

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** 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, Burton D. Fox, Elaine M. Greenway, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Michael J. O'Leary.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**Proposed Auction of City-owned Properties**

This text amended by Council 03-07-2016

There was a lengthy discussion regarding which properties to sell, whether they should be sold separately or as a group, ensuring as many lots as possible are buildable, and how to handle the Charter provision requiring a 21-day posting period in the context of an auction. ~~It was agreed the properties to be auctioned would first be listed for sale by a local realtor with the terms posted for a 21-day period. Any unsold parcels will then be sold at auction.~~ **The Council resolved to auction the properties**, but only with the seller's final approval.

The Council and staff then worked through each parcel on the list to determine how each would be addressed for sale. Various parcels were pulled from the list because it was thought they were unbuildable, others will be split, or combined as necessary to facilitate sale.

**Property Sale Policy Amendment**

City Manager Donald D. Crawford inquired whether the Council wanted to amend the current property sale policy. Mayor Frederick noted that in some cases the Council seemed to be moving away from using the assessed value as a minimum price. There was discussion whether the assessed value policy was hindering sales. Osburn Lakes sales that could have been considered if the policy were different were also discussed. City Manager Crawford noted that Council could sell a property for whatever they felt was appropriate if the deal was properly posted for 21 days.

A change in the price of the five lots at the very front of the Osburn Lakes development was discussed as a means of spurring sales of other lots in the development. At the conclusion of the discussion the Council made no motions to amend the current Property Sale Policy, but they did direct the City's real estate agent to revisit a deal with a developer that was turned down by staff because it did not meet the assessed value requirement.

City Attorney William C. Brown indicated he will meet with the title company to work out the auction issues.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 07, 2016

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Board of Review – term expires December 31, 2020  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2018  
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2016  
Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Eveleth for adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

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

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Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk