

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

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

Public Hearing – USDA Grant Application. Conducted a Public Hearing pursuant to USDA Grant guidelines to receive citizen comment regarding accepting grant monies toward the purchase of a police vehicle. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the meeting. The Council moved to approve the grant application as presented.

Ordinance Amendment – Excess Marihuana Grower License. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 16.6, Adult Use Marihuana Establishments Licensing – Police Power Ordinance, Sec. 16.6-3, *Authorization of facilities and fee*, to allow Excess Marihuana Grower licenses. The following person commented in regard to the proposed ordinance: Tom Manke. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed. Said ordinance to become effective November 8, 2021.

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-01 - Hazards and Nuisances. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2021-01, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances. The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment roll: Cassondra Boulis and Jeff Turner. The council moved to approve special assessment district no. 2021-01 – hazards & nuisances as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Jeff Turner noted there are a lot of walnuts that people have pushed into the street, he wondered if there was a rule against it.

Eddie Urban spoke of a number of different things, including trouble in the alley near his house, visiting the library, and Veteran's Day and his birthday. He asked that people wear masks because the Corona virus is getting worse.

Tom Manke said Oktoberfest was great and whoever takes over leadership of the Farmers' Market will have big shoes to fill. He went on to say that it was his opinion that the building at 217 S. Elm Street could sit for years without any danger to the community and the City was unfairly targeting the owner of the property.

Richard Levitski, III, announced that the Owosso Masonic Lodge will be holding a public dinner and ceremony on December 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively. The public is invited to attend.

There was discussion regarding the plowing and maintenance of alleys, the large volume of walnuts and acorns this year, and sending someone to look at the fence in the alley between Grover Street and Comstock Street near Oakwood Avenue.

Councilmember Pidek asked what the protocol is when a roof caves in on a building. City Manager Henne indicated that the City hires a third party structural engineer to examine the structure, determine whether it is a danger to the public, and develop a plan to remediate the problem. In the case of the building at 217 S. Elm Street the engineer determined the building was a danger to the public and recommended demolition.

Councilmember Pidek inquired if the owner of the Elm Street property could rebut the engineer's opinion. City Attorney Gould noted that the property owner could hire their own engineer to dispute the findings. He said he is not aware of any such alternate opinion.

Councilmember Law asked if the Elm Street property owners could submit a plan to save the building. It was noted that since the matter is in litigation it would be up to the judge. Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked the local Masonic Lodge for their volunteer work on Sundays. Mayor Eveleth echoed her sentiments.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Maple Avenue. Authorized Resolution No. 2 setting a public hearing for Monday, November 1, 2021 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2022-03 for Maple Avenue from Corunna Avenue to the north end for street reconstruction.

Contract Amendment – Professional Services Agreement – Planning & Zoning Services. Authorized Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement – Planning & Zoning Services with CIB Planning, increasing the contract in an amount not to exceed \$32,208.00 for a full re-write of the Zoning Ordinance, and further authorized payment to the firm up to the amount of Amendment No. 1 upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization – Collamer Park Playground Equipment. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a purchase agreement with PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime for the purchase of playground equipment in the amount of \$10,535.53 utilizing MiDeal Contract No. 180000001296, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment, said funding to come from a \$10,000.00 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Owosso and the remainder from the Parks Millage Fund.

Bid Award – Ambulance. Approved bid award to Kodiak Emergency Equipment, Inc., dba Kodiak Emergency Vehicles of Grand Ledge, Michigan for the purchase of one 2022 Ford E-450 Ambulance and a Stryker Super Pro XT Cot in the amount of \$228,591.00, and authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle, said cost to be offset by a USDA grant in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Warrant No. 607. Authorized Warrant No. 607 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Gould Law PC	Professional Services 09/14/2021-10/11/2021	General	\$11,675.39

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Closed Session. Approved holding a closed session after the last Citizen Comments & Questions period for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS

N. Bradley Hissong, Building Official. September 2021 Building Department Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. September 2021 Code Violations Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. September 2021 Inspections Report.

N. Bradley Hissong Building Official. September 2021 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2021 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2021 Fire Report.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of September 28, 2021.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of September 29, 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke asked if it was appropriate for City Council to recess to Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real property. Mayor Eveleth noted that discussion of the purchase of real property is a permissible reason to hold a closed session, but the Council would have to take formal action to purchase a piece of property in open session.

Richard Levitski, III, reminded the City that the Masons have a special portion of their budget set aside for charity projects in the community and the City was welcomed to contact them with possible projects.

Eddie Urban said he had received a private tour of the Masonic Lodge and it was really neat. He also spoke about the citizens' directory and a movie for which he has been searching.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT: 8:15 P.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT: 8:25 P.M.

Closed Session Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the Closed Session held September 7, 2021 as presented.

POLC Command Contract. Council moved to approve the POLC Command contract as proposed.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 01, 2021

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 Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2022

Owosso Historical Commission – 2 terms expire December 31, 2023

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 8:26 p.m.

Christopher T. Eveleth, Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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