

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025**

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Councilmembers Janae L. Fear, Carl C. Ludington, Emily S. Olson, Rachel M. Osmer, and Christopher D. Owens.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Jerome C. Haber.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke said the City could still collect the \$5,000 in unpaid parking tickets that it proposes to write-off, noting that back in 2012 the Council turned over a large number of unpaid tickets to the Secretary of State Office which refused to renew the driver's licenses of those with multiple unpaid parking tickets. He said he recognized that sometimes the cost to pursue these debts outweighs the revenue that can be gained, though he thought that the City should publicly name all those with unpaid parking tickets. Jeff Turner said he would like to see stepped up parking enforcement in his neighborhood as multiple cars are left on the streets overnight. He also asked if the City would look into the condition of the property at 326 Dewey Street as it presents a danger to the neighborhood. Lastly, he noted his objection to the Cruise the Pits event because attendees were doing damage to City streets that citizens have to pay for.

Mike Martin asked for additional police patrol on N. Gould Street, saying that speeding has been a problem. He also said he would like to see scooter activity curtailed on the streets as the vehicles disturbed the peace and were unsafe after dark.

Mayor Teich said he was not familiar with the idea that the names of debtors are always listed for the public to see.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Change Order – 2025 Sewer Lining Project. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the 2025 Sewer Lining Project contract with J & J Environmental, Inc. adding \$185,025.00 to the contract for additional sewer lining, and authorized payment to the contractor up to the adjusted contract amount of \$301,675.00.

Change Order – Parking Ticket Management System. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the Parking Ticket Management System contract with Passport Labs, Inc. adding \$1,274.99 for a case of custom citation paper and shipping, and authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said product.

Annual PO Request – Legal Services. Authorized annual purchase order in the amount estimated at \$154,000.00 for legal services provided by the City Attorney, Gould Law P.C., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Purchase Authorization – Pickup Truck. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the joint purchase of one 2026 Ford F350 Super Cab 4x4 pickup from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC in the amount of \$52,383.00 utilizing State of Michigan Contract No. 240000001208 for use as a meter truck, and further authorized payment upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle.

Purchase Authorization – Service Body. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the joint purchase of one Dakota Bodies 8' service body from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$30,680.00 utilizing State of Michigan Contract No. 240000000167 to outfit the meter truck, and further authorized payment upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle.

Purchase Authorization – Police Admin Vehicle. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the joint purchase of one 2025 Ford Bronco Sport 4x4 from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, LLC in the

amount of \$31,222.00 utilizing Macomb County Contract No. 21-18, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle.

Purchase Authorization – Street Sweeper. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a joint purchase from MacQueen Equipment, LLC dba Bell Equipment Co. for the purchase of one 2025 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in the amount of \$233,755.00 under the terms of State of Michigan Contract No. 240000000166, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment.

Purchase Authorization – Vactor Truck. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the joint purchase of one 2026 Vactor 2100i sewer cleaning truck from MacQueen Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$541,551.00 utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Contract # 10122-VTR, and further authorized payment upon satisfactory delivery of the vehicle.

Installment Purchase Agreement – Huntington Bank. Approved an installment purchase agreement to finance the purchase of a street sweeper and a vactor truck in the amount of \$783,060.00 at 4.44% interest over a period of 84 months.

Sole Source Purchase – Secondary Sludge Pump. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the sole source purchase of a Penn Valley Pump, model 6DDSX107CNG-MK1, in the amount of \$51,910.00 for use as a secondary sludge pump at the WWTP, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said equipment.

Warrant No. 658. Authorized Warrant No. 658 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Owosso Charter Township	Water Agreement – Quarter ending 6-30-2025	Water	\$22,250.01
Caledonia Charter Township	Water Agreement – Quarter ending 6-30-2025	Water	\$48,241.81
Gould Law PC	Legal Services June 2025 – July 14 2025	Varies	\$14,264.52

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Reiterated acknowledgement of the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington in the contract(s) in question and approved \$4,801.59 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of June 2025. Councilmember Ludington abstained.

Property Purchase – S. Park Street. Approved resolution authorizing purchase of property on S. Park Street (part of Parking Lot #10) in the amount of \$8,118.39 per the provisions of Public Acct 206 of 1893.

Unpaid Parking Ticket Write-Off. Authorized the writing off \$5,130.00 in unpaid parking tickets recorded in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 due to uncollectability and administrative costs outweighing returns.

Paperless Utility Billing. Approved a resolution authorizing a paperless billing option for utility billing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke said it would be good for residents to know who isn't paying their parking tickets. He went on to detail the Cruise the Pits event, saying that the large majority of attendees behaved themselves, its only a few people that cause problems.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer announced the free concert this Thursday at 7:00pm, hosted by The Arc.

Councilmember Olson inquired if the City could implement paperless billing for taxes as well as utilities.

The City Manager and the City Attorney agreed to look into the matter.

There was discussion regarding Cruise the Pits attendees doing burnouts and damaging City streets, how the Public Safety Department handles the event, and the significant safety concerns presented by allowing the crowd to be near cars doing burnouts.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2025 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2025 Code Violations Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2025 Inspections Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. June 2025 Certificates Issued Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. June 2025 Police Report.

Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. June 2025 Fire Report.

Historic District Commission. Minutes of June 18, 2025.

Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board. Minutes of July 9, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 4, 2025

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2026

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2027

DDA/OMS Board – term expires June 30, 2028

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate – term expires June 30, 2028

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

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