

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6, 2013

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

OPENING PRAYER: REVEREND WES COFFEY
OWOSSO WESLEYAN CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: JULIE MACKAY'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS
BRYANT ELEMENTARY

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch (arrived at 8:50 p.m.), Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, Thomas B. Cook, Michael J. Erfourth, Christopher T. Eveleth and Burton D. Fox.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the agenda with the following change:

- Remove Presentation 2. Shiawassee Homebuilders Presentation and replace it with 2. Buddy Poppy Queen Presentation.
- Move Consent Item 2. Girls on the Run 5K Permission to Items of Business 3.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bailey and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Erfourth to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 24, 2013 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Bailey and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2013

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2013 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

CULTURE! WEEKEND

Mayor Frederick read aloud the following proclamation of the Mayor's office proclaiming May 17-19, 2013 as Culture! Weekend in the City of Owosso:

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN
RECOGNIZING**

CULTURE! WEEKEND

WHEREAS the definition of culture refers to the pattern of human activity and the symbols which give significance to the activity; and

WHEREAS, culture is represented through the art, literature, music, costumes, customs and traditions of a community; and

WHEREAS different cultures exist in different parts of the world and the natural environment greatly affects the lifestyle of the people of that region, thus shaping their culture; and

WHEREAS, the Owosso area is blessed with numerous cultural institutions whose mission it is to educate, enlighten, and entertain the public through nature and the arts; and

WHEREAS, these area institutions have come together to offer a free sample of what the area has to offer through a collaborative celebration of nature and the arts the weekend of May 17th-19th, 2013, to be known as Culture Fest; and

WHEREAS, there will be something offered for everyone from book signings, to acting workshops, to miniature train rides, to environmental rehabilitation efforts, to fishing classes; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate this collective effort and thank the numerous organizations involved for lending their resources, facilities, and personnel to open up the world of culture to all who wish to come and enjoy this aspect of our lives that enriches our experiences, expands our sensibilities, and enhances our understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor of the City of Owosso declare May 17th-19th, 2013 as Culture! Weekend in the City of Owosso and warmly welcome all residents and visitors to share with their friends and family this special community event.

Proclaimed this 6th Day of May, 2013.

Project coordinator Lorraine Austin was on hand to receive the proclamation. She detailed the impetus for the event, listed the events planned for the weekend noting they were free of charge, and distributed "passports" to Council and audience members.

SHIAWASSEE HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

This item was postponed until May 20th.

BUDDY POPPY QUEEN

VFW Post 9455 2013 Poppy Queen Elysha Colon presented Mayor Frederick with the ceremonial first poppy of the 2013 fund raising season.

MAGNET UPDATE

Detective Lieutenant James Wolf presented an update on the MAGNET program. He expressed his appreciation for the City's funding of a position dedicated solely to the MAGNET program, saying it was highly beneficial to have an officer on the team that was intimately knowledgeable of the city. He noted that arrests were up for the year and said that direct effects of their efforts could be seen in the steep reduction of heroin trafficking within the county.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Frederick noted the summary of public hearing comments received prior to the meeting that had been distributed to Council.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2013-01

BROOKS STREET FROM CLEVELAND STREET TO THE NORTH END

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2013-01 for Brooks Street from Cleveland Street to the north end for street reconstruction.

The following people commented regarding the proposed project:

The owner of 308 Brooks Street and 1432 Cleveland Street spoke with City staff via telephone prior to the meeting to express their objection to the project saying they could not afford the proposed assessments and felt the project was not necessary.

Steve Groll, 309 Brooks Street, said he had already been assessed a few years back for reconstruction of the street and the City had torn up the street to replace a sewer line so they should fix it. He also said he felt it was a poor use of funds not to have replaced the water line at the time they replaced the sewer line.

Mark Hall, 333 Brooks Street, supported his neighbor's concerns. He said he was upside down in his property and would appreciate the Council not moving forward with the project and forcing him to put more money in his property.

This concluded the citizen comments.

City Manager Crawford noted that the City had torn up the street the previous year to replace the sewer line after it unexpectedly collapsed and residents were not charged for the new line. He went on to say the condition of the roadway was not great even before the collapse and it is now in poor shape due to the emergency repairs that had to be conducted. He said the question was

whether to proceed with the project as proposed or to perform less expensive minimal repairs that would make the street usable.

There was discussion regarding the low level of through traffic for the street and the current state of the street. Residents noted that it was alternately muddy and dusty but indicated they would be satisfied if the surface was covered with a tar and stone treatment.

Mayor Frederick asked staff to develop less expensive options for the street and report back to them at a later meeting.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2013-02

CHIPMAN STREET FROM STEWART STREET TO THE RAILROAD

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2013-02 for Chipman Street from Stewart Street to the railroad for street reconstruction.

The following people commented regarding the proposed project:

Mike Blaha, owner of Chips Place, indicated his business could not afford the cost of the assessment in addition to their current expenses and a slow-down in business due to the reconstruction. He felt the street was in acceptable condition and the City should concentrate its efforts on more deteriorated streets. (Comments received in writing prior to the meeting.)

Tom Lennox, owner of 718 S. Chipman Street, said he felt the road was not bad and the project didn't need to be done at the current time. He went on to say that any road project would further damage the already strained businesses along the street by blocking access to their locations and adding an assessment to their property.

Doug Berry, 710 South Chipman Street, said he felt the road was fine other than where the railroad tracks intersected it. He said his business was down and he just couldn't afford another assessment as the Owosso Drain assessment hit him hard. He wondered if the recent street survey had examined the problems developing with the newest City streets.

Mike Bush, 612 South Chipman Street, suggested the base of the street was fine and a coat of slurry seal would provide significant benefit at a lower cost.

This concluded the citizen comments.

City Manager Crawford noted the State plans on removing the railroad tracks and rehabbing the road in that spot. It was also noted the City had plans to tie the current water services along the street to the new 12" water main when it is completed, necessitating the resurfacing.

There was Council discussion regarding the timing of the State's project, what would happen if they chose not to resurface the street, possibly delaying the connection to the new water main, and whether patching the street and slurry sealing it would be an option. It was noted this is one of the streets that was recommended for mill and pave treatment by the City's new pavement condition database.

Mayor Frederick directed staff to explore less expensive options for the project and report back to them at a later meeting.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2013-03

CLEVELAND STREET FROM CHESTNUT STREET TO CARMODY STREET

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2013-03 for Cleveland Street from Chestnut Street to Carmody Street for street reconstruction.

The following people addressed the Council regarding the proposed project:

Cynthia Deming, 219 Lafayette Blvd, expressed her objection to the proposed project saying she didn't feel the street was in need of reconstruction, nor did she want curbs installed. She also indicated she would not be able to afford the amount of the proposed assessment in addition to her other financial obligations and asked that Council reconsider moving forward with the project. (Written comments received prior to the meeting. She was also present at the meeting to reiterate her comments.)

Linda Burg, 220 Carmody Street, said she believed the City had included a portion of her neighbor's property in the calculation of her estimated assessment as it seemed really high.

This concluded the citizen comments.

There was discussion whether the projects for Brooks Street, Chipman Street, and Cleveland Street could be postponed. It was noted the Chipman Street project could be delayed but work had already started on the replacement of water mains on Brooks and Cleveland so some sort of resurfacing would be required. There was also discussion regarding applying a tar and stone surface instead of asphalt as a means of lowering the cost of the projects.

Mayor Frederick instructed Staff to develop less expensive alternatives for the proposed project and report back to them at a later meeting.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2013-04

KRUST DRIVE FROM DEWEY STREET TO NORTH STREET

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2013-04 for Krust Drive from Dewey Street to North Street for street reconstruction.

There were no citizen comments.

A number of Council members and Staff commented on the poor condition of this street and its need for reconstruction.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2013

**KRUST DRIVE
FROM DEWEY STREET TO NORTH STREET**

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due and legal notice, has met and there being no one to be heard regarding the proposed public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with said public improvement as more particularly hereinafter described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines to make and proceed with the following described public improvement and to defray a part or the whole cost, as more particularly hereinafter provided, by special assessment upon the property specially benefited: Krust Drive from Dewey Street to North Street.
2. The City Council hereby approves the plans for the aforesaid public improvement as prepared and presented by the City Manager and determines the estimated cost of said public improvement to be \$271,675.52 and approves said estimated cost and determines that the estimated life of said public improvement is twenty (20) years.
3. The City Council determines that of said total estimated cost, the sum of \$136,969.55 be paid by special assessment upon the property specially benefited, as more particularly hereinafter described.
4. The City Council hereby designates the following described property as the special assessment district upon which the special assessment shall be levied: Krust Drive from Dewey Street to North Street for street reconstruction.
5. The City Assessor shall prepare a special assessment roll including all lots and parcels of land within the special assessment district herein designated, and the Assessor shall assess to each such lot or parcel of land such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all lands in the special assessment district as the benefit to such lot or parcel of land bears to the total benefits to all lands in such district.

