

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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

Chief of Police Commendations. Public Safety Director Kevin Lenkart presented commendation awards to citizens Christine Ferguson and Serenity Fowler for their heroic actions to save a child from choking on December 19, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Kylie Moss introduced herself saying she had recently moved her home base and two businesses to Westtown Owosso from Genesee County. Amani Grace Diagnostics and Amani Grace Homecare will host a grand opening event Monday, January 22, 2024 at their new location, 810 W. Main Street, Owosso. Ms. Moss invited all to attend.

Tom Manke said he had attended the fire on Milwaukee Street earlier today and witnessed emergency service workers doing a great job in fighting the fire. He said he was concerned by the fact that the closest fire hydrant did not appear to be working and wondered if it was due to a lack of maintenance.

Gino Phillips commented on his objection to the new Good Vibrationz store and its adult content. He asked if the City had inspected the business to determine if an adult entertainment license is warranted and if the results of that inspection are available to the public.

Jeff Turner said that the City Manager had promised him his alley would be graded. He said he wasn't pleased because the work was never done and now the ground is frozen.

Don Fields thanked Public Safety personnel for doing regular security checks on their building. He went on to say that he felt the City wasn't enforcing the adult entertainment ordinance impartially, noting that Sideline held another drag show event without an adult entertainment license. He asked who was responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

Mike Cline said his recent FOIA request was unfairly denied, and details regarding the event in question had been released to the Argus Press. He said the residents need to know the details of what happened in this incident.

Mayor Teich responded to Mr. Phillips's questions noting that Good Vibrationz did not apply for an adult entertainment permit, it is not currently considered an adult establishment, and the police are scheduled to inspect the business within the week. He also responded to Mr. Cline saying he was aware of his issue, but was unable to comment regarding an on-going investigation.

City Manager Henne responded to Mr. Turner saying he had received a report from the DPW that the alley was graded in early December, but he will have them take another look to see if it needs gravel.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Special Assessment District No. 2024-01. Authorized Resolution No. 4 setting a public hearing for Monday, February 5, 2024 to receive citizen comment regarding Special Assessment District No. 2024-01 for Stewart Street, from Shiawassee Street to Washington Street for reconstruction.
Change Order – WWTP Improvements Project – Phase 1. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the WWTP Improvements Project - Phase 1 contract with RCL Construction Co., Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$73,672.00 for adjustments to pipe routing and the installation of new tees, hydrants, and valves, and authorized payment to the contractor up to \$18,626,796.00.

MDOT Cost Sharing Agreement - Stewart Street Reconstruction. Approved cost sharing agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Stewart Street from Shiawassee Street to Washington Street in the amount of \$1,958,900.00 and further approve payment up to the contract amount upon presentation of an approved invoice(s). Warrant No. 639. Authorized Warrant No. 639 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Owosso Charter Township	Quarterly Charge Back per 2011 Water Agreement	Water	\$17,039.14
Caledonia Charter Township	Quarterly Charge Back per 2006 Water Agreement	Water	\$39,325.03
Total			\$56,364.17

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Closed Session. Approved holding closed session at the conclusion of the second session of Citizen Comments and Questions for the purpose of consulting with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2023 Building Department Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2023 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2023 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. December 2023 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2023 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. December 2023 Fire Report.
Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of January 3, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mike Cline reported that he had complained about a wrecked car that had been parked in the street for over 60 days but a week later no ticket had been issued and the car remained on the street. He filed a FOIA request for information on the issue and was denied because there were no records to give. He asked the City Manager to look into the problem.

Tom Manke gave kudos to the City's new downtown parking attendant, commending them for being even-handed.

Councilmember Law said he is thankful that the City does not strictly enforce the overnight parking rule because there are many properties in town that have room for only a single car in their driveway, that being said he agreed that disabled cars sitting in the street should be ticketed.

Adjourned to closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Returned from closed session at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes Approval. Council moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 closed session.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 05, 2024

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor
 Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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