

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026
6:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: KEN HERBRUCK
OWOSSO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: UTILITIES DIRECTOR RYAN SUCHANEK

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Christopher D. Owens.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington and concurred in by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026 as presented.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington and concurred in by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Assessment District No. 2026-02.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7, 3.10

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the authorization of Resolution No. 3 for Special Assessment District No. 2026-002 for Woodlawn Avenue from Monroe Street to Corunna Avenue for street rehabilitation.

City Manager Nathan R. Henne explained that this project is necessary, the last time the street had considerable attention was in 1973. He explained that Council received an updated packet pertaining to the project relaying an adjustment to the estimated assessments. He further explained that the corner lots belonging to Lonnie Carlson, did not receive the corner lot adjustment in the original packet and letters that were mailed to affected property owners. City Manager Henne noted that the sewer lines were being replaced in that area necessitating the repaying of the street.

The following person commented in regard to the proposed project:

Lonnie Carlson, via email, owner of three parcels in the project area objected to the proposed price of the special assessment.

Councilmember Osmer questioned if the corrected amounts were mailed to the affected property owners, the response given was no, the mistake was identified after receiving Mr. Carlson's email.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all persons to be affected by, motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2026

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

**ESTABLISHING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2026-02
WOODLAWN AVENUE, FROM MONROE STREET TO CORUNNA AVENUE (M-71)
FOR STREET REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all persons to be affected by) the proposed public improvement more particularly hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with said public improvement as more particularly hereinafter described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines to make and proceed with the following described public improvement and to defray a part or the whole cost, as more particularly hereinafter provided, by special assessment upon the property specially benefited:

**WOODLAWN AVENUE, A PUBLIC STREET, FROM MONROE STREET TO CORUNNA AVENUE (M-71)
FOR STREET REHABILITATION**

2. The City Council hereby approves the plans for the aforesaid public improvement as prepared and presented by the City Manager and determines the estimated cost of said public improvement to be \$345,816.00 and approves said estimated cost and determines that the estimated life of said public improvement is twenty (20) years.
3. The City Council determines that of said total estimated cost, the sum of \$52,447.56 be paid by special assessment upon the property specially benefited, as more particularly hereinafter described, and that the sum of \$293,368.44 of said total estimated cost shall be the obligation of the City at large because of benefit to the City at large.
4. The City Council hereby designates the following described property as the special assessment district upon which the special assessment shall be levied:

**Woodlawn Avenue, a Public Street, from Monroe Street to Corunna Avenue (M-71)
For Street Rehabilitation**

5. The City Assessor shall prepare a special assessment roll including all lots and parcels of land within the special assessment district herein designated, and the Assessor shall assess to each such lot or parcel of land such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all lands in the special assessment district as the benefit to such lot or parcel of land bears to the total benefits to all lands in such district.

When the Assessor shall have completed the assessment roll, he shall file the special assessment roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Osmer, Ludington, Olson, Pro-Tem Haber and Mayor Teich

NAYS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

County Commission Chairman Gregory Brodeur updated the Council on County events including Land Bank grants of over \$500,000 for the demolition of three condemned buildings in the City.

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, spoke about the library being relocated to a bigger facility as early as 2027.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer thanked the DPW for working in the cold weather to repair broken water mains. She went on to speak about non-profits highlighting that Owosso was home to approximately 650 in Shiawassee County. Lastly, she presented more information pertaining to the library needing a bigger location.

Councilmember Olson discussed belonging, and creating an atmosphere within our community of being more welcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Set Public Hearing – CDBG 2026-2027 Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program Application.

Setting a public hearing for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for a grant to assist in the improvement of owner-occupied, single-family homes of low- to moderate-income residents and the unoccupied rental rehabilitation program.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2026

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR THE 2026-2027 HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has received a CDBG grant to assist single family homeowners with interior and exterior improvements to their homes and to assist with the creation of 5 residential units in a downtown building; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program requires a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the objectives of the grant, permitted activities, eligible locations, and the amounts allocated to each activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that a public hearing is set for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive citizen comment regarding the City's CDBG Housing Improvement Program.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.1, 1.9

AP Check Register – January 2026. Affirm Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$4,541,501.09 for January 2026.

Payroll Check Register – January 2026. Affirm Payroll check disbursements totaling \$1,515,026.19 for the period from December 21, 2025, to January 28, 2026.

Warrant No. 662. Authorize Warrant No. 662 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Waste Management	WWTP Refuge Disposal Services	WWTP	\$10,279.17
Capitol Construction	1221 Center Street – Tap in refund	Water/Sewer	\$10,000.00
			\$20,279.17

Motion supported by Councilmember Olson.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Ludington, Fear, Osmer, Olson, Pro-Tem Haber, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

County Commission Chairman Brodeur addressed Council as a citizen of Owosso, thanking them for their work and watching over the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. City Manager Report – January 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – December 2025.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

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

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

Historical Commission – term expires 12-31-2026

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Osmer for adjournment at 7:03 p.m.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear and concurred in by unanimous vote.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Heather A. Wirwicki, Deputy City Clerk

*Due to their length, text of marked items is not included in the minutes. Full text of these documents is on file in the Clerk's Office.