-52. - Rates, charges and collections for Residential Refuse Service, Residential Garbage Service, and recycling services.

Rates. The City Council shall set the rates that may be charged for residential refuse service, residential garbage service, and recycling services to premises having one- and two-family residential dwellings. The rates to be charged shall be proportionate to the necessary costs of the services.

Fee Collection. The City may choose, by resolution, any of the following methods of collecting and/or billing residential properties for services rendered:

Special Assess properties, in accordance with the Charter Chapter 10 Special Assessments, receiving garbage collection services; or
City to Resident direct billing as described in Sec. 34-53 and Sec. 34-54; or

Obligate contractor to bill the resident directly.

Publication of terms. Upon adoption, the approved rates, collection schedule and times, shall be published to provide notice to the public.

Schedule. The City manager shall establish schedules, conditions, and methods of collecting refuse and shall, by appropriate means, provide the citizens of the City with information concerning the same; provided, that collection shall not commence before 7:00 a.m., nor be continued after 6:00 p.m., except where, for the protection of public health the City manager may require the extending of the time limit herein fixed; provided, further, that no person shall place refuse containers in the public right-of-way for collection by the City before 8:00 p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection day, or a special collection day requested by the occupant and approved by the department of public works, and the occupant(s) shall not allow the refuse containers to remain in the public right-of-way past 10:00 a.m. on the day following the date the refuse is collected.

Non-residential units. All non-residential properties (including, but not limited to, apartment buildings, mobile home parks or multiple family attached dwelling units greater than three in number) shall make independent arrangements for pickup and disposal/processing of garbage/rubbish, bulk waste, yard waste and/or recyclable waste.

Contractor provided carts. The contractor shall provide and adequately maintain City approved carts to satisfy the services anticipated by the agreement.

Noncompliance by Resident. Failure by Resident to timely and properly place his/her waste and recyclables as directed by the approved contract collection schedule will not relieve the resident from the collection fee or the special assessment in full or in part.

Promulgation of rules. In order to clarify and implement the provisions of this section, the City Manager shall be authorized to promulgate all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this section in the best interests of the public health and safety of the City and residents.

Separation of materials. Non-recyclable materials shall not be placed in the recycling containers. Failure to separate recyclables as required in this section excuses the City and/or its contractors from any obligation to remove the recyclables and/or the solid waste from the curb in addition to the other penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter.

Responsibilities of residential property owners and occupants. All property owners and occupants who receive refuse collection services contracted by the City pursuant to Section 34-51 shall comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable contract, which shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Such contracts may address topics, including:

Size and other specifications for refuse bins;

Appropriate locations for placing refuse bins prior to pickup;

Weight and Size limitations for the curbside pickup, of bulk items, and yard waste;

Appropriate separation of refuse and recyclable materials.

Sec. 34-53. - Billing.

(a) Charges for garbage collection services may be billed and collected monthly, or on a quarterly basis, or on a biannual basis, or on an annual basis.

(b) Garbage collection service surcharges shall be billed and collected concurrently with the garbage collection service charge.

Sec. 34-54. Collection.

The public services department is hereby authorized to enforce the payment of charges for garbage collection services to any premises and/or for a customer's violation of Section 34-52(j), and may discontinue the collection service to such premises with an action of assumpsit instituted by the City against the customer. Where the garbage collection service to any premises is discontinued to enforce the payment of garbage collection service charges, the service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid.

Charges for garbage collection services to a premises shall constitute a lien on such premises.

Sec. 34-55. Penalty.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, a person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.

(b) Any person, firm, or entity engaging in unauthorized commercial collection of residential refuse, garbage, or recyclable materials from covered residential premises in violation of an exclusive contract awarded pursuant to Sec. 34-51 shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$2,500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.

(c) Any violation subject to general Code enforcement shall be governed by the general penalty provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect October 26, 2026.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: Owosso City Council

FROM: Katherine Fagan, City Treasurer

RE: Special Assessment District No. 2026-102 - Hazards & Nuisances

Over the course of the year, the City takes action to alleviate nuisances and hazards to the public that exist on private property. The charges for these actions are invoiced to the owner of record for the property. Once a year, per section 28-10.5 of the Code, any charges left unpaid shall be established as liens to the affected property. Once the lien is established I would be authorized to add the amount of the invoices to the tax roll.

The associated document to this memo details the outstanding nuisance and hazard invoices since this process last took place in December of 2025. It lists the invoice numbers, the date of the invoice, the parcel number and address, the type of nuisance or hazard and the amount of the invoice.

The process for establishing a lien is handled via special assessment. Initially, the list of outstanding invoices is presented to Council with a request to set a public hearing. Upon this action, letters are sent to the affected property owners informing them of the City's intent to lien their property if the invoice(s) remains unpaid. They then have the opportunity to protest the proposed action at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Council can accept the roll as presented, make amendments to the roll, or hold off on action all together (though this is not recommended).

Tonight, I recommend that you take action to start this process in motion by setting a public hearing for October 19, 2026, to receive citizen comment regarding this roll. An updated list of unpaid invoices to be added to the tax roll will be provided to you at the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2026-102
HAZARDS AND NUISANCES**

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2026 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.
3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in *The Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor's office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.

The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – HAZARDS AND NUISANCES
CITY OF OWOSSO
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances on the property listed below.

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Customer #	Address	Srvc Code	Amount Due
8/6/2025	7784	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/6/2025	7785	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/6/2025	7787	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	WEEDS	\$ 140.00
8/6/2025	7788	050-660-017-001-00	108 N Chipman St	WEEDS	\$ 184.00
8/6/2025	7789	050-553-000-008-00	1500 McMillan Ave	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
8/6/2025	7790	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7792	050-660-011-001-00	219 N Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7793	050-114-006-001-00	1122 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7797	050-390-004-012-00	1260 Adams St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7826	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00

9/16/2025	7827	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7828	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	WEEDS	\$ 140.00
9/16/2025	7832	050-050-000-038-00	114 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7836	050-553-000-008-00	1500 McMillan Ave	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
9/16/2025	7837	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
2/27/2026	7965	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	CLEAN	\$ 227.22
5/26/2026	8036	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
5/26/2026	8037	050-548-000-002-00	1299 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
5/26/2026	8038	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8040	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8042	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8043	050-010-034-015-00	620 Wright	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/29/2026	8046	050-652-008-004-00	808 Division St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8072	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
6/5/2026	8073	050-115-002-019-00	1149 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
6/5/2026	8074	050-010-017-040-00	646 Alger Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8075	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8076	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8077	050-210-000-005-00	519 Moore St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/15/2026	8081	050-010-015-002-00	663 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
6/15/2026	8083	050-111-009-003-00	412 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/15/2026	8084	050-111-009-005-00	404 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
6/15/2026	8085	050-380-001-012-00	320 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/16/2026	8086	050-602-007-005-00	1803 W Stewart St	WEEDS	\$ 169.00
6/18/2026	8089	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/18/2026	8090	050-010-015-005-00	651 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
6/18/2026	8091	050-651-000-022-00	501 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
6/18/2026	8092	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/22/2026	8099	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	CLEAN	\$ 312.11
6/25/2026	8104	050-602-007-005-00	1803 W Stewart St	CLEAN	\$ 1,538.72
6/30/2026	8105	050-113-014-001-00	1203 W Main St	WTR	\$ 596.95
7/2/2026	8123	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
7/2/2026	8124	050-115-002-019-00	1149 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
7/2/2026	8125	050-113-001-024-00	816 W Stewart St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
7/2/2026	8126	050-010-015-002-00	663 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/2/2026	8127	050-010-017-040-00	646 Alger Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/2/2026	8128	050-652-008-004-00	808 Division St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8131	050-660-014-012-00	104 N Lansing St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00

7/20/2026	8132	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8133	050-660-011-001-00	219 N Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8135	050-490-000-006-00	314 N Chestnut St	CLEAN	\$ 270.96
7/20/2026	8136	050-660-014-004-00	800 W Main St	WTR	\$ 4,001.49
7/21/2026	8137	050-652-008-011-00	303 E Ridge St	WEEDS	\$ 203.29
7/29/2026	8140	050-090-002-016-00	1419 Cleveland Ave	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
7/29/2026	8142	050-621-000-002-00	403 State St	WEEDS	\$ 169.00
				Total:	\$ 13,820.24

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY HAZARDS/NUISANCES INVOICES OR CHARGES REMAINING UNPAID AS OF THEIR DUE DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON THIS ROLL.

The said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026 for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the City Treasurer's Office at 725-0599.

