

OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 21, 2014

7:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

OPENING PRAYER: THOMAS PERKIN
GREENWAY FAMILY FRIEND

Mr. Perkin asked the group to pause for a moment of silence in memory of Councilman Jon V. Greenway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, David B. Bandkau, and Burton D. Fox.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Christopher T. Eveleth and Councilperson Robert J. Teich, Jr.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments.

Councilperson Bailey said Jon and Elaine Greenway had been some of her earliest friends when she moved to Owosso, they were a great team that had done a lot for the community over the years both personally and professionally. She remembered Jon as a fun-loving, creative, irascible individual that would be missed by everyone that knew him.

Councilperson Fox said he was devastated when he received the news of Jon’s passing. He said he was really looking forward to working with him and believed Jon was still present in spirit. He said Jon and Elaine made a great team and Jon would be missed.

Councilperson Bandkau noted that it is said that the measure of a man is the legacy he leaves behind. He said Jon leaves a rich legacy that includes each and every one of the people in the room tonight.

Mayor Frederick said one never doubted where Jon stood on a given topic. He went on to say that one of his most treasured memories of Jon was when he showed his softer side, in spite of his often gruff demeanor. During the recent thank-you dinner held for Home Tour organizers and volunteers Jon had spoken with choked back emotion of how proud he was of Owosso and of the people that had worked so hard to welcome others into the community and their own homes. Mayor Frederick concluded by saying he was sorry he would not have the opportunity to work together with Jon to continue to improve the community.

PROCLAMATIONS

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION – COUNCILMAN JON V. GREENWAY

Mayor Frederick read aloud the following memorial resolution of the Owosso City Council in tribute to Councilman Jon V. Greenway to mark the occasion of his sudden passing:

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2014

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
OF THE OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL
IN TRIBUTE TO**

COUNCILMAN JON V. GREENWAY

WHEREAS, Jon Vernon Greenway was a constant presence throughout the City of Owosso. Whether it be through his insurance business, his volunteer efforts, or his wide circle of friends, Jon was known and loved by many throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Jon had a life-long passion for helping people, providing support for individuals and groups alike. He particularly enjoyed standing up for the underdog in a fight. His heart for service culminated in a run for public office; and

WHEREAS, Jon was elected to the Owosso City Council on November 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, while his time on the Council was short, Jon never hesitated to speak his mind and always sought to ensure the citizens of Owosso were well served by their government; and

WHEREAS, Jon was not a person that enjoyed being idle, working as an electrician for General Motors for 35 years, then becoming an AFLAC insurance agent in his “retirement”; and

WHEREAS, Jon was a social butterfly of sorts, sincerely enjoying all those he came into contact with and bringing a laugh and a smile with him wherever he went. Sometimes exhibiting a tough exterior, Jon's tender nature was quickly seen by those who got to know him.

WHEREAS, Jon's energy, honesty, loyalty, shining smile and boisterous laugh will be sorely missed by this Council, his family and friends, and the citizens of this City; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Council of the City of Owosso hereby places upon its records this tribute of respect to the memory of Councilman Jon V. Greenway as we express our sympathy to his beloved wife Elaine and their family which consists of five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor of the City of Owosso, on behalf of the Owosso City Council and the citizens of Owosso, do hereby recognize Jon V. Greenway for his exemplary service to the Citizens of Owosso and thank his family for sharing him with this community as we add our voices to the chorus of those whose lives were made better for having known him.

Declared this 21st day of January, 2014.

Mayor Frederick addressed Jon's widow, Elaine, saying the hearts of the community are with her.

Motion by Councilperson Bailey to accept the memorial resolution.

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

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 03, 2014

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilperson Fox, the Council then adjourned at 7:42 p.m. without conducting further business as a mark of respect to Councilperson Greenway.

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

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk