

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2021  
7:30 P.M.**

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

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Councilpersons Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Nicholas L. Pidek, and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DWRF Project Plan – Lead/Galvanized Service Line Replacement Plan**

Public Services Director Ryan E. Suchanek presented a summary of the project saying the City is seeking funding for a proposed three-year project to replace lead and galvanized water service lines. The City was recently mandated by the State of Michigan to replace at least 5% of lead service lines in the City over the course of the next twenty years, this project aims to take care of as many lines each year as is feasible. Areas to be targeted include areas undergoing street repairs, known problematic areas, and those areas known to have older lines. Potential project impacts include noise, dust, additional equipment traffic, and temporary water shut-offs. He went on to explain the financial impacts noting that the City has been tentatively awarded a \$3 million loan that will be 100% forgiven. Monies from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund can only be used for construction costs and are capped at \$5,000 per address. He noted that the City is currently ranked at the top of the list for funds but is subject to change. The application process concludes in late March of 2022 with the formal award of funds thereafter.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes & Energy Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Plan to replace water service lines constructed of lead or galvanized metal.

There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting.

The public hearing was officially closed at 7:35 p.m.

Councilmember Teich sought clarification on how much money the City is applying for and how the properties on the replacement list are selected. It was noted the City is applying for \$3 million, the maximum amount that can be loaned to a municipality with a population under 50,000 in this program.

Councilmember Pidek inquired what percent of service lines are unknown as to whether they are lead or galvanized. He also asked about the estimated costs non-construction related items for the project and how the City plans to communicate with residents about the project. Public Services Director Suchanek indicated that they are doing their best to monitor costs but they will not know the full extent of costs until the number of service lines needing replacement is known. As to communication, he noted that every individual homeowner will get a direct mailer explaining the project and a door hanger as construction time draws closer. Councilmember Fear asked how many lines are in need of replacement. Director Suchanek said they do not know at this point, the City is in the first year of a five-year discovery process.

Motion by Councilmember Pidek to authorize the following resolution approving the proposed project plan:

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-2021**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL PROJECT PLAN FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GREAT LAKES & ENERGY (EGLE) DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND APPLICATION AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso recognizes the need to replace water service lines from the water main to the building premises that are constructed of lead or galvanized material. The purpose of the proposed project is to comply with the State of Michigan's Lead and Copper Rules and the Michigan Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso submitted an application for and has been recently selected to receive qualifying funding up to the maximum allowed of \$3.0 million dollars from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE), for its proposed lead service line project plan. All water service line replacement construction costs are eligible for 100% reimbursement, as the City of Owosso has obtained disadvantaged community status in accordance with EGLE guidelines; and

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was presented at a Public Hearing held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and all public comments have been considered and addressed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Owosso formally adopts said Project Plan and agrees to:

- Replacement of selected lead service lines
- Replacement of selected galvanized service lines

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Services & Utilities, a position currently held by Ryan Suchanek, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan, which has already been completed and submitted to the State of Michigan in cooperation with city staff and EGLE regulatory guidelines.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Haber, Fear, Pidek, Law, Teich, and Mayor Eveleth.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Caledonia Charter Township. Public hearing notice for special use permit request.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, July 06, 2021

### **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  
Owosso Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2022  
Owosso Historical Commission – term expires December 31, 2023  
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 Teich for adjournment at 7:47 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