4. The City Treasurer is directed to write-off the following hazards and nuisances charges, consisting of unpaid invoices that are unable to be leined due to the Shiawassee County tax sale process:

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Customer #	Address	Srvc Code	Amount Due
8/13/2025	7794	050-652-010-024-00	917 S Park St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7796	050-660-022-004-00	216 S Elm St	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
9/16/2025	7829	050-114-006-001-00	1122 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7834	050-652-010-024-00	917 S Park St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7835	050-660-022-004-00	216 S Elm St	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
				Total:	\$ 689.00



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: Mayor Teich and the Owosso City Council

FROM: Ryan E. Suchanek, Director of Public Services & Utilities

RE: Designation of Street Administrator

Each year the City receives monies from the State for street maintenance as a part of PA 51 of 1951. This relationship is governed by a contract which requires the designation of a Street Administrator. The Street Administrator serves as the contact point for the Department of Transportation as well as the individual that coordinates all street related improvements and maintenance within the City. In light of the departure of Deputy Director of Public Services Thomas Wheeler, the new Deputy Director of Public Services Benjamin "Chase" Peiffer will be taking over these responsibilities.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution naming Benjamin Peiffer as the Street Administrator for the City of Owosso.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GOALS: 3.4, 3.22

If you require assistance accessing this information or require it in an alternative format, contact the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator at www.Michigan.gov/MDOT-ADA.

Michigan Department
of Transportation
2012 (08/19)

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR

Clear Form

This information is required by Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended. Failure to supply this information will result in funds being withheld.

MAIL TO: Michigan Department of Transportation, Financial Operations
Division, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909.
or Fax to: (517) 335-1828

NOTE: Indicate, if possible, where Street Administrator can usually be reached during normal working hours, if different than City or Village Office. List any other office held by the Administrator.

Councilperson or Commissioner _____
offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, Section 13(9) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act."

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designate Benjamin Peiffer

Deputy Director of Public Services as the single Street Administrator for the City or Village of
Owosso in all transactions with the State Transportation Department
as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

Supported by the Councilperson or Commissioner _____

Yeas _____

Nays _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at a regular meeting
of the governing body of this municipality on the 5th day of
October 2026

CITY OR VILLAGE CLERK (SIGNATURE)	E-MAIL ADDRESS Amy.Kohagen@ci.owosso.mi.us	DATE
STREET ADMINISTRATOR (SIGNATURE)	E-MAIL ADDRESS Chase.Peiffer@ci.owosso.mi.us	DATE
ADDRESS OF CITY OR VILLAGE OFFICE 301 W. Main Street	P.O.BOX	
CITY OR VILLAGE Owosso	ZIP CODE 48867	PHONE NUMBER (989) 725-0551



OWOSSO HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting of the Owosso Historical Commission

Draft Minutes of September 14, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. at Owosso City Hall

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Lance Little

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Bill Moull, Lorraine Weckwert, Rachel Osmer, Steve Teich, and Vice Chair Debra Adams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Rich Collins

CHAIRMAN LITTLE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

APPROVE AGENDA – September 14, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Moull to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Commissioner Teich.

Approved by voice vote

APPROVE MINUTES – July 13, 2026

Motion by Commissioner Osmer to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Commissioner Teich.

Approved by voice vote

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Amy Fuller reviewed the Commission's revenue and expense report. Denice Grace reviewed Castle financials.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Home Tour: The Commission discussed plans for the September Home Tour.

Radiator update: Amy Fuller shared updates on the radiator replacement project. The quote is waiting on insurance approval.

Castle Water for events: An on/off valve for exterior water is located inside the castle. DPW has been asked to reattach the exterior handle.

ArtWalk: There was discussion on selling Home Tour tickets at ArtWalk. Commissioner Osmer asked City Council members to help out; Mayor Teich and Councilmember Owens volunteered.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Osmer thanked Commissioner Adams for all of her work lining up docents for the home tour.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Draft Minutes of Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:00 p.m. at Owosso City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Dennis Mahoney, Emily Olson, Ellen Rodman, Kevin Maginity, Lee Mills, Miriam Skarich, and Carol Anne Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Olson made a motion to approve the agenda for September 23, 2026. Commissioner Rodman supported the motion. Passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for August 26, 2026, with one correction. The motion was supported by Commissioner Mills. Passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Commissioners welcomed Miriam Skarich to the commission.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: A contractor has been hired for basketball court maintenance.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Bentley Park, Stuart St entrance: The Commission discussed whether a second entrance to Bentley Park would be beneficial. No decision was made.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: October 28, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. The motion was supported by Commissioner Olson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Steven Teich.

