

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2023
7:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR MARLENE WEBSTER
CITY CHURCH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PASTOR DON FIELDS
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Nicholas L. Pidek.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the agenda as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2023

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Osika to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023 as presented.

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

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Rebecca Runyan, 1115 N. Chipman Street, asked the Council to consider repealing Sec. 19-4, Fortune Telling, from the Code of Ordinances saying the State repealed its prohibition on fortune telling back in 1993 and the City needs to do the same as people should be free to read fortunes or have their fortunes read if they so choose.

Eddie Urban, 601 Glenwood Avenue, said the last couple of weeks have been challenging for him, it seems that everywhere he turns something is falling apart. He went on to encourage people to stay patriotic and said that he has the back of all his fellow Americans, regardless of their beliefs.

Responding to Ms. Runyan's question, City Attorney Scott Gould explained that the ban on fortune telling came about at a time when many people fell victim to those purporting to be fortune tellers, swindling them out of their money. The State later repealed the law because it conflicted with the right to freedom of speech. He said he was unsure why the ordinance remained on the City's books and that he could find no record of anyone the City had prosecuted under the law.

Public Safety Director Kevin Lenkart pointed out that plans were already in place for the Council to begin addressing the repeal of the ordinance at their next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Traffic Control Order Request - Block Party Permission. Waive the insurance requirement, approve request from Athena Kurtz of the River North Neighborhood Planning Committee for closure of Ada Street between West King Street and Lee Street from 4:00 p.m.- 11:30pm Saturday, August 12, 2023 for a block party, and further approve Traffic Control Order No. 1500 formalizing the request.

Traffic Control Order Request - Moonlight Market. Approve the request from Josephine Brown, Executive Director of the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market, for the closure of Curwood Castle Drive from M-52 to Bradley Street on Thursday, August 10, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the Moonlight Market event, and further approve Traffic Control Order No. 1501 formalizing the request.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.17, 4.2, 4.6, 5.9, 5.12

Bid Award – Heavy Duty Twin-Post Vehicle Lift. Approve bid award to Equipment Distributors Incorporated of Fair Haven, Michigan for the purchase of a Heavy-Duty Twin-Post Vehicle Lift in the amount of \$18,909.43 and approve payment to the distributor upon satisfactory delivery of said equipment as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2023

**AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
A HEAVY-DUTY TWIN-POST VEHICLE LIFT
FROM EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS INCORPORATED
OF FAIR HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to maintain the City’s large fleet of vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City sought bids for a Heavy-Duty Twin-Post Vehicle Lift to provide a safer, more effective working environment for staff while maintaining equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received the sole bid from Equipment Distributors Incorporated, and it is hereby determined Equipment Distributors Incorporated is qualified to provide said equipment and that it has submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid.

WHEREAS, the City has sufficient funds to purchase said item from its fleet maintenance fund.

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 purchase a Heavy-Duty Twin-Post Vehicle Lift from Equipment Distributors Incorporated in the amount of \$18,909.43.
- SECOND: the contract between the City of Owosso, Michigan and Equipment Distributors Incorporated shall be in the form of a City Purchase Order.
- THIRD: the accounts payable department is authorized to pay Equipment Distributors up to the purchase order amount of \$18,909.43 upon satisfactory delivery of said equipment.
- FOURTH: the above expenses shall be paid from account no. 661-901-979.000.

Warrant No. 630. Authorize Warrant No. 630 as follows:

Corrected by Council action July 17, 2023.

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Waste Management	Service Period 06-01-2023 – 06/15/2023	WWTP	\$11,011.93
Caledonia Charter Township	Quarterly Payment per July 2006 water district agreement	Water	\$47,792.90
Owosso Charter Township	Quarterly Payment per February 2011 water agreement	Water	\$18,926.33

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***Check Register – June 2023.** Affirm check disbursements totaling \$1,320,129.87 through June 23, 2023.

Motion supported by Councilmember Law.

Roll Call Vote.

- AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Osika, Councilmembers Fear, Law, Haber, Olson, and Mayor Teich.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Councilmember Pidek.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – May 2023.
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of June 12, 2023.
WWTP Review Board. Minutes of June 27, 2023.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments to be heard.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 17, 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
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024
Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Fear for adjournment at 7:43 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.