When the Assessor shall have completed the assessment roll, he shall file the special assessment roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Eveleth, Fox, Cook, Bailey, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch.

Mayor Frederick noted the hearings had been instructive for Council. He said that as the Council was examining a new direction for street maintenance he realized they would not be able to fully

reconstruct all street and he appreciated the citizen input on the needs of individual neighborhoods. He went on to say he would like to see more concentration on arterial streets in the City and a different model for improvement of the system overall.

2013-2014 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

The Public Hearing was conducted pursuant to Chapter 8 of the City Charter to receive citizen comment regarding proposed 2013-2014 City Budget.

The following person commented regarding the proposed budget:

Lisa Stechschulte, 725 River Street, expressed her concern with the proposed 1 mill tax increase, increases in the water and sewer rates, an increase in street sweeping funding, and a proposal for a paid Historical Commission position, saying there were many in town that could barely make ends meet and would not be able to handle such increased costs.

The budget will be considered for adoption at a future meeting, the deadline being May 31.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke, business owner at 118 South Washington Street, noted some of the great events the SRI will be hosting over the summer. He went on to say that he felt that traffic on South Chipman Street had increased since the reconstruction of South M-52, the City should not specially assess properties to pay for the installation of new water mains/sewer mains, thanked Mike Tillotson for taping Council meetings, and said he felt that the City should pay Mr. Tillotson for his services.

Doug Berry, 710 South Chipman Street, said he agreed with Mr. Manke in regard to traffic on South Chipman Street. He asked if there had been any accident studies done since South M-52 had been changed to three lanes.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, spoke about a recent event honoring wounded warriors put on the by Owosso High School Key Club saying it was a beautiful event lighting and releasing Chinese lanterns last Saturday evening.

Gary Holzhausen, County Commission Chairman, provided a brief update of budget discussions at the County level saying significant amounts of money from their savings account had been used to shore up the budget in the last three years and he and the new commissioners on the board were hoping to start to change that trend.

Michael Tillotson, 1299 South Shiawassee Street, said he was happy with the reconstruction and restriping of South M-52 saying it was now free of potholes and had a shoulder area that was great for biking.

Mayor Frederick expressed his frustration with the situation on South M-52 saying he too believed that traffic was moving through residential areas to avoid that stretch of the highway. He said that at the time of reconstruction the Council had requested pre and post studies be conducted to determine the true effect of the project. And despite multiple requests the State has not conducted any post studies. He asked what could be done at a local level to analyze the situation and wondered aloud whether it would be in the City's best interest to pay to restripe the street and return it to the original 4 lane configuration.

There was general discussion regarding South M-52, the desire for traffic data and accident data, and curiosity as to how residents along the street feel about the new lane pattern. They requested traffic counts and accident information, and instructed Staff to contact MDOT to inquire about the cost of restriping the lanes. Mayor Frederick noted that any potential changes to the street would involve a public hearing process to gather citizen comment on any proposals.

Councilperson Fox said he would like traffic counts for the intersection of Gould Street and Main Street as well, saying the intersection gets quite backed up at times with people trying to turn left off of North Gould Street to head into Caledonia Township and the timing of the light needs to be adjusted.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Crawford distributed an updated Project Status Report. He noted that discussions had begun on potential uses for the recently acquired Vandekarr Road property, with an expansion of the industrial park and potential recreation space topping the list. He said studies would need to be conducted to determine the potential for water and sewer installation on the property before a final proposal could be developed.

He also noted that he had created new documents to help summarize the budget which he would distribute to Council after the meeting.

Councilperson Erfourth inquired about the status of the splash pad. City Manager Crawford noted that the DEQ official handling the permits for the project had gone on leave and would be out for a month. Councilperson Erfourth expressed his frustration with the official's history of holding up the project. He said that people donated money for the project and were upset that it was still not constructed.

Councilperson Cook noted that if the City was looking at potential recreational development for the Vandekarr Road property they may want to consider teaming with the County or the adjoining Townships on a joint recreation facility.

Councilperson Fox inquired about the status of the purchase of new chairs for the Council Chamber. Mr. Crawford noted that he hoped to order them by the end of the week, with delivery possibly 4 weeks out.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Traffic Control Order No. 1285 Amendment. Authorize amendment to Traffic Control Order No. 1285, which formalized the street and parking lot closures for the Curwood Festival, to reflect the closure of the south west portion of the Public Safety parking lot at 8:00am June 4, 2013 to accept delivery of the entertainment tent.

Girls on the Run 5K Permission. This item was moved to Item of Business 3.

Humane Society 5K & 5K9 River Run Permission. Consider application of the Shiawassee Humane Society for permission to use Jerome Avenue and Oakwood Avenue adjacent to Wilman Field and the James Miner River Trail from 8:00am to noon on Saturday, May 11, 2013 for a 5K race and a 5K Dog Walk/Run and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1291 formalizing the request.

Change to Street Lighting Contract. Consider amendment to the Street Light Contract with Consumers Energy to reflect the removal of one incandescent fixture and the installation of one high pressure sodium fixture in the alley behind 110 East Exchange Street and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute appropriate documents as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2013

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE IN STANDARD STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT

Consumers Energy Company is hereby authorized as of the 6th day of May, 2013, by the City of Owosso, to make changes, as listed below, in the streetlighting system(s) covered by the existing Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Company and the City of Owosso, dated April 1, 1977.

Number of Luminaires	Nominal Lumen Rating	Type of Luminaire	Installation or Removal	Location
1	100W	HPS	Install	Alley behind 110 East Exchange St.
1	200W	Obsolete	Remove	Alley behind 110 East Exchange St.

Except for the changes in the streetlighting system(s) as herein authorized, all provisions of the aforesaid Standard Streetlighting Contract dated April 1, 1977, shall remain in full force and effect.

Resolved, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the streetlighting service as provided in the Standard Streetlighting Contract between the Company and the City of Owosso, dated April 1, 1977, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Streetlighting Contract approved May 6, 2013, heretofore submitted to and considered by this Council; and

Resolved, further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are authorized to execute such authorization for change on behalf of the City.

Bid Award – Mowing. Authorize bid award to Fourstar Landscaping, LLC for mowing of private properties in violation of the weed ordinance and for certain city-owned properties for the 2013 mowing season in the following amounts: \$15 for a single lot, \$20 for a double lot, and \$25 for lots larger than a double lot, \$15 for each Osburn Lakes lot, and \$35 for the Gould House lot as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2013

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
WITH FOURSTAR LANDSCAPING, LLC.
FOR THE MOWING OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY
WEED ORDINANCE AND CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has an ordinance requiring property owners to mow their lots to control the growth of tall grass and noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso will mow private properties that are in violation of the ordinance if the owners refuse to mitigate the situation; and

WHEREAS, efficiencies can be gained from contracting out for service to mow such properties as well as certain City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso sought bids for the mowing of weed ordinance violation properties and certain city-owned properties; and a bid was received from Fourstar Landscaping, LLC; and it is hereby determined that Fourstar Landscaping, LLC is qualified to provide such services and that it has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid;

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 employ Fourstar Landscaping, LLC for the service of mowing private properties in violation of the weed ordinance and certain city-owned properties upon the city's request.

SECOND: The mayor and city clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the document substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, Contract for Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Fourstar Landscaping, LLC for mowing and trimming services at the following rates:

Private properties:
normal city size lot or smaller = \$15.00 each
normal to double city size lot = \$20.00 each
larger than double size = \$25.00 each

City-owned properties:
Osburn Lakes Subdivision lots = \$15 each
Gould House Lot = \$35 each

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the General Fund.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Bailey, Erfourth, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, Councilpersons Fox, Eveleth, Cook, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

MICHIGAN MAIN STREET PROGRAM

SELECTED LEVEL COMMUNITY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATION AGREEMENT

It was noted the new agreement was identical to the current agreement in the structure of the program itself, but the liability language was slightly different. It was further noted the agreement may be terminated with 30-days notice from either party.