ROLL CALL: Taken by Lizzie Fredrick

PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Teich, Vice-Chair Lance Omer, Commissioner Sean Harrington, Commissioner Erin Powell, and Commissioner William Byrne

ABSENT: Commissioner Jeff Ferweda

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Henne, Lizzie Fredrick

AGENDA APPROVAL: September 16, 2026

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA BY HARRINGTON. SECONDED BY BYRNE.
AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES APPROVAL: August 19, 2026

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY OMER. SECONDED BY POWELL.
AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Henne informed the Commission that staff approved three sign certificates during the month of August for 101 N Washington Street, 111 S Washington Street, and 204 W Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. HDC District Boundary Committee

Powell reported that her portion of the Historic District Study for the proposed Carnegie Library boundary expansion is complete but was not available at the meeting and stated that she would submit it before the Commission's October meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Extension of Certificate of Appropriateness — 123 N Washington Street

Henne reviewed the extension request for 123 N. Washington Street's Certificate of Appropriateness and noted the project must pass environmental clearances expected to be completed in approximately 45 days.

Jim Woodworth, owner of the property, attended the meeting virtually and reported project progress, including securing additional grant funding, completing a Phase II environmental study, and lead and asbestos testing currently taking place.

Byrne expressed concern that no physical progress has occurred on the building exterior.

The Commission discussed communications regarding the project and a potential timeline for start and completion to the façade improvements.

Henne reviewed the effects of denying the extension under the Commission's enforcement policy and confirmed that ordering corrective work on the facade would jeopardize the project's grant funding and that any City-performed remediation would pass the cost to taxpayers and require special assessment of the property.

The Commission discussed whether an extension shorter than one year was possible and adding a mid-term progress review in lieu of shortening the extension.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 123 N WASHINGTON STREET FOR TWELVE MONTHS AS PRESENTED, MADE BY OMER. SECONDED BY POWELL.

MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO RETURN TO THE COMMISSION FOR A REVIEW IN SIX MONTHS, REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROJECT, MADE BY HARRINGTON. SECONDED BY POWELL.

AYES: POWELL, OMER, HARRINGTON, AND TEICH

NAYS: BYRNE

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jael Harrington recommended a public statement to report 123 N. Washington Street's redevelopment progress to community members.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Members discussed the value of publicizing progress on the 123 N Washington Street project.

Henne reported that the business owner at 101 N Washington Street has been that the banner must be removed and that only one neon open sign is permitted.

Henne also reported that Itsa Deli Thing, located at 208 W Exchange Street, has replaced the vinyl that was not in compliance with district design standards.

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2026

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Owosso City Hall

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson Horvath.

PRESENT: Ferweda, Harrington, Horvath, and Wilson

ABSENT: Brewer, Cook, and Teich

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Henne

GUEST: Bob Wessel, Vice President, Lenawee County Historical Society

AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVAL:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES BY HARRINGTON. SECONDED BY FERWEDA.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Presentation — Lenawee County Museum (Adrian Carnegie Library)

Wessel described Adrian's 1909 Carnegie Library, which the city sold to the Historical Society for \$10 after it closed in 1975. It was converted to a museum for about \$300,000, and leftover funds created a trust now worth about \$1.2 million. The museum is volunteer-run, open Fridays and Saturdays, and costs about \$25,000–\$30,000 per year, funded by memberships, trust earnings, donations, and historic house plaques. Its main challenges are storage space and volunteer recruitment.

Members noted Adrian is comparable to Owosso but agreed a strong volunteer base is critical and cannot be created from scratch. No outside groups have come forward seeking the building.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Henne reported that the library's steam boiler control system has failed. The City will spend about \$35,000 to rebuild or replace it and obtain state certification before cold weather. Henne will meet with DPW next week, and Horvath will explore a Consumers Energy rebate.

Horvath noted a new state historic tax credit program has been announced and will gather details.

Henne reported that he asked the City Attorney to send letters to surviving Woodard family members regarding the quiet title proceedings in Circuit Court.

Henne reported that MEDC staff cuts eliminated the scheduled presenter and that he will contact Chuck Donaldson to confirm whether RRC technical assistance funds remain available.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY HARRINGTON. SECONDED BY FERWEDA.

MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.



