

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2024**

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Janae L. Fear.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Assessment District No. 2024-01. A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding authorization of Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 2024-01 for Stewart Street, from Shiawassee Street to Washington Street for reconstruction. The following people commented in regard to the proposed special assessment: Ainsley Ellison, Tom Manke, Bruce Noble, Amy Bowen (via letter) and James and Samantha Stechschulte (via telephone). The Council moved to approve the special assessment roll as presented.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

John Gillingham asked if the rezoning item removed from the agenda would be returning. Tom Manke thanked the DPW for doing a great job repairing the alley off of Oakwood Ave. He went on to comment about the partially collapsed building on Exchange Street and he asked why the City doesn't completely replace the water main on West Main since it breaks so frequently. Public Services Director Suchanek responded to Mr. Manke's water main question. He said it wasn't the main that was leaking but the individual service lines. The DPW continues to search for the source of the stray line voltage that appears to be burning holes in the lines. City Manager Henne responded to Mr. Gillingham's question regarding the rezoning of 900 Ada Street. The applicant no longer wishes to pursue the rezoning and may, or may not, be proceeding with a development that is strictly residential. He indicated that if the request is reinstated Mr. Gillingham would receive another notice to that effect. There was significant Council discussion regarding the idea of changing certain policies related to special assessments and how those changes might affect the annual street program and the overall condition of the streets. Council moved to set a special meeting for Monday, April 29, 2024 to discuss possible changes to the special assessment interest rate, corner lot discount policy, and the structure of special assessments if a future bond measure is approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:
First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, March 4, 2024 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to repeal and replace Chapter 38, Zoning, and move Chapter 26, Signs, within the new Zoning Ordinance, to update the City's Zoning Ordinance and map.
First Reading and Set Public Hearing - Rezoning 900 Ada Street. (This item was removed from the agenda.)
Recreation Service Agreement – Softball Tournaments. Approved proposed recreation service agreement with Sandlot Sports Zone for use of Bennet Field for softball tournaments for a period expiring December 31, 2024.
Tentative Bid Award – 2024 Stewart Street Project. Approved tentative bid award to Crawford Contracting, Inc. for the 2024 Stewart Street Project, a portion of which is a 2024 DWSRF project, in the amount of \$1,814,713.52, contingent upon receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.
MDOT Cost Sharing Agreement – Safe Routes to School. Approved cost sharing agreement

with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Project in the amount of \$87,991.00 and further approved payment up to the contract amount upon presentation of an approved invoice(s).

Check Register – December 2023. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$4,398,952.37 for January, 2024.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan Adoption. Adopted the 2024-2030 Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. U of M Dearborn ECities Business Recognition.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – December 2023.

Historical Commission. Minutes of January 8, 2024.

Planning Commission. Minutes of January 22, 2024.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of January 23, 2024.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of January 24, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Bill Moull thanked the Council for all they do for the community and encouraged others to pray for Council because its not an easy job.

Jeff Turner said he doesn't understand why Council went into closed session at the last meeting if all they were going to do was adjourn the meeting once they returned to open session.

Adjourned to closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Returned from closed session at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes Approval. Council moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 closed session.

Insurance Settlement. Council moved to approve the settlement for an insurance claim as proposed by the City's insurance carrier MMRMA.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 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

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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