

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Shiawassee County Finances. County Commission Chairman Greg Brodeur gave a presentation regarding Shiawassee County finances saying the amount of unfunded pension liabilities is very serious and will eventually lead to bankruptcy if nothing is done. He said the County is looking into bonding for the pension liability. He said he personally would like to see any money freed up by ARPA funds to be used toward said pension liability, but he was unaware of how other Commissioners would feel about the idea. He indicated he is available to talk at any time if anyone has questions.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ordinance Amendment – Parking for Electric Vehicles. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Secs. 33-37 & 33-38 of the Code of Ordinances to regulate parking in electric vehicle charging stations. The following people commented in regard to the proposed ordinance amendment: Eddie Urban and Dave Acton. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Dave Acton addressed the proposed public hearings for the tax abatements on the Wesener Building thanking the Council for the extra time he was given to rectify the job creation requirement for the project. He indicated he has a new tenant in one of the storefronts of the building and they already have plans to expand. He said a timeline to correct the problem has been established and he will be bringing people to the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide credibility to the plans.

Eddie Urban noted if there are any Veterans that need help they can go to the Capitan Building on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m. for a meeting regarding available resources.

Jeff Turner asked for an update on the alley, fence and tree issues he pointed out near his house, specifically asking if the fence would be removed by the time it snows. Mayor Eveleth indicated the DPW is aware of his concerns and has them on their list of things to do. The items Mr. Turner listed that are related to Code Enforcement have been forwarded to the Building Department and notices have been sent to the property owners that are in violation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika provided an update on the electric vehicle charging stations saying they have been installed, Consumers Energy is scheduled to connect them by the end of the week, and Future Energy will be guiding the City through the process of getting them up and running. Mayor Eveleth welcomed the City's new Main Street Manager Beth Kuiper.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – OPRA Rescission Review – Wesener Building. Set a public hearing for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the staff recommendation to rescind the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the Wesener Building for violation of the City's Tax Abatement Policy.

Set Public Hearing – Brownfield Termination – Wesener Building. Set a public hearing for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the staff recommendation to terminate Brownfield Plan #13 – Wesener Building for violation of the City's Tax Abatement Policy.

Set Public Hearing – Brownfield Termination – Robbins Loft, LLC. Set a public hearing for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the staff recommendation to terminate Brownfield Plan #9 – Robbins Loft, LLC for violation of the City's Tax Abatement Policy.

Flexible Spending Account Terms Adoption. Authorized acceptance of the terms governing the Flexible Spending Accounts available to City employees, with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

Surface Transportation Program Fund Application - Stewart Street. Approved grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Program funds to assist in the reconstruction of Stewart Street from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Washington Street, authorized participation in the Small Urban Program, and further authorized commitment of City funds in the amount of \$588,370.00 plus the cost of project design engineering and construction administration.

Surface Transportation Program Fund Application - Gute Street. Approved grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Program funds to assist in the reconstruction of Gute Street from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Washington Street, authorized participation in the Small Urban Program, and further authorized commitment of City funds in the amount of \$97,450.00 plus the cost of project design engineering and construction administration.

Designate New Depository. Approved resolution authorizing a new account with Dort Financial Credit Union for the purpose of opening certificates of deposit for investing purposes.

New Year's Eve Block Party Permission. Approved request from Owosso Main Street for the closure of South Washington Street from Comstock Street to Jerome Avenue on Friday, December 31, 2021 at 10:00 p.m. until Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 1:00 a.m. for the New Year's Eve Block Party, waived the insurance requirement, and approved Traffic Control Order No. 1464 formalizing the request.

Change Order – 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Program. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Program contract with KMI Road Maintenance, LLC increasing the contract in the amount of \$13,640.00 for the addition of repairs to the sidewalk that is part of the James S. Miner River Walk adjacent to the Matthews Building, and authorized payment to the contractor up to the contract amount, including Change Order No. 1 and existing \$20,000.00 contingency, upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Change Order – 2021 City Hall Retaining Wall Reconstruction. Approved Change Order No. 2 to the 2021 City Hall Retaining Wall Reconstruction contract with Gordon Construction Services, Inc. increasing the contract in the amount of \$23,464.00 for the unforeseen removal of old foundation and spoil materials as well as additional landscaping at the site, and authorized payment to the contractor up to the contract amount, including Change Order Nos. 1 & 2, upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Contract Amendment – 2020 Street Program – Engineering Services Contract. Approved amendment to the 2020 Street Program – Engineering Services Contract with OHM Advisors for the addition of water main design and construction administration services for the Center Street Water Main Replacement Project (part of the DWRF 2022 Project Plan) in the amount of \$132,426.75, and further approved payment to the engineer upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Purchase Authorization - Road Salt. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized purchase order with The Detroit Salt Company, LLC, via State of Michigan Contract No. 180000000768, in the amount of \$64,332.00 for delivery of 1200 tons of road salt at \$53.61/ton to be delivered as needed during the 2021-22 contract period, further authorized a contingency amount of \$5,361.00, and further authorized payment up to \$69,693.00 upon satisfactory receipt of the product.

Repair Authorization – WTP High Service Pumps. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized contract with Kennedy Industries, Inc. for the removal, rehabilitation, and installation of high service pumps #1 & #4 at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$31,670.00, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Professional Services Agreement – 2022 Water Distribution Tanks Rehabilitation. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized contract with OHM Advisors for engineering design

and bidding services for the 2022 Water Distribution Tanks Rehabilitation (part of the DWRP 2022 Project Plan) in an amount not to exceed \$59,900.00, and further authorized payment up to the contract amount, to the engineer as defined in the agreement.

Warrant No. 609. Authorized Warrant No. 609 as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Waste Management	Landfill charges-10/16/21-10/31/21	WWTP	\$17,288.98
Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund	Workers' compensation contributions- 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 4 installments for FY 21/22	Various	\$26,265.00

Check Register – October 2021. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,982,867.14 for October 2021.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Set Special Meeting – Strategic Planning. The Council set a special meeting for the final Strategic Planning session for Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. September 2021 Financial Reports.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of October 1, 2021.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of October 4, 2021.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Review Board. Minutes of October 26, 2021.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of October 27, 2021.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Dave Acton continued his comments from the earlier session detailing the timeline for the proposed expansion and indicating he will try to keep Council more informed about the project going forward.

Eddie Urban asked for a ride home after the meeting. Two different people volunteered.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika announced that the sound of the 1225 whistle would be heard once again as part of the North Pole Express starting this weekend and going each weekend through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:19 P.M.**

**RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:31 P.M.**

Minutes Approval. Approved the minutes of the closed session of October 18, 2021 as presented.

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

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, December 06, 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

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 8:32 p.m.

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

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