CITY OF OWOSSO
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
September 2026

Special Report: Homelessness and the City's Response

Special Report: Homelessness and the City's Response

This month's report focuses on homelessness in Owosso and the work underway with our community partners. Like most cities, Owosso has an unhoused population that has grown in recent years. The City's approach has two parts: keeping parks and other public property safe, sanitary, and available to everyone, and supporting the local organizations working on shelter and services. The City does not ask anyone to leave a park simply for being homeless; enforcement is aimed at camping and the conditions encampments create.

What Staff Has Encountered

Encampments on City property have generated repeated resident complaints and public health and safety concerns over the past several summers. Examples include:

- **Curwood Castle:** A man camped in a tent beside the Castle for about a month last summer. The site was cleared after he broke into a neighboring home, where he was caught inside by the homeowner's security system.
- **Curwood Park (Paymaster Building):** A group gathering behind the building last summer urinated there regularly despite a portable toilet nearby. Removing the picnic table from the area helped.
- **Bentley Park:** Two years ago, a person repeatedly pitched a tent in the middle of the basketball court and later blocked the entrance to a downtown business.
- **Rosevear Park and Hopkins Lake:** Camps at Rosevear over two summers, one within 50 feet of a resident's backyard, were cleared this summer after many neighbor complaints. Staff found human waste and accumulated trash, and trash thrown into the creek caused flooding until DPW removed tarps and debris. Similar conditions occurred at Hopkins Lake.
- **Conditions inside the camps:** Staff has found and cleaned up tents filled with feces. Encampment residents have hand-dug wells and built huts from sticks and dirt, one with a wood-burning stove installed. All of this was on City property.
- **Gould Street trail:** An arrangement for campers to bag trash for weekly DPW pickup lasted only briefly; DPW ultimately cleared the site with a loader attachment. Staff do not clean these sites by hand because of the risk from discarded needles and human waste.

Placing trash cans near camps and offering to empty them has not resolved these problems.

It is important to be clear: the City has no ordinance prohibiting camping in parks. The rule against overnight camping in parks is a park rule established by Council resolution, not an ordinance. A resolution does not carry the enforcement weight of an ordinance, and the rule applies only overnight. When someone pitches a tent in the middle of a basketball court during the day, officers have no ordinance to enforce; they can only ask the person to move or wait until the park closes or in extreme examples, trespass the person from the park.

South Street Encampment

On August 25, Chief Lenkart, Community Development staff, and two officers visited an encampment about a quarter mile off South Street, reachable only by a narrow walking path, following two complaints from a Carr Street resident. Five to six people were present and cooperative; they were told they would need to leave and were given suggestions on where to go. Public Safety is following up to determine whether DPW equipment can reach the site, which is crossed by several gullies, and to deliver the City's written notice to vacate.



Wooded area south of W. South Street where the encampment is located.

Proposed Camping Ordinance — Sec. 21-10

At the recommendation of Public Safety, Council will hold a public hearing on October 5 on a proposed ordinance adding Section 21-10, Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property, to Chapter 21 (Parks and Recreation) of the City Code. The Parks and Recreation Commission was notified in advance. The ordinance would:

- Prohibit camping, establishing a temporary place to live or sleep, or occupying City-owned or City-controlled property overnight, including sleeping overnight in vehicles.
- Apply to parks, parking lots, streets, alleys, sidewalks, rights-of-way, easements, trails, recreational areas, and other public areas.
- Give owners a reasonable opportunity to remove tents and belongings before the City removes and handles them under City policy and applicable law.
- Make a violation a municipal civil infraction.

Responses to Council Questions

A councilmember submitted five questions on the proposed ordinance on September 28. Staff's responses follow.

1. What prompted the proposed ordinance, and what is its goal?

Ongoing complaints about encampments on City property, particularly at Rosevear Park. The first complaint this year was received April 6, followed by others by email and social media, and officers also patrolled the park proactively. Residents have also come to Council meetings throughout the year to describe how nearby encampments affect their quality of life and sense of public safety. Those residents and their concerns have not gone away. The goal is a clear, enforceable rule on camping and overnight occupation of City property. The ordinance addresses conduct on public property; it is not presented as a strategy to reduce homelessness.

2. Where would people be directed if they are told to leave a camping area?

The ordinance does not designate an alternative camping location or shelter. Officers refer people to available local resources, and the City's written notice invites them to call the Owosso Police Department at 989-725-0580 for help with resources. Public Safety works with Todd Fowler of Jennifer's Place on outreach, and a

community warming center is being organized (see below). Staff will not represent that a shelter placement is available unless one is confirmed.

