

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2023
7:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR GARY BEAL
CHURCH OF JUBILEE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: NICK BRUCKMAN, DDA/AMERICORPS MEMBER

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Emily S. Olson.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to move Consent Agenda 10. Warrant No. 626, to Item of Business 2 and approve the agenda with indicated change.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Pidek to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2023 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Curwood Festival Donation

Curwood Festival Executive Board Treasurer Kammi Smith, along with volunteer Denice Grace, Director Josh Haley, Curwood Princess Hailey Zayas and Junior Queen Attendant Ila Ordway presented a \$1,000 donation from the Curwood Festival for the maintenance of Curwood Castle on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Eddie Urban presented four plaques for patriotism to the representatives of Curwood Festival.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Special Assessment District No. 2023-102 – Hazards and Nuisances

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2023-102, Hazards and Nuisances, as it relates to the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances at 917 S. Park Street and 1122 S. Cedar Street.

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

Motion by Councilmember Pidek to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE ROLL FOR
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2023-102 - HAZARDS & NUISANCES
FOR 917 S. PARK STREET AND 1122 S. CEDAR STREET**

WHEREAS, the City Council has met, after due and legal notice, and conducted a public hearing to receive comment regarding the proposed Special Assessment Roll for Hazards and Nuisances District No. 2023-102 prepared for the purpose of defraying the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances on the following described property:

PARCEL	PARCEL #	SERVICE ADDRESS	TYPE	AMOUNT
A	050-652-010-024-00	917 S. Park St.	Demolition of structure including court costs & consulting fees	\$11,141.10
B	050-114-006-001-00	1122 S. Cedar St.	Demolition of structure including court costs & consulting fees	\$11,499.45
			TOTAL	\$22,640.55

and

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances the Council deems said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances to be fair, just and equitable and that the assessment contained thereon results in the special assessment being in accordance with the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances of said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances as prepared by the City Assessor in the amount of \$22,640.55 is hereby confirmed and shall be known as Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances District No. 2023-102.
2. Pursuant to MCL 211.78k(c) said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first of which shall be due and payable on September 1, 2023, and the subsequent installments shall be due on September 1st of each and every year thereafter. Payment of the amount of the special assessment may be made in full without interest or penalty by November 1, 2023. Annual special assessment bills are not mailed by the City. It is the property owner's responsibility to contact the Treasurer's office for the amount of the annual payment if they do not wish for the amount to be placed on the winter tax bill.
3. The installments of the special assessment rolls shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum; provided, however, if the bonds are issued in anticipation of said special assessments, then such unpaid special assessment shall bear interest at a rate of interest equal to 1% above the average rate of interest borne by said bonds. Such interest shall commence on September 1, 2023 and shall be paid annually on each installment due date.
4. Said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances District No. 2023-102 shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk who shall attach his warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums shown thereon as directed by the City Council.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika and concurred in by unanimous vote.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

Special Assessment District No. 2023-01 – North Street, from Shiawassee to Hickory

City Manager Nathan R. Henne gave a brief presentation regarding the current condition of this section of North Street, the work proposed, how the assessments were determined, and how the project will be financed. The map indicated there are several properties located in Owosso Charter Township and they have voluntarily agreed to pay their portion.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2023-01 for North Street from Shiawassee Street to Hickory Street for street rehabilitation. The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment roll:

Lindsay Felver, 201 W. North Street, (via email) objected to the proposed assessment, saying the condition of the street and waterlines were due to the City's neglect and it was unfair to charge the residents of the street for the cost of the improvements.

Mathew Jones, 600 Clark Avenue, (via phone) objected to the proposed assessment, saying he is concerned with the amount of street assessments he is facing. He was assessed for Clark Avenue in 2020, and now he is looking at additional assessments for Lee Street and North Street (rental property), estimating the total will come to around \$18,000.00. (Clerk's Note: The actual total comes to approximately \$14,500.00.)

Tom Manke, 2910 West M-21, indicated he had called twenty municipalities in central Michigan and no other community uses the special assessment process to assist in funding street maintenance. He said he felt the practice was wrong and needed to be reassessed.

Motion by Councilmember Pidek to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2023

**DISTRICT NO. 2023-01
NORTH STREET
FROM SHIAWASSEE STREET (M-52) TO HICKORY STREET
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 5**

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the City Council has met, and a public hearing was conducted to receive public comment regarding the special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the following described public improvement:

**North Street from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Hickory Street
Street Rehabilitation**

and;

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein, and after carefully reviewing said special assessment roll, the Council deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon results in the special assessment being in accordance with the benefits to be derived by the parcel of land assessed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor in the amount of \$113,557.13 is hereby confirmed and shall be known as Special Assessment Roll No. 2023-01.
2. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) installments, the first of which shall be due and payable on September 1, 2023, and the subsequent installments shall be due on September 1st of each and every year thereafter. Payment of the amount of the special assessment may be made in full without interest or penalty by November 1, 2023 . Annual special assessment bills are not mailed by the City. It is the property owner's responsibility to contact the Treasurer's office for the amount of the annual payment if they do not wish for the amount to be placed on the winter tax bill.
3. The installments of the special assessment rolls shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum; provided, however, if the bonds are issued in anticipation of said special assessments, then such unpaid special assessment shall bear interest at a rate of interest equal to 1% above the average rate of interest borne by said bonds. Such interest shall commence on September 1, 2023 and shall be paid annually on each installment due date.
4. Said special assessment roll shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk who shall attach her warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums shown thereon as directed by the City Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Fear, Law, Haber, Pidek and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

Special Assessment District No. 2023-03 – Lee Street, from Clark to Ada

City Manager Henne gave a brief presentation regarding the current condition of this section of Lee Street, noting that the project was being implemented as the result of a petition. He went on to detail the work proposed and how the assessments were determined.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2023-03 for Lee Street from Clark Avenue to Ada Street for street resurfacing.

The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment roll:

Mathew Jones, 600 Clark Avenue, (via phone) objected to the proposed assessment, saying he is concerned with the amount of street assessments he is facing. He was assessed for Clark Avenue in 2020, and now he is looking at additional assessments for Lee Street and North Street

(rental property), estimating the total will come to around \$18,000.00. (Clerk's Note: The actual total comes to approximately \$14,500.00.)

Inita Jones, 600 Clark Avenue, (via email) objected to the proposed assessment, saying that inflation is out of control and the City should hold off on the project until the economic situation returns to normal. She also objected to the way the cost of the project was allotted to property owners. She felt those with driveways on Lee Street should pay more.

Patrick Morris, 601 Ada Street, said that while he agrees the street is in rough shape about 50% of property owners on the street do not want the street repaved. He felt the condition of the street was exacerbated by the Clark Avenue project driving up the cost and the parking situation generated by nearby Central School was unacceptable. He said Lee Street should not be repaved until parking on the street is prohibited. Lastly, he asked if the City had received any stimulus money and whether the Schools were sharing in the cost of the project.

Regina Morris, 601 Ada Street, said in the short time she has lived at her home there have always been cars parked along the side of the street. She said she sometimes has trouble getting in and out of her driveway and the entire parking situation surrounding Central School is dangerous. She felt that assessing homeowners, with interest, for the cost of a street project is wrong.

Tom Kurtz, 721 Lee Street, said he has lived on Lee Street for 12 years and he thanked the City for considering the project. He agreed with the previous speakers that parking near Central School is a mess and that the 2020 Clark Avenue repaving project did more damage to the already deteriorating condition of Lee Street, but he was a petitioner and continues to support getting the street done.

City Manager Henne responded to the question regarding stimulus money, indicating the City did receive ARPA funds, the community was asked how it should be spent, and all of the funds have been allocated. He noted that Council could change their mind on the allocation, but he would need to know as soon as possible because projects are about to start. He went on to say that the City does seek grant funding for street projects where it's available, but grant funding has been limited to major street projects which Lee Street wouldn't qualify for. The City does the best it can with the money it receives from Act 51, but we only get enough to spend \$25,000 per mile of street annually. Unfortunately, with the cost of street reconstruction running over \$1,000,000 per mile, the City is being forced to manage a decline in the overall condition of its street system unless the state legislature makes changes to the funding mechanism.

Councilmember Pidek noted that the PASER ratings for Lee Street were already really low, even prior to the Clark Avenue project.

City Manager Henne indicated that the high cost for this project was due in large part to the fact that engineers had determined that the base of the street was not stable enough to simply resurface.

Motion by Councilmember Fear to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2023
DISTRICT NO. 2023-03
LEE STREET
FROM CLARK AVENUE TO ADA STREET
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the City Council has met, and a public hearing was conducted to receive public comment regarding the special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying the special assessment district's share of the following described public improvement:

Lee Street from Clark Avenue to Ada Street
Street Resurfacing

and;

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein, and after carefully reviewing said special assessment roll, the Council deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon results in the special assessment being in accordance with the benefits to be derived by the parcel of land assessed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor in the amount of \$44,732.16 is hereby confirmed and shall be known as Special Assessment Roll No. 2023-03.
2. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) installments, the first of which shall be due and payable on September 1, 2023, and the subsequent installments shall be due on

September 1st of each and every year thereafter. Payment of the amount of the special assessment may be made in full without interest or penalty by November 1, 2023. Annual special assessment bills are not mailed by the City. It is the property owner's responsibility to contact the Treasurer's office for the amount of the annual payment if they do not wish for the amount to be placed on the winter tax bill.

3. The installments of the special assessment rolls shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum; provided, however, if the bonds are issued in anticipation of said special assessments, then such unpaid special assessment shall bear interest at a rate of interest equal to 1% above the average rate of interest borne by said bonds. Such interest shall commence on September 1, 2023 and shall be paid annually on each installment due date.
4. Said special assessment roll shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk who shall attach her warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums shown thereon as directed by the City Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Fear, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Haber, Pidek, Law and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Donna Hitz, owner of Penguin Resale, detailed a recent scary interaction she had with a man that slipped in her store just minutes before closing time with the intent of robbing her. While she was able to chase him off the incident left her very shaken. She said she was present this evening to recognize Nick Bruckman, the DDA's Americorp member, for stopping by her store each night at closing time for a week after the incident in an effort to help her feel safe. She thanked him and said his efforts were much appreciated.

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, took issue with the City's recent efforts to remove people trespassing in City parks and vacant properties after dark, saying they were effectively kicking out the City's homeless population and accusing the City of endangering the health, safety and rights of homeless individuals.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

***ARP-SRF Grant Agreement Approval.** Approve the American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Fund Grant Agreement and designate the City's authorized representative for the grant as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2023

APPROVAL OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – STATE REVOLVING FUND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT GREAT LAKES & ENERGY (EGLE) DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED GRANT REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing water distribution system, wells, water treatment plant and process equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso submitted an application for and has been approved to receive an American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Fund (ARP-SRF) Grant of \$1,011,250.00 for its proposed 2023 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project; and

WHEREAS, said project plan, with amendments, was adopted at a City Council meeting held on June 6th, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Owosso formally approves the American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Fund Grant Agreement and agrees to abide by its terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance, a position currently held by Brad Barrett, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the grant agreement referenced above, including the execution of said agreement.

Boards and Commissions Appointment(s). Approve the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment(s):

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Erin Powell	Downtown Historic District Commission filling unexpired term of Scott Newman	06-30-2023
Bill Moull	Historical Commission	12-31-2025

Change Order – Private Credit Assessment Services. Approve Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order No. 43789 with S&P Global Ratings for the provision of two private credit assessments associated with the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program applications, increasing the amount \$562.50 to reflect their 2023 rate schedule, and further approve payment, including Change Order No. 1, to the firm upon satisfactory completion of the contracted tasks as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2023

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO PURCHASE ORDER 43789 FOR PRIVATE CREDIT ASSESSMENT SERVICES FROM S&P GLOBAL RATINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a service agreement with S&P Global Ratings on October 3, 2022 for the provision of private credit assessment services related to its applications for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and Clean Water State Revolving Funds; and

WHEREAS, S&P Global Ratings recently amended their service fees for 2023, necessitating a change order to Purchase Order No. 43789 for the services noted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve Change Order No. 1 to Purchase Order No. 43789 with S&P Global Ratings for the provision of two private credit assessments, increasing the total contract amount by \$562.50.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to pay S&P Global Ratings for work satisfactorily completed up to the contract amount, including Change Order No. 1, for a total of \$30,562.50.
- THIRD: The above expense shall be paid from the Water Fund 591.200.801.000 and WWTP Fund 599.548.801.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

***Balancing Change Order – Removal of Lime Residual at Water Treatment Plant.** Approve Balancing Change Order No. 1 to the Removal of Lime Residual at Water Treatment Plant contract with Rocky Ridge Development, LLC reducing the total contract amount by \$114,776.20 to reflect changes to the scope of the project and close out the contract as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2023

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH ROCKY RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR REMOVAL OF LIME RESIDUAL MATERIAL AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, approved a contract with Rocky Ridge Development, LLC on September 19, 2022 to excavate lime residuals from Lagoon #4 at the Water Treatment Plant, haul it away, and apply the lime to farm fields in the amount of \$398,750.00; and

WHEREAS, it was discovered the estimated volume of lime to be removed greatly exceeded the volume of what was able to be removed, necessitating a reduction in the scope of the project; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has completed the work and the contract amount must be balanced to reflect the changes in the scope of services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Services & Utilities has reviewed the change order as presented and has determined it to be fair and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to reduce the scope of the work required in the contract for Removal of Lime Residual Material at Water Treatment Plant with Rocky Ridge Development, LLC to reflect the actual volume of lime removed in addition to a mobilization charge.
- SECOND: The Mayor and City Clerk are requested and authorized to sign Balancing Change Order No. 1 to the Removal of Lime Residual Material at Water Treatment Plant Contract between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Rocky Ridge Development, LLC, decreasing the contract amount by \$114,776.20 to \$283,973.80.
- THIRD: The Accounts Payable Department is authorized to make payment up to the contract amount, including Balancing Change Order No. 1, totaling \$283,973.80.
- FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Water Fund Account 591-553-934.000.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4

***Tentative Bid Award – 2023 Water Main Replacement Project.** Approve tentative bid award to The Glaeser Dawes Corporation for the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project, 2023 DWSRF project, in the amount of \$883,951.35, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approve payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2023

**TENTATIVELY AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE
2023 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT
TO THE GLAESER DAWES CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, wishes to construct improvements to its existing water distribution system through the replacement of existing water mains on Clyde Street, Huron Street, Lee Street, Lynn Street, and Milwaukee Street; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project, formally adopted on April 15, 2019 and amended on June 6, 2022, will be funded through the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$883,951.35 from The Glaeser Dawes Corporation, with \$701,893.94 being funded by DWSRF funds and \$182,057.41 being funded by City local street funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's Director of Public Services & Utilities, Ryan E. Suchanek, has recommended awarding the contract to the low responsive bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract for the proposed 2023 Water Main Replacement Project to The Glaeser Dawes Corporation, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.
- SECOND: upon receipt of the 2023 DWSRF loan proceeds, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign, without further Council action, Exhibit A, substantially as attached.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to The Glaeser Dawes Corporation in the amount of \$883,951.35 upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid for from the Local Streets Fund and the 2023 DWSRF Bond Fund.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 6.6

***Tentative Bid Award – 2023 North Street Project.** Approve tentative bid award to Champagne and Marx Excavating, Inc. for the 2023 North Street Project, a portion of which is a 2023 DWSRF project, in the amount of \$2,146,688.63, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approve payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2023

**TENTATIVELY AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
FOR THE 2023 NORTH STREET PROJECT
TO CHAMPAGNE AND MARX EXCAVATING, INC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, wishes to construct improvements to North Street from Shiawassee Street to Hickory Street, including the rehabilitation of the street and improvements to its existing water distribution system through the replacement of water mains and lead service lines; and

WHEREAS, the said water system improvement projects, formally adopted on April 15, 2019 and amended on June 6, 2022, will be funded through the State of Michigan’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$2,146,688.63 from Champagne and Marx Excavating, Inc with \$999,797.18 being funded by DWSRF funds, \$799,891.45 being funded by City Major Street funds, and \$347,000 being funded by an MDOT Small Urban Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso’s Director of Public Services & Utilities, Ryan E. Suchanek, has recommended awarding the contract, via MDOT, to the low responsive bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract, via MDOT, for construction of the proposed water system improvements project to Champagne and Marx Excavating, Inc, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the DWSRF.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract, via MDOT, for the proposed 2023 North Street Project to Champagne and Marx Excavating, Inc, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.
- SECOND: upon receipt of the 2023 DWSRF bond/loan proceeds, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign, without further Council action, the MDOT contract for the 2023 North Street Project.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Champagne and Marx Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$2,146,688.63 upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid for from the City Major Streets fund, 2023 DWSRF bond funds, and an MDOT Small Urban Grant.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 6.6

***Tentative Bid Award – Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade Project.** Approve tentative bid award to County Line Power, LLC for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) SCADA Upgrade Project, a 2023 DWSRF project, in the amount of \$1,292,790.00, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approve payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023

**TENTATIVELY AWARDING
A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SCADA UPGRADE PROJECT
TO COUNTY POWER LINE, LLC**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, wishes to construct improvements to its existing water distribution system through the upgrade and modernization of the SCADA system at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP); and

WHEREAS, this water system improvements project, formally adopted on April 15, 2019, and amended on June 6, 2022, will be funded through the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$1,292,790.00 from County Line Power, LLC with \$213,129.50 being funded by DWSRF funds, \$272,658.00 being funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, and \$807,002.50 being funded by City Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's Director of Public Services & Utilities, Ryan E. Suchanek, has recommended awarding the contract to the low responsive bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed water system improvements project to County Line Power, LLC, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the DWSRF.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed WTP SCADA Upgrade Project to County Line Power, LLC, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.
- SECOND: upon receipt of the 2023 DWSRF bond/loan proceeds, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign, without further Council action, Exhibit A, substantially as attached.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to County Line Power, LLC in the amount of \$1,292,790.00 upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid for from the City Water Fund, ARPA funds, and the 2023 DWSRF Bond Fund.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4

***Tentative Bid Award – Palmer 3A & Juniper 1 Well Houses Project.** Approve the low bid of Sorenson Gross Company for the Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 Well Houses Project in the amount of \$2,363,238.00, approve payment up to the contract amount upon completion of the work or portion thereof, and further approve the required DWSRF bid award resolution contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the DWSRF as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2023
TENTATIVELY AWARDING
A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
FOR THE PALMER 3A AND JUNIPER 1 WELL HOUSES PROJECT
TO SORENSEN GROSS COMPANY

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, wishes to construct improvements to its existing water distribution system through the construction of new well houses for the Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 wells; and

WHEREAS, the said water system improvements project, formally adopted on April 15, 2019 and amended on June 6, 2022, will be funded through the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$2,363,238.00 from Sorensen Gross Company, with \$1,283,578.00 being funded by DWSRF funds, \$272,658.00 being funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, and \$807,002.00 being funded by the City's Water Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso's Director of Public Services & Utilities, Ryan E. Suchanek, has recommended awarding the contract to the low responsive bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the City of Owosso tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 Well Houses Project to Sorensen Gross

Company, contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

SECOND: upon receipt of the 2023 DWSRF bond/loan proceeds, the mayor and city clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to sign, without further Council action, the contract for the Palmer 3A and Juniper 1 Well Houses Project.

THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Sorensen Gross Company in the amount of \$2,363,238.00 upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid for from the City's Water Fund, ARPA funds, and the 2023 DWSRF Bond Fund.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.5, 3.4

***Professional Services Agreement – 2024 Stewart Street Reconstruction Project - Engineering Services.** Approve Professional Engineering Services agreement with ENG Engineering & Surveying for engineering and construction administration services related to the 2024 Stewart Street Reconstruction Project in an amount not to exceed \$137,657.50 and authorize payment up to the contract amount as terms of the contract are fulfilled as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH
ENG., INC.
FOR THE 2024 STEWART STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is considering the necessary rehabilitation of Stewart Street, from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Washington Street, as outlined within its RFP for professional engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has received notification from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) of award of Federal Small Urban Program Grant funding for said project; and

WHEREAS, this project requires the services of a professional engineering firm for compliance with MDOT program funding; and

WHEREAS, the City sought proposals from its Qualification Based Selection (QBS) list of engineering firms to perform such work; and

WHEREAS, Eng., Inc. is selected as the most qualified firm to perform said design assistance and construction administration services, in an amount not to exceed \$137,657.50.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to employ the firm of Eng., Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the 2024 Stewart Street Reconstruction Project.

SECOND: The Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign the necessary documents as an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Eng., Inc.

THIRD: The Accounts Payable department is authorized to make payment up to the amount of \$137,657.50 to Eng., Inc. upon successful completion of stated work.

FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Major Street Account No. 202-451-818.000-STEWRT2024 (\$77,437.50), Water Account No. 591-901-972.000-STEWRT2024 (\$60,220.00), and other funds as appropriated.

Warrant No. 626. (This item was moved to Items of Business.)

***Check Register – January 2023.** Affirm check disbursements totaling \$3,879,639.57 through January 31, 2023.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Law, Pidek, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Fear, Haber, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

OMS/DDA Bylaws Update

City Manager Henne indicated that the Board has requested the elimination of membership for ex-officio members as the Board has a full complement of its nine members.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the proposed amendment to the Downtown Development Authority/Owosso Main Street bylaws as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2023

**ADOPTING THE
OWOSSO MAIN STREET/DDA BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the Owosso Main Street/DDA Board is a public body which is responsible for holding its own meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Owosso Main Street/DDA Board have drafted and approved bylaws to direct the conduct and activities of such meetings and are submitting them to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Owosso City Council hereby approves the bylaws of the Owosso Main Street/DDA as follows, such bylaws to be effective immediately:

**BYLAWS GOVERNING
THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/MAIN STREET
OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO**

ARTICLE I

PURPOSES

Section 1. Statement of purposes. The purpose or purposes for which the Authority is organized are as follows: To act as a downtown development authority in accordance with Act 197 'of the Public Acts- of 1975, as amended; including but not limited to; to correct and prevent deterioration in downtown district; to encourage historical preservation; to create and implement development plans, to promote the economic growth; to encourage the expansion of commercial enterprises. In furtherance of these purposes, the Authority shall have all of the powers which now are or hereafter may be, conferred by law on authorities organized under Act 227, Public Acts of 1972, Act 149, Public Acts of 1911; Act 202, Public Acts of 1943; Act 94, Public Acts of 1933; Act 344, Public Acts of 1945, as amended; and particularly the powers granted by Act 197, Public Acts of 1975, and especially Section 7 thereof, to wit:

- (a) Prepare an analysis of economic changes taking place in the downtown district.
- (b) Study and analyze the impact of metropolitan growth upon the downtown district.
- (c) Plan and propose the construction, the renovation, repair, remodeling, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or reconstruction of a public facility, an existing building, or a multiple-family dwelling unit which may be necessary or appropriate to the execution of a plan which, in the opinion of the Board, aids in the economic growth of the downtown district.
- (d) Develop long-range, plans, in cooperation with the agency which is chiefly responsible for planning in the municipality, designed to halt the deterioration of property values in the downtown district and to promote the economic growth of the downtown district, and take such steps as may be necessary to persuade property owners to implement the plans to the fullest extent possible.
- (e) Implement any plan of development in the downtown district necessary to achieve the purposes of Act 197, in accordance with the powers of the Authority as granted by Act 197.

- (f) Make and enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties.
- (g) Acquire by purchase or otherwise, on terms and conditions and in a manner the Authority deems proper or own, convey, or otherwise dispose of, or lease as lessor or lessee, land and other property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein, which the Authority determines is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of this, and to grant or acquire licenses, easements, and options with respect thereto.
- (h) Improve land and construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, restore and preserve, equip, improve, maintain, repair, and operate any building, including multiple-family dwellings, and any necessary or desirable appurtenances thereto, within the downtown district for the use, in whole or in part, of any public or private person or corporation, or a combination thereof.
- (i) Fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and charges for the use of any building or property under its control or any part thereof, or facility therein, and pledge the fees, rents, and charges for the payment of revenue bonds issued by the Authority.
- (j) Lease any building or property under its control, or any part thereof.
- (k) Accept grants and donations of property, labor, or other things of value from a public or private source.
- (l) Acquire and construct public facilities.

subject to any amendments to said statute either increasing or diminishing the powers of downtown development authorities formed thereunder.

Section 2. Development of work plans. The mission of the program will be achieved through the board's commitment to the National Main Street's Work Plan process, using its four-point approach through the organization committee, promotion committee, design committee, and the economic restructuring committee.

ARTICLE II

OFFICES

Section 1. Offices. The Authority may have such offices as the Board may determine, or the affairs of the Authority may require from time to time.

ARTICLE III

BOARD

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by its Board.

Section 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The Board of the Authority shall consist of nine (9) persons, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Owosso or their designee on City Council and, eight (8) members. The members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. At least five of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. At least one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, so long as the district has 100 or more persons residing within it.

Section 3. Selection of Board Members. The Chief Executive Officer of the City of Owosso with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint the members of the Board. Subsequent Board members shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointments at the expiration of each member's term of office.

Section 4. Expiration of Term; Continuation in Office; Reappointment; Filling Vacancies. Members whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until his/her successor has been appointed with the advice and consent of the City Council to serve additional terms. If a vacancy is created by the death, resignation, or removal of a member, a successor shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the City Council within thirty (30) days to hold office for the remainder of the term so vacated.

Section 5. Removal. Pursuant to notice and an opportunity to be heard, a member may be removed from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance, accumulation of three (3) or more unexcused absences in a twelve (12) month period, or any other good cause by a majority vote of the City Council.

Section 6. Disclosure of Interests. A board member who has a direct interest in any matter before the Authority shall disclose his/her interest prior to the Authority taking any action with respect to the matter, which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the Authority's official proceedings. Further, any member making such disclosure, shall then refrain from participating in the Authority's decision-making processes relative to such matter.

Section 7. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month of June in each year beginning with the year 2011 at the hour of seven-thirty a.m. for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of officers shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting or any adjournment thereof, the Board shall cause the election to be held at a regular or special meeting of the Board within 90 days of the annual meeting.

Section 8. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall from time to time determine.

Section 9. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the written request of the chairman or any two members. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board called by them.

Section 10. Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided by law, all meetings shall be preceded by public notice in accordance with Public Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Section 11. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the members of the Board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event that effective membership is reduced because of Disclosure of Interest (Article III, Section 6), a majority of the remaining members of the Board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Except in those cases where a larger majority is required by law, no motion, resolution or action shall be adopted or passed, nor shall any appointment be made, nor any person removed from office as permitted by these Rules, except by the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the Board.

Section 12. Public Meetings. The meetings of the Board 'shall be public.'

Section 13. Public Comment. Members of the Public may comment at the meetings of the Board. An individual will have no more than three (3) minutes to deliver their comment.

Section 14. Compensation of Members. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses subject to authorization by a vote of two-thirds of the majority of the Board members then qualified to vote.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Authority shall be a chairman and vice-chairman.

Section 2. Election and Terms of Office. Officers of the Authority shall be elected annually by the Board at the regular annual meeting of the Board. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held within 90 days of such meeting. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Authority would be served thereby.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall discharge the duties of the presiding officer.

Section 6. Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the chairman or in event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the vice-chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the chairman. Any vice-chairman, shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the chairman or by the Board.

Section 7. Employment of Personnel. The Board may employ personnel as deemed necessary by the Board. Such personnel may include, but not be limited to, a director, treasurer, secretary and legal counsel.

Section 7.1. Director. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a director, subject to approval by the City Council. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. A member of the Board shall not hold the position of director while serving on the Board. The Board may require the director to post a bond payable to the Authority for the use and benefit

of the Authority. The premium for such bond is to be paid by the Authority. Subject to the approval of the Board, the director shall supervise, and be responsible for the preparation of plans and the performance of the functions of the Authority. The director shall attend the meetings of the Board, and shall render to the Board and to the City Council a regular report covering the activities and financial condition of the authority. The director shall furnish the Board with information or reports governing the operation of the Authority as the Board requires. If the director is absent or disabled, the Board may delegate his/her functions and responsibilities to any person otherwise qualified under this section. Such other person shall be designated as the acting director.

Section 7.2. Treasurer. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a treasurer, who shall keep the financial records of the Authority and who, together with the director, shall approval all vouchers for the expenditure of funds of the Authority. If required by the Board, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Authority; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Authority from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Authority in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of these rules; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as shall be assigned from time to time by the Board.

Section 7.3. Secretary. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a secretary, who shall maintain custody of the official seal and of records, books, documents, or other papers not required to be maintained by the treasurer. The secretary shall attend meetings of the Board and keep a record of its proceedings. The secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these rules or as required by law and shall keep a register of the post office address of each Board member as furnished by such member. The secretary shall also perform all duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board.

Section 7.4. Legal Counsel. The Board may retain legal counsel to advise the Board in the proper performance of its duties and to represent the Authority in actions brought by or against the Authority.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees of Members. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board, may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more members, which committees shall have and exercise such authority as shall be granted to them by such resolution; provided, however, such committee shall not have the power or authority to adopt an agreement of merger or consolidation or an agreement for the sale, lease or exchange of all, or substantially all of the Authority's property and assets, dissolve the Authority or amend the rules of the Authority. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, the members of such committee shall be members of the Authority and the Chairman shall appoint the members thereof. Any member may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Authority shall be served by such removal.

Section 2. Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the Authority and until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

Section 3. Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

Section 4. Quorum. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

ARTICLE VI

CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

Section 1. Contracts. The Board may authorize the chairman, agent or agents of the Authority, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Authority, and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Authority, shall be signed by two persons as designated by the Board.

Section 3. Deposits. All funds of the Authority shall be immediately deposited to the credit of the Authority in such banks, trust, companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

Section 4. Gifts. The Board may accept on behalf of the Authority any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purposes of the Authority.

ARTICLE VII

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Authority shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board and committees having any of the powers of the Board, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Authority shall be open to the public at all times. An annual audit shall be conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant and published, and shall be in compliance with Public Act No. 2 of 1968 and Public Act 621 of 1978.

ARTICLE VIII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

These rules may be altered, amended or repealed and new rules may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting if written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new rules at such meeting. The full nature of the rule change shall be included in the notice. Adoption of rule changes shall require affirmative votes by the majority of the members appointed. Changes in these rules are subject to approval by the City Council.

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt.

Motion supported by Councilmember Pidek.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Haber, Pidek, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmember Law and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

Warrant No. 626 (This item was moved from the Consent Agenda.)

Councilmember Pidek said that he asked that this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda due to the fact that one of the checks that staff is seeking authorization for is for Aviator Jayne, presenting him with a conflict of interest. He explained that the grant funds in question were used to expand the business and renovate an adjacent 5,000 square foot store front. His wife owns Aviator Jayne and as such he is requesting to recuse himself from the vote on this item.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, and supported by Councilmember Law, to allow Councilmember Pidek to recuse himself from the vote for Warrant No. 626.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Haber, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Fear, Law, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

Councilmember Pidek left the room to allow Council to discuss and vote on the item in question.

Motion by Councilmember Law to authorize Warrant No. 626 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Owosso Charter Township	Quarterly Bill Period October – December 2022	Water	\$17,824.17
Caledonia Charter Township	Quarterly Bill Period October – December 2022	Water	\$47,673.99
Aviator Jayne	MEDC Match on Main Grant Reimbursement #354044	DDA	\$25,000.00

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmember Haber, Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Law, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

RECUSE: Councilmember Pidek.

ABSENT: Councilmember Olson.

Councilmember Pidek returned to the room.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. Annual Liquor License Inspections.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report.
- Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – December 2022.
- Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of January 11, 2023.
- Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of January 12, 2023.
- Owosso Historic District Commission. Minutes of January 18, 2023.
- Planning Commission. Minutes of January 23, 2023.
- Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of January 25, 2023.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Pastor Gary Beal, Church of Jubilee, asked the Council to investigate the idea of having homeowners pay more in property taxes over time instead of specially assessing for street work. He also asked that they look into what they can do to assist local homeless people.

Mayor Teich asked City Manager Henne to explain why the City specially assesses for street work. Mr. Henne indicated that the City’s property tax income is capped by a Charter provision that prohibits a millage rate over 15 mills. In addition, the City’s property tax revenues are further reduced by rollbacks in the millage rate required by the Headlee Amendment. As a result, the City is left without adequate funding for street maintenance and without the capability of charging higher taxes to cover those expenses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika reminded everyone of the Chocolate Walk downtown on February 24th. Tickets are available online and are going fast.

Mayor Teich invited everyone to attend the chili lunch the Kiwanis Club is hosting February 18th from 11:30am-2:00pm at the senior center. All proceeds will go toward playground equipment in Owosso and Corunna. Interested parties can contact him for tickets.

Kammi Smith, Curwood Festival Treasurer, challenged Councilmembers to volunteer during the Curwood Festival. She said the organization is really hurting for volunteers and encouraged everyone to step up.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024
Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2025
Downtown Historic District Commission - term expires June 30, 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika for adjournment at 8:24 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.