Councilperson Eveleth wondered what the overall net benefit of the program had been inquiring whether the DDA could potentially move forward with the Main Street philosophy on organizational structure but opt out of the formal program to save money. Main Street Director Heather Rivard indicated that was a possibility but Council would need to keep in mind they would lose out on training provided by Michigan Main Street. She further indicated she felt the reporting component of the formal Main Street program had been quite helpful by incurring accountability. Lastly she noted that she felt participation in the program gave the DDA a leg up when applying for grants.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the following Community Commitment Agreement an agreement detailing the minimum participation standards for city and its Local Main Street Program, including the employment of a full-time program director, guaranteeing funding for five years, maintaining membership in the National Main Street Center Network, and agreeing to reporting requirements. The Michigan Main Street Program would agree to provide training, provide design services annually for three projects, and payment of registration for one person to attend the National Main Street Conference as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2013

**APPROVING MICHIGAN MAIN STREET PROGRAM
COMMUNITY RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT AGREEMENT
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

WHEREAS, the Owosso City Council has received the Michigan Main Street Program--Community Resolution of Commitment Agreement from the Owosso Downtown Development Authority for an agreement with the Michigan Main Street Center and the Michigan Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the Owosso City Council has recognized the importance of preserving and redeveloping the Downtown Owosso core area; and

WHEREAS, the Owosso Downtown Development Authority was established by the Owosso City Council with the goal of preserving and redeveloping the Downtown area of Owosso; and

WHEREAS, the Owosso City Council understands that the Main Street Program is a tool to aid in the preservation and redevelopment of downtowns; and

WHEREAS, the Owosso City Council understands that the Michigan Main Street Center provides training, assistance and resources that are essential to the proper execution of the Main Street Program and can improve the impact the program has on the downtown area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

FIRST: the Owosso City Council supports the Owosso Downtown Development Authority's decision to become a Selected Level member with the Michigan Main Street Center for five years, obtain the necessary education as to the operation of the Main Street Program and to continue the program to further the preservation and redevelopment of the downtown area.

SECOND: it is understood that all associated costs be paid 100% from the Downtown Development Authority (Owosso Main Street) budget.

THIRD: the city manager be authorized to execute the Michigan Main Street Program - Community Resolution of Commitment Agreement that is attached*.

Motion supported by Councilperson Fox.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Erfourth, Eveleth, Cook, Fox, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, Councilperson Bailey, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

*Due to its length, full text of this document is not included in the minutes. This agreement is available in its entirety in the Clerk's Office.

SCHEDULE BUDGET WORK SESSION

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch to schedule a budget work session for Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cook.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Cook, Bailey, Fox, Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch, Councilperson Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K PERMISSION

It was noted the traffic control order needed to be amended to reflect the fact that the City does not have jurisdiction of Mallard Circle. The Girls on the Run organizers were encouraged to contact the Woodland Trails Homeowners Association to gain permission to use that street.

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth to approve the application of Girls on the Run Mid-Michigan for use of Gould Street from Jackson Drive to Mallard Circle and Jackson Drive from 8:00am to 10:00am on Sunday, May 19, 2013 for a 5k run and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1290 formalizing the request.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilpersons Cook, Bailey, Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch,
Councilpersons Fox, Erfourth, and Mayor Frederick.

NAYS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Communication regarding the transfer of ownership for the 2 Harrands convenience stores.

Richard C. Williams, Finance Director. Cash and Investment Position for quarter ending March 31, 2013.

Historical Commission. Minutes of April 8, 2013.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of April 22, 2013.

Planning Commission. Minutes of April 22, 2013.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Doug Berry, 710 South Chipman Street, inquired whether Council had received written comments from Mike Blaha regarding the South Chipman Street project. The Mayor indicated they were in receipt of his comments.

Mayor Frederick expressed his appreciation for the great Arbor Day tree planting event at Emerson School. He said that larger spaded trees continue to be planted on the property and he thanked the Schools for their partnership in the project, saying he hoped to partner with them more in the future.

Councilperson Eveleth thanked everyone for attending the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market block party last Saturday. He said the event was a great success and similar events would be planned in the future. He went on to say that he had the privilege of surprising a local student with the award of a Kiwanis scholarship recently and he encouraged everyone to let all students know about local scholarship opportunities.

Councilperson Fox said he was pleased with the new events taking place in the downtown area. He went on to remind everyone the Fire Department would be hosting the Michigan Fire Fighters Association annual meeting in June.

Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch said the Hospital Auxiliary's 5K run on Saturday was a great event. She also said she was proud to attend this evening's program honoring the Shiawassee Scholars, one of whom is her son. She went on to thank the Cook Family Foundation for their efforts in fostering young students.

Mayor Frederick asked that everyone help get the word out on Culture Fest to help make it a success.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20, 2013 7:30 p.m.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – 2 Alternates, terms expire 06-30-2015 (candidates must possess construction knowledge)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth for adjournment at 9:14 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilperson Erfourth and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk