

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2021**

Mayor Eveleth led a moment of silence recognizing the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan J. Osika, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Jerome C. Haber, Daniel A. Law, Nicholas L. Pidek and Robert J. Teich, Jr.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

USDA Grant. Conducted a Public Hearing pursuant to USDA Grant guidelines to receive citizen comment regarding application for grant funding to be used toward the purchase of an ambulance. There were no citizen comments regarding the application made prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the grant application as proposed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Eddie Urban said he was free of all VA medicines today. He also pointed out that September 11<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Day. He displayed some informational booklets that he had saying anyone could borrow them if they want.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika welcomed Ellen Rodman, the City's newest Parks & Recreation Commissioner.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – CDBG Grant Application. Set a public hearing for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed application for the 152 Howard Street Redevelopment Project for a CDBG grant.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Lee Street. Authorized Resolution No. 1 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2022-02 for Lee Street from Clark Street to Ada Street for street resurfacing.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Maple Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 1 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2022-03 for Maple Avenue from M-71 (Corunna Avenue) to the north end for street reconstruction.

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

| <b>Name</b>                         | <b>Board/Commission</b>   | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Brad A. Barrett<br>Finance Director | City of Owosso Building Authority                                       | 06/30/2023          |
| Melissa Wheeler                     | Downtown Development Authority/Main Street                              | 06/30/2024          |
| Jerald Bila                         | Parks & Recreation Commission<br>To fill unexpired term of P. Alexander | 06/30/2022          |
| Ellen Rodman                        | Parks & Recreation Commission   | 06/30/2023          |
| Patrick Bradley*                    | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Daniel A. Law*                      | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Mary Reid Long*                     | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Teresa Schneider*                   | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Ross Stanley*                       | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Sarah Moorodian*                    | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Travis Schneider                    | Firemen's Memorial Steering Committee                                   | 09/01/2022          |
| Linda Morovitz*#                    | SATA Board of Directors   | 10/01/2024          |

\* indicates reappointment

# this item was added at the meeting

Change Order - 2021 Water Service Line Replacement Project. Approved Change Order No. 3 to the 2021 Water Service Line Replacement Project Contract with W.T. Stevens Construction, Inc. increasing the contract in the amount of \$30,680.00 for the addition of seven non-compliant water service lines around the city to the list of streets for service line replacement, and further approved payment to the contractor up to the contract amount, including Change Order Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

Change to Street Lighting Contract – Change-over to LED. Authorized amendment to the Street Light Contract with Consumers Energy to reflect the replacement of old high pressure sodium cobrahead streetlights on the Gould Street bridge with new LED lights, removal of said lights from the current street lighting contract, inclusion of said lights on a new contract solely for LED fixtures, and further authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute appropriate documents.

Professional Services Agreement – Governmental Accounting Services. Authorized a professional services agreement with Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C. dba Maner Costerisan for the provision of governmental accounting services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and further authorized payment to the firm for services rendered in accordance with the contract.

Utilities General Engineering Services Contract - Fishbeck. Approved contract with Fishbeck to provide professional engineering services for future utilities projects in accordance with the City Purchasing Policy for a period through October 30, 2025.

Contract Renewal – Utilities General Engineering Services. Approved the required annual renewal of the Utilities General Engineering Services contracts with C2ae, OHM Advisors, Tetra Tech, and Jones & Henry to provide engineering services for utilities projects through October 30, 2022.

Bid Award – Structural Firefighting Gear. Authorized bid award to Apollo Fire Equipment Co. for the purchase of structural firefighting gear in the amount of \$2,154.53 each, up to \$10,772.65 per year with a ten percent cost increase for two additional years and further authorized payment to the vendor based on unit prices for actual quantities required.

Warrant No. 605. Authorized Warrant No. 605 as follows:

| <b>Vendor</b>  | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Fund</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---|-------------|---------------|
| MEI Total Elevator Solutions                         | Emergency repairs to city hall elevator less return of unneeded parts | General     | \$23,407.01   |
| Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund | Workers' compensation contributions half of FY 21/22                  | Various     | \$52,530.00   |

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Set Special Meeting – Strategic Planning. Set a special meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 for the second Strategic Planning session.

Closed Session. Approved holding a closed session after the last Citizen Comments & Questions period for the purpose of consulting with an attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

Traffic Control Order – Art Walk. (This item was added to the agenda.) Approved the application of the Shiawassee Convention and Visitor's Bureau for use of Main Street Plaza September 11, 2021 from 8:00am to 5:00pm for the Art Walk event, waived the insurance requirement, and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1460 formalizing the requested closure.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Pete Yerian, Planning Commission. Letter of Resignation.

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of July 21, 2021.

Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of August 4, 2021.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of August 9, 2021.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes of August 17, 2021.

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of August 18, 2021.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of August 25, 2021.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Eddie Urban said he had recently paid someone to mow his lawn but it still hasn't been done. He also noted that he found a contractor to fix his front steps.

There were no Council comments.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:46 P.M.**

**RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:36 P.M.**

Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the closed session of July 19, 2021 as written.

Consent Judgement – Osburn Lakes HOA. Authorized City Attorney Gould to pursue a settlement with the Osburn Lakes HOA based on the amended consent judgement presented during closed session.

Case Evaluation Rejection. Authorized City Attorney Gould to formally reject the proposed case evaluation settlement between the City of Owosso and the Osburn Lakes HOA.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS**

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – term expires June 30, 2022

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2022

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024

Downtown Development Authority – term expires June 30, 2024

Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2022

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

Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024

Zoning Board of Appeals – term expires June 30, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor  
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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