

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022**

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

CWSRF Project Plan Review. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund Project Plan to replace aging infrastructure and address flow capacity limitations at the WWTP. The following person commented in regard to the proposed Project Plan: Gary Burk. The Council moved to approve the proposed CWSRF Project Plan as presented.

Ordinance Amendment – False Alarms. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed revision of Chapter 18, Nuisances, Article VI, *False Alarms*, to update the terms to reflect current procedures. There were no comments received prior to, or during the hearing. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed.

USDA Grant. Conducted a public hearing pursuant to USDA Grant guidelines to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed application for a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant to partially fund the purchase of several new vehicles and pieces of equipment necessary for the operation of the Public Safety and Public Works Departments. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the hearing. The Council moved to authorize the grant application as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Kasey Hadd said she is concerned about the number of semis using Woodlawn Ave. to get to the industrial park instead of the designated truck route. She said there are 10-15 trucks travelling down her street each week and she and her neighbors fear the trucks are damaging the street. She also noted that vehicles tend to speed on Woodlawn and asked if police patrols could be increased in the area.

Gary Burk, Friends of the Shiawassee River representative, indicated that when it comes to sanitary sewer overflow control issues it would make more sense to place the proposed retention basin at the WWTP rather than where it is planned upstream. He also urged the City to begin a program to fix storm water infiltration into the sanitary sewer from sump pumps and footing drains, noting that doing so may negate the need for a retention basin upstream altogether.

Eddie Urban spoke about the peddler's permit he has from the State, the mix up with his contractor that has delayed repairs to his porch until July, and the size of the trees along the river recently taken down by beavers.

Mayor Eveleth congratulated the City Clerk on her 20th anniversary with the City.

Councilmember Law echoed Ms. Hadd's comments saying he has witnessed a number of semis on Woodlawn as well and that speeding is an issue in the area. He also noted that cars routinely park on both sides of the street despite the fact that parking is prohibited on the east side.

Mayor Eveleth indicated he had spoken with Ms. Hadd previously and discussed her issues with the City Manager and the Public Safety Director. They have agreed to step up enforcement in the area. He also noted that semis use Woodlawn Ave. because that is where their GPS units direct them to go. Public Safety Director Lenkart noted that it is very difficult to get GPS providers to change the information they provide but he will try. There was discussion among Council about other ways to reroute truck traffic from Woodlawn, including whether signage would help. City Manager Henne indicated he would forward the question on to the Engineering Department.

Councilmember Fear noted that the Mr. Owosso contest kicked off recently and there will be lots of events happening over the next three weeks to benefit some great organizations. She also thanked the DDA for the nice event they threw on Friday honoring long-time downtown volunteers.

Councilmember Law announced that there will be a 9-pin no-tap bowling tournament in Corunna on Saturday supporting the Mr. Owosso candidate representing the Shiawassee Firefighters' Memorial. He also thanked Theresa and Travis for all of the work they have done to raise money for the cause.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – OPRA District– 123 N. Washington Street. Set a public hearing for Monday, June 6, 2022 to receive citizen comment regarding the application from Woodworth Investments, LLC to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property located at 123 N. Washington Street.

First Reading and Set Public Hearing - Ordinance Amendment – Peddlers Fee. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Section 22-25, Fees, to Chapter 22, Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants, Article II, Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants, of the Code of Ordinances to charge a fee set by resolution.

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Stewart Street. Authorized Resolution No. 1 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 2024-01 for Stewart Street from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Washington Street for street rehabilitation.

Change Order – Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Changeover. Authorized Change Order No. 1 to the Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Changeover contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C., originally approved August 16, 2021, increasing the contract amount by \$313.50 for the purchase and installation of worn and broken equipment items, and further authorized payment to the contractor up to the contract amount, including Change Order No. 1.

Contract Renewal - General Engineering Services. Approved the required annual renewal of the General Engineering Services contracts with Eng., Inc., Fleis & Vandenbrink, Inc., Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., and Spicer Group, Inc. to provide engineering services through June 30, 2023.

Professional Services Agreement – Office 365 Migration Project. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved a professional services agreement with Logicalis, Inc. for software and technical services required to migrate the City's network computers to Office 365 in the amount of \$21,780.00, and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Check Register – April 2022. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,773,072.60 for April 2022.

Warrant No. 615. Authorized Warrant No. 615 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Caledonia Charter Township	2006 Water District Agreement 01/01/2022-03/31/2022	Water	\$35,622.66
Owosso Charter Township	2011 Water Agreement Payment 01/01/2022-03/31/2022	Water	\$17,264.23
Pitsch Companies	Demolition - 216 South Elm Street Section 18-29 Emergency Abatement; Section 2-346 (5) Emergency Purchase	General	\$239,550.00

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2022-23 City Budget Adoption. Adopted the General Appropriations Resolution approving the 2022-2023 City Budget (including DDA Appropriations).

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Reports – March 2022

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. April 2022 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. April 2022 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. April 2022 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. April 2022 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. April 2022 Fire Report.
Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of April 27, 2022.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban relayed two funny stories of his encounters with beavers over the years.
Gary Burk thanked the Council and the City for their support of the Shi-Tri event that will be taking place this Sunday, May 22nd. He noted that they have the maximum number of participants this year and they anticipate the event will continue to grow.
Mayor Pro-Tem Osika thanked Fitness Coliseum and its owner Bri Carroll for all of their hard work in partnering with the Friends of the Shiawassee River to put on the Shi-Tri.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 06, 2022

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 – term expires December 31, 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

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