

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2018  
7:30 P.M.**

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** TOM MANKE  
EDITOR, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY OWOSSO (FB)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** KAREN ELFORD  
OWOSSO INDEPENDENT REPORTER

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika,  
Councilpersons Loreen F. Bailey, Burton D. Fox, Elaine M.  
Greenway and Daniel A. Law.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Robert J. Teich, Jr.\*

\*Councilmember Teich was out of town on a business trip and joined the meeting via telephone. He was allowed to participate in discussion but was not allowed to vote per Charter Section 5.4(n).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Thomas Manke, Owosso Township resident, said he wished he was on the Council tonight because he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to hire a city manager that is from the community and he encouraged the Council to do so.

**ITEM OF DISCUSSION**

**City Manager Search**

The Council held a lengthy discussion regarding what step should be taken next in the search for a new City Manager. When polled, a majority of the members expressed support for hiring Mr. Nathan Henne, one member was ambivalent, and one member objected.

There was discussion regarding the process that was used for selecting the new City Manager, with some members saying they felt the process was very poorly handled. All agreed they would like to discuss the creation of a written process to govern such searches in the future.

Motion by Councilmember Fox to move to closed session to discuss a written opinion of the City Attorney.

Motion supported by Councilmember Bailey.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fox, Law, Bailey, Greenway, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Teich.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:01 P.M.**

**RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:30 P.M.**

**ACTION**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to authorize contract negotiations with Mr. Nathan Henne for the position of City Manager.

Motion supported by Councilmember Bailey.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Law, Bailey, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmember Greenway, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: Councilmember Fox.

ABSENT: Councilmember Teich.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, February 05, 2018

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Board of Review – term expires December 31, 2019  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/LDFA – term expires June 30, 2018  
Building Board of Appeals - term expires June 30, 2019  
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2018  
Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2018  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika for adjournment at 8:32 p.m.

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

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Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

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Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk