

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

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

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Edward Sharoian relayed his recollection about a homeless man that was injured in a fire on the railroad tracks near his home. He indicated that the number of homeless people seems to be growing and asked if Council was aware of the problem.

Pastor Bill Moull said that the local churches are working hard to help the homeless and the effort will take everyone. He went on to address the recent assassination of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk, saying there is no place for violence in the political debate. He asked everyone to adopt an attitude of resolution and respect the fact that other people have their own perspectives.

County Clerk Caroline Wilson was on hand to update the Council the activities of the County Clerk's Office over the course of the last year including, converting the County directory into a digital format, bringing the Secretary of State Office to the County Courthouse to assist citizens desiring real IDs, and the overwhelming success of the early voting precincts and ballot on demand.

Tom Manke spoke about the assassination of Charlie Kirk saying it was a hate crime by the far left.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards and Commissions Appointment. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointment:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Adeline Mahoney	Parks & Recreation Commission Student Representative	06-30-2026

Traffic Control Order No. 1546. Approved Traffic Control Order No. 1546 closing N. Cedar Street from Main Street to the alley (aka Eleanor Drive) until such time as the structural condition of the building at 800 W. Main Street is remedied.

Traffic Control Order Request – Walk to End Alzheimer's. Approved request from Friends of Pat's Place for the closure of Ada Street from Jennett Street to the dead-end from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's event and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1541 formalizing permission.

Traffic Control Order Request - Owosso High School 2025 Homecoming Parade. Approved request from Owosso High School for closure of the streets listed on the application from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025 for the annual High School Homecoming parade and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1547 formalizing the request.

Traffic Control Order Request - Owosso High School Marching Band Festival. Approved request from Jillian Kowalczyk, Owosso High School Band Director, for the closure of various streets surrounding Willman Field for the Owosso High School Marching Band Festival from 2:30 p.m.-

10:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025 (rain date Monday, October 20, 2025) and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1548 formalizing the permission.
Emergency Repair Authorization – Public Safety Vehicle. Authorized payment to All Star Towing & Repair LLC for emergency repair and replacement of the brakes on Public Safety Vehicle #2 in the amount of \$2,054.50.
Change Order – 2025 Well Improvements Project. Approved Change Order No. 1 to the 2025 Well Improvements Project increasing the contract in the amount of \$480,653 for the replacement of 17 non-working valves and actuators and further approved payment up to the amount of \$1,827,653.00 to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.
 Warrant No. 659. Authorized Warrant No. 659 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership	Annual Investment Pledge (2025-2026)	General	\$40,000

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5th Monday Meeting. Set a 5th Monday meeting for Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing recycling and the new state laws regarding recycling.
SATA Commitment. Approved the annual commitment to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$117,682.97 for the provision of public transportation.
Water Portal Proposal. Council was presented with a contract with Silverblaze Solutions Inc. for the hosting, maintenance, and support of their Customer Engagement Portal in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a one-year period. The proposal was tabled until such time as other similar firms are investigated.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke said that young people want other means of communication rather than the traditional phone call or email. He went on to say that there must be a vote on monthly water billing and the status of the homeless situation in the area.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer indicated there is a homeless issue and that there are people trying to work on it. She said the biggest needs are a space for homeless people to shelter and the volunteers to operate it. She went on to list a bunch of non-profit events in the coming weeks: Friends of the Shiawassee River Wine Tasting on September 18th, the Humane Society's Woofstock event on September 20th, and separate events for the SafeCenter including its telethon October 1st-3rd, Art Show on October 3rd, and its Fall Open House on October 14th. Councilmember Fear noted that the Art Walk & Movie event will be taking place downtown on Friday from 4:00pm – 8:00pm.
 Public Safety Director Lenkart indicated that the City is aware of the homeless situation along the railroad tracks.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2025 Building Department Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2025 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2025 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. September 2025 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2025 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. September 2025 Fire Report.
Parks & Recreation Commission. Minutes of August 27, 2025.
DDA/Main Street Board. Minutes of September 3, 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2025 – 5th Monday Meeting, if approved
 Monday, October 6, 2025 – Regular Meeting

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 7:22 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

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