

**CITY OF OWOSSO
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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 Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Nicholas L. Pidek, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

ABSENT: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizens wishing to comment.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2021-22 Proposed Budget

City Manager Nathan R. Henne gave a presentation on the 2021-22 Proposed Budget. Revenues of \$7.9 million are anticipated with expenditures budgeted at \$8.7 million, resulting in a General Fund budget deficit of approximately \$817,000.00. Despite the projected budget deficit the unassigned general fund balance is predicted to be a healthy \$2.4 million. Challenges for this budget year include: Headlee and Proposal A holding back a full recovery of property tax revenue, significant reduction in state shared revenue over time, lasting effects of COVID-19, completing two years' worth of capital projects in one year, and increases in healthcare costs and annual required retirement contributions. On the bright side, the City has received almost \$500,000.00 in CARES Act funds and is due to receive an additional \$1.4 million from the Recovery Act.

There was discussion by the Council. The mayor expressed an interest in continuing financial support for the Historical Commission and considering temporary financial support for the Farmers' Market while they transition to a new market master. Councilmember Fear asked that the Council consider the long term plans for the OHC and street funding. Councilmember Pidek Inquired about cyber security, disaster recovery, and penetration testing of IT systems. He also said he would like to see the City make more efforts to get citizens to go green and accept electronic delivery of their utility bills and other city communications.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 17, 2021, 7:30 p.m. – Regular
Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:30 p.m. – Special

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2026
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2021
Downtown Development Authority – 2 terms expire June 30, 2021
Owosso Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2021
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Parks & Recreation Commission-term expires June 30, 2022
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2021
Zoning Board of Appeals – term expires June 30, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Fear for adjournment at 7:33 p.m.

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

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk