

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 30, 2012**

**7:33 P.M.**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR BENJAMIN R. FREDERICK

**PRESENT:** Mayor Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy S. Popovitch, Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, Thomas B. Cook, Christopher T. Eveleth and Burton D. Fox.

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Michael J. Erfourth.

**DISCUSSION – REGIONAL PARKS**

The Council discussed their interest in the development of a regional park entity, specifically how to proceed to determine if there is interest in such an organization in the area. They expressed a desire to ensure that all entities would be welcome to the discussion and they would come with no predetermined agendas.

The Council determined a meeting was in order to gauge interest from other organizations in the region. The meeting would be tentatively scheduled for late February or early March. They asked that invitations be sent out to all municipalities in the county as well as the school districts. Each municipality would be encouraged to bring with them any interested parties representing other organizations.

Plans were made to invite a presenter to discuss the regional park idea and possible organizational structures. A professional facilitator will also be invited to ensure the meeting runs smoothly. Mayor Frederick indicated he would draft the letter of invitation.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Michael Espich said he felt Council was on the right track and it was great to see such an effort getting started.

Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson Jerry Hebekeuser asked if the Council would be interested casting a wider net and considering forming a partnership with communities outside the county.

Councilperson Fox noted \$420 had been raised so far for the restoration of the 1921 Lafrance pumper truck.

Mayor Pro-Tem Popovitch inquired about the DDA and Main Street and how they fit into the City structure. It was noted Main Street is chartered by the DDA and the DDA is in turn chartered by the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Eveleth for adjournment at 8:11 p.m.

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

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Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk