

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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

Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Teich read aloud a proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Owosso.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate – 300 West Main Street. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the application from Shook Riverside Development LLC for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the property located at 300 West Main Street. The following people commented in regard to the requested abatement: Tom Manke, Patrice Martin, Sarah Kopko, and Kori Shook. Th Council moved to approve the OPRA application for a period of 12 years.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Tom Manke thanked the Shooks for undertaking the project to rehabilitate the former Matthews Building.
Jeff Turner asked why tar was put down before repairs were made on Stewart Street, saying it seemed like a waste. City Manager Henne encouraged Mr. Turner to call the Engineering Office with his questions regarding the details of the Stewart Street project.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:
Return of Donated Items. Authorized the return of three chairs and cemetery decorative items donated to the Owosso Historical Commission for use at the Gould House, 515 North Washington Street, to Rebecca McClear.
Downtown Owosso Farmers' Market Traffic Control Order. Approved request from Josephine Brown, Market Manager of the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market, for street closures, as noted, every Saturday from May 4, 2024 to October 26, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the annual farmers' market, and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1512 formalizing the request.
Street Closure Request - Open Streets Owosso. Approved request from the Shiawassee Family YMCA for the closure of North Water Street from Exchange Street to Mason Street for the Open Streets Owosso – 2024 event on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and authorized Traffic Control Order No. 1513 formalizing the action.
Emergency Repair Authorization - Fire Department Tower-1. Authorized payment to Front Line Services, Inc. and Cummins Inc. for emergency repair and replacement of parts on Fire Department Tower 1 in the amount of \$2,780.43.
Warrant No. 642. Authorized Warrant No. 642 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Owosso Charter Twp	Payment pursuant to 2011 Water Agreement – 25% of retail sales for quarter ending 03-31-2024	Water	\$17,848.14
Caledonia Charter Twp	Payment pursuant to 2006 Water Agreement – 25% of retail sales for quarter ending 03-31-2024	Water	\$39,937.18

Check Register – March 2024. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$4,721,663.43 for March 2024.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Demolition Authorization & Contract Approval – 1404 South Chipman Street. Authorized demolition of the structure at 1404 South Chipman Street, approved bid award to SP Powells Sand and Soil, LLC in the amount of \$18,798.00, and further authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. March 2024 Building Department Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. March 2024 Code Violations Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. March 2024 Inspections Report.
- Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. March 2024 Certificates Issued Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. March 2024 Police Report.
- Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. March 2024 Fire Report.
- Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – February 2024.
- Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of March 26, 2024 Special Meeting.
- Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of April 3, 2024.
- Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of April 8, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika noted that she had the privilege of attending the One Book Shiawassee event at the Lebowsky Center over the weekend.

She also inquired about the status of the 30-minute time period set aside prior to each Council meeting for general Council discussion, noting that it never really got off the ground. Other Councilmembers agreed with her assessment. The Council moved to remove the 30-minute discussion period prior to each Council meeting.

City Manager Henne noted that there will be a special meeting of the Historical Commission to consider a revised offer for the Gould House tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Teich noted the Chocolate Walk will be held this Saturday, with 26 businesses participating and tickets being sold out.

There is lots going on in the community, the Chamber’s Home Expo will be held this weekend at the High School and Murder on the Orient Express will be opening at the Lebowsky Center.

NEXT MEETING

- Monday, April 29, 2024 – Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 2, 2024 – Budget Work Session at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 6, 2024 – Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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 8:04 p.m.

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

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