

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. EVELETH

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. EVELETH

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, and Nicholas L. Pidek.

**ABSENT:** None.

Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth announced the meeting would be held as a Virtual Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, under the authority of Executive Order No. 2020-15 of the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan. He also noted the process for making comments during the Citizen Comments and Questions period and asked that Councilmembers please state their last name when making a motion or support.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

There were no Council comments.

**DISCUSSION – 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET**

City Manager Nathan R. Henne delivered a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation detailing the various parts of the budget including the General Fund, Local & Major Street Funds, Enterprise Funds, as well the City's component units. The overriding message of the presentation was to anticipate a significant reduction in revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically reductions in State shared revenue are anticipated to be around 20%, while Act 51 monies are expected to be reduced by at least 10%. Factoring in these reductions with the Headlee rollback and possible further COVID-19 consequences will make for a very challenging year financially speaking. In light of this forecast, projects that do not rely on bond funding will be scaled back to reflect the funding that is actually received.

At the conclusion of the presentation there was discussion regarding potential water and sewer rates and when they would be discussed. City Manager Henne indicated the topic will be approached later this fall to avoid changing rates so soon after the last rate change.

The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and the public is encouraged to comment.

Councilmember Jerome C. Haber thanked the Mayor, City Manager Henne and Public Safety Director Lenkart for their handling of the situation in which a local barber opened up in violation of the executive orders of the Governor.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, June 01, 2020

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – County Representative – term expires 06-30-2020  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022  
Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2020  
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Bailey for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk