

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Special Assessment Project – Stewart Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2024-01 for Stewart Street from Shiawassee Street (M-52) to Washington Street for street reconstruction. The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment project: Elden Buchholz, Bruce Noble, Tom Manke, and Suzanne Millikin (comments received via telephone). The Council moved to approve the project as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Jeff Turner said that he had heard that all sidewalks in the City will be increased from 4’ wide to 5’ wide and asked if this was true. He also mentioned that Jerome Ave. needs to be repaved and widened.

Tom Manke said there was lots going on in the community right now. He went on to mention the GMC motorhome event at the Fairgrounds, the opening of the new Shiawassee RESD College and Career Readiness Center in Vernon, the motorcycle races at Owosso Motorsports Park, and car racing at Owosso Speedway. He also said he was pleased to see the Kori Shook had purchased the old Matthews Building site.

Eddie Urban said there is a power pole on Monroe Street that was hit by a car last year and is still waiting for repair. He also said that he had recently written the story of his life here in Owosso and will be submitting it to Good Ole Days magazine for possible publication.

Ainsley Ellison said that the City Manager had mentioned that the Stewart Street project had been expedited due to the need to replace water service lines, and it was her understanding that the replacement of those lines would be at no cost to the residents. She asked if the replacement of water service lines was simply an excuse for the City to saddle residents with the cost of reconstructing the street.

Don Fields described the Back-to-School Prayer event that was held recently at Bentley Park. He said attendance was good and it was a great event.

Responding to a number of the questions raised during the comment period City Manager Henne replied as follows: sidewalks are now required to be 5’ wide per the ADA; reconstruction of Jerome Avenue was one of the projects that Council considered when delegating ARPA funds, but Council decided to use the funds for the replacement of water service lines instead; the reconstruction of Stewart Street was planned to coincide with the upgrade from a 4” water main to a 6” water main, and any lead water service lines they encounter during the project would be replaced as required by EGLE.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards and Commissions Appointment. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Daylen Howard	Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board filling unexpired term of T. Marr	06-30-2025

MDOT Local Grade Crossing Surface Program Application – S. Chestnut Street. Approved application to the FY2024 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program for reconstruction of the Huron & Eastern Railroad crossing on South Chestnut Street.

MDOT Local Grade Crossing Surface Program Application – S. Chipman Street. Approved application to the FY2024 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program for reconstruction of the Huron & Eastern Railroad crossing on South Chipman Street.

MDOT Local Grade Crossing Surface Program Application – Woodlawn Avenue. Approved application to the FY2024 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program for reconstruction of the Huron & Eastern Railroad crossing on Woodlawn Avenue.

Street Closure Request - 2023 Annual Beer Run. Approved request from Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce for the closure of various streets for the 2023 Annual Beer Run on Friday, October 20, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1506 formalizing the action.

Change to Street Lighting Contract – Streetlight Reconfiguration Hickory/King. Authorized amendment to the Street Light Contract with Consumers Energy to reflect the removal of the HPS streetlight at the intersection of King Street/Hickory Street and the installation of two new Cobrahead LED streetlights at said intersection in advance of the Safe Routes to School project, authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute appropriate documents, and approved payment to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$8,048.00.

Change Order – Main Street Plaza Masonry Repair. Approved Change Order No.1 to the Main Street Plaza Masonry Repair contract with Bornor Restoration, Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$4,970.00 for the installation of additional footings and authorized payment to the contractor up to the amount of \$39,830.00 upon satisfactory completion of the project.

Bid Award – 2023-24 DPW Inventory Parts. Accepted the low bid from Michigan Pipe and Valve-Saginaw, Inc. for water distribution system parts for the DPW inventory and authorized payment in accordance with unit prices not to exceed \$33,196.20.

Warrant No. 633. Authorized Warrant No. 633 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Gould Law PC	Legal Services from August 15, 2023 - September 11, 2023	Varies	\$10,272.08
Waste Management	Services from August 16, 2023 – September 1, 2023	WWTP	\$10,679.76

Mayor Teich thanked Daylen Howard for agreeing to serve as the newest DDA member.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clayton Wehner, Director of Engineering. Ridge Street and Stewart Street Alley Petition.

Melissa Wheeler, Downtown Development Authority. Letter of Resignation.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2023 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2023 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2023 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2023 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2023 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2023 Fire Report.

Historic District Commission. Minutes of August 16, 2023.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street. Minutes of September 6, 2023.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of September 11, 2023.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Eddie Urban said he feels that people who register complaints during Council meetings should be required to stay until the end of the meeting, noting that the gentleman that took issue with the Stewart Street project missed out on the City Manager’s explanation of how street projects and water main replacements are coordinated.

Councilmember Olson highlighted that there is one more vacancy on the DDA with the resignation of Melissa Wheeler. She encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for perspective board members. She went on to note that the Mini Golf Madness event held by the DDA last

weekend turned out great and people really seemed to have a good time. Councilmember Pidek said that Foster Coffee participated in the event and thought it was a great way to get people into local businesses.

Councilmember Law noted that the railroad crossing on Gould Street near Monroe Street has collapsed again. He said it was repaired 2-3 years ago but needs attention once again.

City Manager Henne asked that people keep retired firefighter Arthur Hart in their thoughts as he is having serious health problems.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 02, 2023

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals - term expires June 30, 2024

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Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2024

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Downtown Development Authority – term expires June 30, 2024

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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