

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

APRIL 15, 2015

7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

OPENING PRAYER: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

PRESENT: Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Christopher T. Eveleth, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, David B. Bandkau (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Burton D. Fox, Elaine M. Greenway, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

ABSENT: None.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Eveleth to set a time limit of 9:00 p.m. for the meeting.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Crawford began the budget discussion with an explanation of the revenue in the general fund. He stated the two big revenue resources are taxes and state revenue sharing. He explained that there are not any great increases in revenue this year. Property tax revenue has actually dropped about \$10,000 for the year. He explained the two type of the State Revenue Sharing. The city will receive about a \$33,000 increase in the amount from the constitutional revenue sharing. The statutory revenue sharing has been pretty much eliminated due to changes in the formula by the state administration. Federal grants are pretty much eliminated.

There was discussion between the city manager and council about the possibility of the library purchasing the library building for a nominal fee. They also discussed the possibility of creating a 501(3) (c) for the historical properties making it its own entity with the city supporting them for 2 years.

The discussion then turned to Expenditures. City Manager Crawford went through the expenditures in each department.

There was a lengthy discussion between council and Public Safety Director Lenkart on the expenditures for public safety. They also discussed the ambulance transfer charges and payments for the service.

Assistant City Manager Sue Montenegro explained to council the "Safe Routes to School Program." There is a walking audit scheduled for Saturday, May 16th for Central School and attempts are being made to coordinate an audit with Bryant, Emerson and the Middle School. The program covers Kindergarten to eighth grade and would provide a source of funding to improve the routes children take to and from school each day.

The city manager ended the budget discussion for the evening by detailing the Community Development department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

Roxane Cramer, Clerk's Assistant