

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES SYNOPSIS  
MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2026**

**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**

Arbor Day Proclamation. Mayor Teich read aloud a proclamation of the Mayor's Office declaring April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Owosso. Assistant City Manager Fuller announced that the City will be planting 250 trees this year in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Olson expressed her desire to see more opportunity for discussion during Council meetings. She said that she would like to see the addition of a discussion period to the agenda, where no decision would be made, just a discussion had. A motion was approved to add an item to the March 16, 2026 agenda to explore adding a discussion period to the agenda going forward.

Councilmember Olson thanked Assistant City Manager Fuller for her work in seeing the list of approved trees was updated.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Set Public Hearing – DWSRF Project Plan Amendment. Set a public hearing for Monday, March 16, 2026 to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Drinking Water State Revolving fund (DWSRF) Project Plan for the 2026 fiscal year.

Emergency Repair Authorization – Lunghamer Ford. Approved payment to Lunghamer Ford in the amount of \$2,150.24 for the emergency repair of Owosso Fire Department (OFD) EMS Medic 1.

Change Order – City Hall Improvements Project. Authorized Change Order No. 4 to the City Hall Improvements Project for the addition of controls for the VAV-8 that were not shown on the original drawings, installation of a 3 KVA transformer for the riverside light post in the amount of \$2,036.40, and further authorized payment to the contractor up to the revised contract amount of \$622,208.55.

Purchase Authorization – Security Assessment. Waived competitive bidding requirements and authorized the purchase of a security maturity assessment from Carahsoft Technology Corp utilizing OMNIA Partners Public Sector Contract No. 23-6692-01 in the amount of \$15,862.37 and further authorized payment upon satisfactory completion of project.

Recreation Passport Grant Application – Bentley Park. Authorized a Recreation Passport Grant Application in the amount of \$150,000 for revitalizing the pickleball and tennis courts at Bentley Park and further authorized \$140,000 in matching funds for a total cost of \$290,000.

Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application – Bentley Park. Authorized a Natural Resources Trust Grant Application in the amount of \$150,000 for revitalizing the pickleball and tennis courts at Bentley Park and further authorized \$140,000 in matching funds for a total cost of \$290,000.

Update Right-of-Way Tree List. Approved update to the ROW tree list to prioritize native tree species.

AP Check Register – February 2026. Affirmed Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$2,252,022.24 for January 29, 2026, to February 25, 2026.

Payroll Check Register – February 2026. Affirmed Payroll check disbursements totaling \$807,684.88 for the period from January 29, 2026, to February 25, 2026.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Olson delivered comments encouraging the City to be aware of the contributions people make by giving their time, talents, and money, and developing an investment mind-set to ensure proper handling when such a donation is made.

Mayor Teich announced the Chocolate Walk coming to the downtown April 25, 2026. He also noted that the DDA held a volunteer appreciation party last week that was well attended.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of February 09, 2026.

Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of February 18, 2026.

Zoning Board of Appeals. Minutes of February 17, 2026

Planning Commission. Minutes of 23, 2026.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Community Development Director. 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Financial Report – January 2026.

**NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 16, 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

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 7:28 p.m.

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

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