

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JUNE 03, 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

Curwood Festival Royalty Introduction. Mayor Teich welcomed the Curwood royalty to the meeting. Curwood Festival Treasurer Kammie Smith introduced Curwood Festival Queen Marisa Rose, Teen Madison Strauss, and Princess Nevaeh Lopez. Mayor Pro-Tem Osika presented an official City of Owosso commemorative pin to each young lady, pinning them on their sashes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shelly Ochodnicki, director of Homeless Angels and local business owner, reported that both her organization and her business have been repeatedly harassed and vandalized by a couple of local individuals while under the influence. The police pick them up, but they end up right back on the street due to their excessive level of intoxication.

Tom Manke said that he has witnessed similar behavior in the community. He explained that the jail will not take severely intoxicated individuals for liability reasons. They instruct the officer to take the suspect to the hospital and wait until they sleep it off, at which point the jail will then take them. He went on to thank the Shiawassee Arts Center for sponsoring the Curwood murals painted on the building at 344 W. Main Street.

Richard Maurer said he wanted to let Council know about the time that a customer assaulted him and his son and nothing was done about it.

Mayor Teich announced that City Council will be unit number 12 in the Heritage Parade on Saturday and invited the other Councilmembers to join him in walking the parade.

Mayor Pro-Tem Osika indicated she will be in Westtown announcing the parade.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards & Commissions Appointments: Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Kollin Lienau	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2026
Jeff Selbig*	Parks & Recreation Commission	06-30-2026

*Indicates reappointment

Change Order – WWTP Improvements Project – Phase 1. Approved Change Order No. 2 to the WWTP Improvements Project - Phase 1 contract with RCL Construction Co., Inc. increasing the contract amount by \$117,177.77 for modifications to the tertiary filters, UV disinfection system, and UVT sensor along with wiring diagram revisions to the thicken sludge pump, and authorized payment to the contractor up to \$18,743,973.77.

Bid Rejection – Gravel. Rejected the bid received from Smith Sand & Gravel for 22A gravel as the response received was not within budget parameters.

Sole Source Purchase – LimeCure-25. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved the sole source purchase of LimeCure-25 from Applied Specialties Inc. in the amount of \$1.185 per pound with an estimated annual contract of \$23,750.00, and authorized payment based on actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Sole Source Purchase – Bulk CO₂. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved the sole source purchase of bulk CO₂ from Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. in the amount of \$.105 per pound with

an estimated annual usage of 74 tons, and authorized payment based on actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Purchase Authorization – MMRMA Insurance. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of general liability, property and auto insurance policies from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for the coverage period from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$316,745.00, and further authorized payment up to the total premium amount for the coverage period.

Purchase Authorization – MML Workers' Compensation Insurance. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of workers' compensation insurance policy with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Workers' Compensation Fund for the coverage period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$147,296.00, and further authorized payment up to the total premium amount for the coverage period.

Bid Award – Sewer Televising Project - Summer 2024. Approved bid award to Plummer's Environmental Service, Inc. for the Sewer Televising Project - Summer 2024 in the amount of \$20,742.00, plus contingency in the amount of \$10,000.00 with written consent, and further approved payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project.

Bid Award – Sand, Gravel & Limestone, Selection #1. Accepted the low bid of S.A. Smith Paving & Trucking, Inc. dba Smith Sand & Gravel for Class II Backfill Sand in the amount of \$6.00 per ton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and authorized payment in accordance with unit prices estimated at \$18,000.00.

Check Register – May 2024. Affirmed check disbursements totaling \$1,903,563.62 for May 2024.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2024-25 City Budget Adoption. Adopted General Appropriations Resolution approving the 2024-2025 City Budget (including DDA Appropriations).

Consent to Grade – James Miner Trail. Authorized the sale of Consent to Grade rights for the City-owned property at 310 S. Washington Street to MDOT in the amount of \$500.00.

Demolition Authorization & Contract Approval – 643 North Hickory Street. Authorized demolition of the structure at 643 North Hickory Street, approved bid award to SP Powells Sand and Soil, LLC in the amount of \$21,000.00, and further authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

Professional Services Agreement Termination – Building Official Services. Authorized termination of the Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt Michigan, LLC for building official services and property maintenance services per the terms of the agreement.

Professional Services Agreement Termination – Planning & Zoning Services. Authorized termination of the Professional Planning Services Agreement with CIB Planning, Inc. for planning and zoning services per the terms of the agreement.

Closed Session. Approved holding a closed session at the conclusion of the second session of Citizen Comments and Questions to conduct the City Manager's annual evaluation at the request of the employee and in compliance with MCL 15.268(a).

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenue & Expenditure Report – April 2024.

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of May 15, 2024.

Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of May 22, 2024.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shelly Ochodnicki continued her previous comments saying she is very frustrated with the situation and is organizing a meeting of city and county officials to develop a plan to resolve the situation.

Tom Manke said he likes the idea of having an in-house building official rather than a contractor. He went on to announce the annual organic cruise will be held downtown on July 19th & 20th this year.

Councilmember Olson said it sounded like Ms. Ochodnicki's situation had a strong mental health component to it and encouraged her to include a mental health representative in her discussions. Councilmember Law announced the annual all-you-can-eat Firefighter Memorial BBQ will be held July 20th from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the Conservation Club. He encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Teich announced the Yoga on the Lawn series. Free yoga sessions will be held on the lawn at the amphitheater starting on June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:17 P.M.

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 10:00 P.M.

Minutes Approval. Council moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 closed session.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 17, 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 10:01 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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