

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Emily S. Olson and Rachel M. Osmer.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DWSRF Project Plan Amendment. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Drinking Water State Revolving fund (DWSRF) Project Plan for the 2026 fiscal year. There were no citizen comments received prior to, or during the hearing. The Council moved to approve the DWSRF Project Plan Amendment as proposed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Manke said the lights downtown looked beautiful and thanked Council for keeping them on. He went on to comment about the performance of a particular staff member. Kim White, Shiawassee District Library Director, expressed her excitement and gave an update on the library's plan to move saying they had purchased the property at 621 W. Oliver Street and would soon begin an education and fund-raising campaign for the move.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There was discussion among Councilmembers regarding the performance of the aforementioned staff member. City Manager Henne questioned whether this was the proper venue to air such grievances.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Ordinance Amendment. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment to Sections 2-343 and 2-344 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso to increase the price thresholds that govern all purchases.

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Jeff Ferweda	Downtown Historic District Commission filling unexpired term of M. Van Epps	06-30-2026

Bid Award – Downtown Landscaping Services. Approved bid award to Woodbury Lawn Snow, LLC for the 2026 Downtown Landscaping Services contract in the amount of \$16,155.00, and authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the service or portion thereof.

Bid Award - 2026 Sidewalk Program. Approved bid award to SA Smith Paving for the 2026 Sidewalk Program in the amount of \$139,250.00, plus a contingency of \$20,000.00 for additional restoration and replacement services required during the fiscal year, and further approved payment to the contractor up to \$159,250.00 upon satisfactory completion of project or portion thereof.

Contract Authorization – Lead Assessments. Authorized contract with Environmental Testing and Consulting, Inc. for lead assessments for 10 houses as a part of a CDBG housing grant in the amount of \$11,750.00 and further authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Warrant No. 663. Authorized Warrant No. 663 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Waste Management	WWTP Refuge Disposal Services	WWTP	\$10,559.48

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Act 51 Street Decertification. Authorized decertifying portions of Rain Street and adjoining Ash Street from the listing of streets eligible for Act 51 monies as requested by the State.
Rules of Order Amendment. A motion was approved to postpone the item amending the Rules of Order to set a permanent discussion period on each agenda until the April 6, 2026 meeting so the topic can be discussed by the full Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Moull noted that St. Patrick’s Day is tomorrow. He encouraged everyone to look into who St. Patrick was and to mark the day as a day of forgiveness.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2026 Building Department Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2026 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2026 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2026 Rental Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. February 2026 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2026 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2026 Fire Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. February 2026 Parking Citation Report.
Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of February 25, 2026.
Downtown Development Authority. Minutes of March 4, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 6, 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 December 31, 2026
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 7:12 p.m.

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

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