Staff will continue connecting people with resources, but enforcement cannot be tied to services the City is not able to provide, such as alternative camping locations or payments for relocation. If the rule can be enforced only when those conditions are met, it cannot be enforced, and staff will be unable to do the job residents expect.

3. Is City staff working with local entities on a homeless shelter or other solution?

Yes. Staff is working with Hope Works Mid-Michigan and SafeCenter on a proposed shelter, and Public Safety is supporting the community warming center effort. Both are described below.

4. Has staff studied the ordinance's impact on homelessness?

No formal study has been conducted, and the ordinance is not presented as a measure to reduce homelessness. Its purpose is to address unauthorized camping on City property and the problems staff has documented: neighborhood complaints, human waste, accumulated trash and property, flooding, and loss of public access to park facilities. Earlier alternatives, including trash cans and designated trash pickup, did not resolve those problems.

5. What authority was used at Rosevear Park, and why not rely only on trespassing?

The City used its existing trespassing ordinance (19-64). The City's notice directs a person to remove belongings and vacate, states that refusing to leave after being told to do so is trespassing, and states that property left behind will be considered abandoned. Trespassing applies only after a person refuses to leave. The proposed ordinance would define and prohibit camping and overnight occupation directly, cover all City property including overnight sleeping in vehicles, and set out a process giving owners an opportunity to retrieve belongings before removal. **Public safety officers are trained extensively on enforcement and are recommending that Council support their efforts by adopting updated laws that allow them to do their job to the best of their ability – and to make official city action legally defensible.**

Shelter Planning — Hope Works Mid-Michigan and SafeCenter

On September 9, Hope Works Mid-Michigan (formerly Gratiot County Hope House) informed the City it planned to open a shelter in November in unoccupied duplex units on SafeCenter Domestic and Sexual Violence Services' campus. SafeCenter has proposed a broader "housing hub" bringing housing and homeless service providers together on one site, a concept it reports is supported by its board, state funders and coalitions, and the Cook Family Foundation.

The campus is zoned R-1 Single-Family Residential. Community Development found that the Planning Commission approved a special use permit for four duplexes in 1997 and that a 2010 Zoning Board of Appeals variance allowed use by SafeCenter (RAVE, Inc.), conditioned on the 1997 site plan. Community Development Director Tanya Buckelew has advised that SafeCenter's existing operation, in place since 2011, may continue, but that a new shelter is not permitted in a residential district under the current ordinance. City Planner Justin Sprague of OHM Advisors has been consulted on the best way forward. Staff will continue working with both organizations, with further discussion expected after SafeCenter's leadership returns October 12.

Warming Center and Outreach Partners

St. John's United Church of Christ is hosting a community meeting on an Owosso warming center and shelter on October 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the church, 429 N. Washington St. Chief Lenkart will attend to answer questions. Earlier that day, the Chief is meeting with Todd Fowler of Jennifer's Place, who has supported the department's efforts and assisted with outreach to people experiencing homelessness.

Looking Ahead

Council's October 5 public hearing on Sec. 21-10 is the next step on the ordinance. Shelter discussions with Hope Works and SafeCenter will resume in mid-October, and staff will report on warming center plans as they develop.

Public Works & Utilities

Trees Fallen into the Shiawassee River

In response to recent public comments, staff reviewed whether property owners must remove trees that fall into the river. Neither Michigan law nor the City Code imposes that requirement; the adjacent owner generally owns and controls the tree but has no duty to remove it. EGLE regulates removal rather than requiring it: hand removal that does not disturb the bed, banks, or sediment generally needs no permit, while removal involving embedded wood, sediment, or heavy equipment does. EGLE recommends leaving woody debris in place unless it creates a safety, navigation, or use concern. The City may remove trees threatening public infrastructure, subject to EGLE permitting, and obstructions in county drains fall to the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner. Details are in the September 25 memo to Council.

Community Development

Building Permits — Commercial Activity

- 220 W Main St — New roof.
- 216 E Comstock St — Renovations for Great Lakes Bay Health Center.
- 123 E Comstock St — New roof.
- 804 W Main St — Exterior wall repairs following the demolition of 800 W Main St.
- 1020 S Washington St — Student Center renovations.
- 102 W Main St — New business, Chestnut Supply.

Rezoning, Site Plans & Land Divisions

No rezoning requests, site plans, or land divisions/combinations were submitted during this reporting period.

Marihuana Licenses

The following marihuana licenses are active within the City of Owosso:

Type	Address	Status
Grow	1370 E South St	Medical/Recreational — Renewed Sept. 2026
Grow	1455 Industrial	Recreational — Renewed Oct. 2025
Grow	1750 E South St	Recreational — Renewed March 2026
Grow	1410 Hathaway	Recreational — Issued August 2026
Processing	1750 E South St Ste. 1	Recreational — Renewed Jan. 2026
Retail	117 E Main St	Medical & Recreational — Renewed Oct. 2025
Retail	200 E Main	Recreational — Renewed May 2026
Retail	116 N Washington	Recreational — Renewed Jan. 2026

MSHDA / Housing Grants

We continue to actively leverage state and federal housing grant funding. The CDBG Round 2 figures below reflect a September 2026 update: based on preliminary estimates and completed applications, the number of homes increased from 10 to 15.

Program	Year	Grant Amt.	Admin. Reimb.	Scope / Status
NEP Round 8	2023	\$70,000	\$5,000	5 homes — Completed
NEP Round 9	2024	\$70,000	\$2,500	3 homes — Completed
NEP Round 9 Public Amenity	2024	\$15,000	\$0	Grand Ave Park Equipment — Completed
MI-HOPE	2024–25	\$250,000	\$15,000	11 homes, energy efficient — Completed
MI-HOPE HiPerformer	2024–25	\$100,000	\$0	5 homes, energy efficient — Completed
MIN 1.0 & 2.0 (CDBG)	2025–26	\$860,831	\$64,469	30 homes — Complete by Nov. 2026
CDBG Round 2	2026–27	\$400,000	\$72,000	15 homes — Complete in 2027 (Sept.: increased from 10)
CDBG Round 3 — Residential	2027–28	\$760,000	\$115,930	19 homes — Complete 2027/2028
CDBG Round 3 — Citizens Loft	2026–27	\$500,000	\$76,270	5 rental units downtown — Complete in 2027
CDBG Round 4	2028–29	\$1,262,500	\$212,500	32 homes
TOTALS		\$4,288,331	\$564,669	125 homes — Grand Total: \$4,853,000

Parks & Recreation

Curwood Castle Restoration

Exterior restoration is nearing completion. At the August 28 site visit, roofers were installing slate selected to match the turrets, with copper flashing in place; the City approved the additional EIFS work, and the pay application is being processed. By September 28, the roof, stucco, EIFS, gutters, and downspouts were complete (one downspout damaged after installation will be replaced), and electrical work was nearly complete. Exterior cleaning and painting are next and should be finished within two weeks.

EIFS damaged again by woodpeckers has been repaired, and a decoy owl will be placed near the chimney as a deterrent. Interior plaster has shown no moisture in repeated checks; repair of the most heavily damaged area will wait until spring to confirm no further moisture enters. A quote for heat tape in the gutter pan above that area has been requested and will go to the approval body once received.



Curwood Castle with roof, stucco, and gutters completed, September 28, 2026 (H2A Architects).

Public Safety

Georgia-Pacific Donation — Fire Department

Georgia-Pacific has approved a \$3,000 charitable donation to the Owosso Fire Department, the third consecutive year of this support. The City will submit an invoice describing how the funds will be used, as required by Georgia-Pacific's giving process.

Finance

New Finance Director

Nicole Hart will join the City as Finance Director on October 13. She currently serves as Assistant Finance Director for Grand Blanc Township, previously spent four and a half years as an auditor with Plante Moran, and has worked in financial aid at Oakland University and Mott Community College.

Investment Outlook — Meeder Public Funds

Meeder's August commentary reports that Federal Reserve Chair Warsh views financial conditions as accommodative but inflation as too high. The Fed has lowered its benchmark rate by 1.75 percentage points this cycle, to 3.75%, but futures markets at the end of August priced in roughly two quarter-point increases by the end of 2027, reversing the two cuts expected in February before the Iran conflict began. Core PCE inflation, the Fed's preferred gauge, stands at 3.3% and has exceeded the 2% target for 64 consecutive months. Unemployment remains low at 4.1%, and the 30-year Treasury yield reached a 19-year high on debt and inflation concerns.