

**CITY OF OWOSSO  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2026  
6:30 P.M.  
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

**OPENING PRAYER:** SARAH ELLIOTT  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MICHAEL ECKMYRE, VFW DISTRICT 9 COMMANDER

**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.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Olson 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 APRIL 20, 2026**

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Buddy Poppy Sale Kickoff**

2026 Poppy Queen Mylah Morris sold the ceremonial first Buddy Poppy to Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr. marking the start of the annual Buddy Poppy Sale in Owosso.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Shelly Ochodnicky, 494 Hintz Road, said she felt that Pride events are not appropriate for children and she was disheartened to find the event is once again taking place. She asked that Council enhance the Adult Entertainment ordinance to prohibit such events.

Rick Ross, Bennington Township resident, said he is concerned about how Pride events may negatively affect children and could make them more susceptible to abuse. He also said that drag shows are not appropriate for public venues.

Laura Day, 1013 S Shiawassee Street, said she has a 10-year old son and is strongly opposed to the Pride event. She said that Council's approval of the event is endorsing that lifestyle and asked that they reconsider their decision.

Don Fields, 650 W. South Street, said he sent a video to Councilmembers last year that showed Pride participants violating decency laws. He said approval of the event allows lewd action in public view and asked the City to enforce its ordinance.

Geno Phillips, 17201 W. Ridge Road, Oakley, said no one cares more for children than Jesus Christ and that sexual content has no place in public spaces. He directed Council to fear God and restrain evil and degeneracy.

Sarah Elliott, pastor at First United Methodist Church, commented that each of us was created by God and sexual preference is not a choice. She said the Pride event was people celebrating who they are and the children of the community would be no more or less safe if the event goes on or not.

Joseph Moore, property owner at 304 Michigan Avenue, said he was seeking Council's support for his plan to combine the properties at 304 and 306 Michigan Avenue then split the new parcel to allow him to build a rental home on the lot. He also commented on the Pride event, saying we need to protect our kids and asked how far things have to go before something is done.

Galen Ponder, 602 Ball Street, said he supports Mr. Fields and Mr. Phillips. He said there has been an agenda to forcing things like this on children and it will only get worse. He asked Council to take action now before it's too late.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Owens said he agrees with most of the comments he heard that children should not be involved in drag shows. He asked why the City is not enforcing the ordinance. City Attorney Gould indicated that legally drag shows, dress, and theatrics are free speech. He also noted that the event hasn't yet taken place, and no one can forecast something that hasn't happened yet.

Councilmember Osmer challenged everyone that is concerned with the welfare of children to step up, house them, feed them, read to them, etc. She also noted that it is not wrong to speak about other people with compassion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Haber said drag shows are wrong for kids.

Councilmember Olson noted that a lot of the comments seem to be based on religion. She said that one's relationship with their god should not affect one's neighbor. This community is for everyone, not just certain people.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Amend Public Hearing Date - 2026-2027 City Budget.** Amend the date for the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget public hearing to Monday, May 18 at 6:30p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 301 West Main Street, to receive citizen comment pursuant to Chapter 8 of the City Charter.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 3.10, 3.13

**First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Rezoning of 1000 Bradley Street.** Conduct first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, May 18, 2026, to receive citizen comment regarding the request from NB Concepts, LLC to rezone the property at 1000 Bradely Street from I-1, Light Industrial, to RM, Multiple Family Residential as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 62-2026**

**AUTHORIZING FIRST READING & SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING  
TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
TO REZONE ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1000 BRADLEY STREET  
AND AMEND THE ZONING MAP**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso adopted a Master Plan in 2021 which includes a future land use plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received a request from NB Concepts LLC, potential buyers of the property located at 1000 Bradley Street, parcel #050-660-008-001-00, to rezone the parcel from I-1, Light Industrial to RM, Multiple Family Residential; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission published and mailed notices for this request, held a public hearing on the request, and deliberated on the request; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the requested rezoning does meet the intent and criteria for a zoning amendment as it relates to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, without reservations, recommends the rezoning of the following parcel; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends, without reservations, the rezoning of the following parcel:

<b>Parcel Address</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Current Zoning</b>	<b>Proposed Zoning</b>
1000 Bradley Street	050-660-008-001-00	I-1 Light Industrial	RM Multiple Family Residential

And

WHEREAS, a public hearing by the City Council is required before any such ordinance amendment can be approved or denied.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT. That Chapter 38, Zoning, Sec. 38-27, Zoning Districts and Map, is proposed to reflect the following changes, to be noted on the official map and filed with the city clerk:

Parcel Address	Parcel Number	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning
1000 Bradley Street	050-660-008-001-00	I-1 Light Industrial	RM Multiple Family Residential

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

SECTION 3. NOTICE. Council hereby directs staff to supply a public notice concerning the rezoning to a newspaper of general circulation within the city.

SECTION 4. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Traffic Control Order - Owosso Pride.** Approve application from Owosso Pride for the closure of Curwood Castle Drive from Bradley Street to N. Shiawassee Street for the Owosso Pride event on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 10:00am until 6:00pm and authorize Traffic Control Order No. 1557 formalizing the action.

**CDBG Round 1 Contractors Quotes - Grant Contractors.** Approve CDBG Grant Contractors' quotes in the amount of \$157,901.42 for work performed as a part of a CDBG housing grant and further approve payment to the contractor(s) upon satisfactory completion of the project(s) or portion thereof as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-2026**

**APPROVING CDBG ROUND 1 CONTRACTORS' QUOTES #3 FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso received a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$926,300 for interior and exterior home improvements; and

WHEREAS, the homeowners sought out quotes from local general contractors; and

WHEREAS, the homeowners selected the lowest, responsive quote and wish to proceed with their interior and exterior home improvements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: It has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve Contractors' Quotes #3 for CDBG Grant NDD-2023-37-CDG in the amount of \$157,901.42.

SECOND: The City Manager and the Community Development Director, having been previously designated as authorized signers for the grant, are instructed and authorized to sign homeowner and contractor contracts.

THIRD: The Accounts Payable department is authorized to pay as follows:

CLE Construction  
 S. Shiawassee St. (3) \$36,500.00  
 Isham St. \$20,900.00

Curb Appeal Home Improvement  
 N. Chipman St. \$10,625.00

Keyes Quality Construction  
 N. Howell St. \$38,000.00

Merkel and Kenney  
 E. Exchange St. \$29,700.00

Weather Vane Roofing  
S. Park St. \$22,176.42

FOURTH: The above expenses shall be paid from the Housing & Redevelopment Fund 254-200-818.000 CDBGHRGP24.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.1, 1.9, 1.13, 6.6

**\*Contract Amendment - Lead Assessments Contract.** Amend contract with Environmental Testing and Consulting, Inc. for lead assessments as part of a CDBG housing grant adding \$6,750 for follow-up inspections following lead abatement with a new total of \$19,675.00 and further authorize payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-2026**

**APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO LEAD ASSESSMENTS/CLEARANCES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING & CONSULTING**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso has been awarded a CDBG Grant for \$926,300 to assist low- to moderate-income residents, owning and occupying permanent single-family homes in funding interior and exterior home improvements to meet code requirements such as roof replacement, windows, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and insulation.

WHEREAS, according to the HUD guidelines, lead assessments and clearances are required for various reasons depending on the scope of the projects;

WHEREAS, each household can receive up to \$40,000 for improvements and the cost for lead assessments and clearances will be deducted from the \$40,000 available for each home; and

WHEREAS, if a house tested positive for lead, then after the housing renovations and lead abatement, a lead clearance is required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: it has heretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the public interest to approve the amendment to the lead assessment/clearance quote with Environmental Testing & Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$19,675.00 for lead assessments and clearances required by CDBG grant #NDD-2023-37-CBD.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 1.1, 1.9, 1.13, 6.6

**Purchase Authorization – Dell PowerEdge Server Equipment.** Waive competitive bidding requirements and approve the purchase of Dell PowerEdge server equipment in an amount not to exceed \$13,105.70 via MiDEAL Contract # 071B6600111, to be paid using the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-2026**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DELL TECHNOLOGIES FOR DATA BACKUP SERVER EQUIPMENT OF THE OWOSSO IT DEPARTMENT QUOTATION # 3000199490018.10**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso maintains data backup infrastructure that is critical to ensuring the security, availability, and integrity of municipal data; and

WHEREAS, the City's existing data backup infrastructure consists of an HP server installed in 2015 that is end of life and requires replacement to meet current storage, performance, and reliability needs; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a new Dell PowerEdge server will provide improved backup performance, increased storage capacity, and enhanced system redundancy to support ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, a quote for the required server equipment has been obtained through the State of Michigan MiDEAL cooperative purchasing program, Contract #071B6600111, which provides competitively bid cooperative pricing and satisfies the City's bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the server equipment will not exceed \$13,105.70, as shown in the attached quotation; and

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase will be provided through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), resulting in no impact to the City's general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: The City of Owosso has determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to contract with Dell Technologies for the Dell PowerEdge server.
- SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Dell Technologies in the amount up to \$13,105.70 (Quotation # 3000199490018.10) as authorized by Council on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.
- THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid from the IT Equipment line, 101-228-728.000-MSPMSLCGP, adding to the existing server replacement.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.2, 3.4, 3.8

**\*AP Check Register – April 2026.** Affirm Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$1,605,904.08 for April 1, 2026, to April 30, 2026.

**\*Payroll Check Register – April 2026.** Affirm Payroll check disbursements totaling \$879,774.37 for the period from April 1, 2026, to April 28, 2026.

**Warrant No. 666.** Authorize Warrant No. 666 as follows:

Vendor	Description	Fund	Amount
Waste Management	Landfill Services	WWTP	\$10,299.34
		Total	\$10,299.34

Motion supported by Councilmember Osmer.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Notice of Pecuniary Interest**

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to enter notice of pecuniary interest on the record for Councilmember Carl Ludington as it relates to proposed contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the month of April 2026 as follows:

**STATEMENT REGARDING BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE CITY**

Per Owosso City Charter Section 14.4 and Michigan Public Act 317 of 1968, as amended

I, Carl Ludington, being an officer of the City of Owosso, do hereby declare a pecuniary interest in the foregoing proposed contract(s) with the City of Owosso as described as:

PO NUMBER	DEPT.	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
000047752	862	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	BENTLEY PARK ELECTRIC NOT WORKING	120.00
000046672	862	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	CASS ST LIGHT REPAIR MAINT.	738.73
000046631	862	LUDINGTON ELECTRIC, INC.	INTERSECTION LIGHT INSTALL BALL ST & CHAIRMAN REPAIR FOR X-MAS LIGHTS	1899.43
				<b>2758.16</b>

For the Period of: April 2026

Vendor: Ludington Electric, Inc

Total Amount: \$2758.16

I am making this declaration because I am the owner/operator of Ludington Electric, Inc. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter(s) in question, I will not take part in discussion on any question in

respect to the matter(s), and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence the voting on any such question at a public meeting of the Owosso City Council.

Said items will be considered for approval at the May 18, 2026 meeting of the Owosso City Council.

Declared this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

**\*Bid Award – Curwood Castle Restoration**

Motion by Councilmember Owens to allow Councilmember Ludington to abstain from voting on the next item due to a conflict of interest.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

Councilmember Ludington left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to approve a contract with Perrin Construction in the amount of \$163,505 with a contingency of \$32,000 for partial roof replacement, stucco work, plaster repair, electrical improvements, window restoration, replacement of missing slate shingles, gutter repair, and installation of new gutters and further authorize payment to the contractor up to the amount of \$195,505 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 66-2026**

**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PERRIN CONSTRUCTION FOR SERVICES AT CURWOOD CASTLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, owns Curwood Castle, a historic building; and

WHEREAS, Curwood Castle needs repairs and restoration work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso released a public bid for the Curwood Castle Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, Perrin Construction submitted the lowest qualified bid; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant City Manager recommends authorizing the City to contract with Perrin Construction for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso has theretofore determined that it is advisable, necessary, and in the public interest to authorize contracting with Perrin Construction for the Curwood Castle Restoration Project.

SECOND: The accounts payable department is authorized to submit payment to Perrin Construction in an amount not to exceed \$195,505.

THIRD: The above expenses shall be paid for from the Historical Fund Account 297-798-930.000.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Ludington.

Councilmember Ludington returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**\*Capital Improvement Plan Adoption**

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.8, 3.10, 3.11, 3.13

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to adopt the 2026-2032 Capital Improvement Plan as approved and recommended by the Planning Commission as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-2026**

**ADOPTING THE 2026-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3801 et seq., to prepare and adopt a six-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso Planning Commission reviewed and, on April 27, 2026, recommended approval of the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2026-2032; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: The City of Owosso hereby adopts the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2026-2032, as recommended by the Planning Commission on April 27, 2026, with total capital costs of \$193,340,892.00.

SECOND: Adoption of this CIP does not constitute final approval of any individual project or guarantee of funding. The City of Owosso, Michigan retains full discretion to fund, defer, or modify any project during the budget process.

Motion supported by Councilmember Ludington.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum - CWSRF Project No. 6034-01**

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7

City Manager Henne detailed the proposed projects that will be paid for with the bonds in question.

Motion by Councilmember Olson to adopt a resolution of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum thereof for the proposed issuance of bonds to finance 2026 CWSRF Project No. 6034-01 for Wastewater Treatment Plant towers replacement, sewer collection system analysis (smoke testing), and future capacity and flow management (flow metering and sediment analysis) as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 68-2026**

**DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE PROJECT EXPENDITURES WITH BOND PROCEEDS AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso (the "City") proposes to issue its revenue bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds") under Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 94"), to finance improvements to the City's wastewater treatment system (the "System"), including without limitation, removal and replacement of nitrification and roughing towers at the City's wastewater treatment plant (the "WWTP") and the acquisition, construction, and installation of

new treatment process mechanisms, improvements to existing mechanisms, and other structural, mechanical, electrical, and SCADA improvements to WWTP buildings and facilities, as well as all other work and equipment necessary or incidental to these improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the City will advance a portion of the costs of the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds, such advance to be repaid from proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations on Income Tax (the "Reimbursement Regulations") specifies conditions under which a reimbursement allocation may be treated as an expenditure of bond proceeds, and the City intends by this resolution to qualify amounts advanced by the City to the Project for reimbursement from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Reimbursement Regulations; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue the Bonds must be published in order to comply with the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Project shall consist of the wastewater treatment system improvements described in the preamble hereto.
2. The maximum principal amount of Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$20,000,000.
3. The City hereby declares its official intent to issue the Bonds to finance the costs of the project and hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the City's advances to the Project as described in the preamble and as anticipated by this resolution.
4. The Bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution.
5. The Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the following notice attached hereto as Exhibit A once in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.
6. All prior resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF OWOSSO, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Owosso, Michigan, intends to issue revenue bonds, in one or more series, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of improvements to the City's wastewater treatment system (the "System"), including without limitation, removal and replacement of nitrification and roughing towers at the City's wastewater treatment plant (the "WWTP") and the acquisition, construction, and installation of new treatment process mechanisms, improvements to existing mechanisms, and other structural, mechanical, electrical, and SCADA improvements to WWTP buildings and facilities, as well as all other work and equipment necessary or incidental to these improvements, and for paying the costs of issuing the bonds and capitalized interest, if any.

The bonds will mature in not to exceed forty (40) years after the date of original issuance and will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

The bonds will be issued under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, and a resolution of the City Council and will be payable from the net revenues of the System and any improvements, enlargements and extensions thereto, and a statutory lien on said revenues will be established by said resolution. The City of Owosso will covenant and agree to fix and maintain at all times while any of the bonds shall be outstanding such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the System and of the principal of and interest on the bonds when due and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds. In addition, the bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

#### **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM**

This notice is given, by order of the City Council of the City of Owosso, to and for the benefit of the electors of the City of Owosso in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued,

without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors in the City of Owosso, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned City Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City of Owosso qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information related to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Owosso, 301 West Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum - DWSRF Project No. 7920-01**

**Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.7**

City Manager Henne detailed the proposed projects that will be paid for with the bonds in question.

Motion by Councilmember Ludington to adopt a resolution of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Right to Referendum thereof for the proposed issuance of bonds to finance 2026 DWSRF Project No. 7920-01 for watermain replacements, lead service line replacements, Gute Hill Booster Station rehabilitation, Water Treatment Plant chemistry and Osburn Well rehabilitation as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026**

**DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE PROJECT EXPENDITURES WITH BOND PROCEEDS AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso (the "City") proposes to issue its revenue bonds, in one or more series (the "Bonds") under Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 94"), to finance improvements to the City's water supply system (the "System"), consisting of (i) removal, abandonment, replacement, and installation of water mains, (ii) removal, abandonment, replacement, and installation of water service lines in portions of the System to comply with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Lead and Copper Rules and improvements to related facilities, (iii) improvements to the System's water treatment plant and related facilities, mechanisms, and components; and (iv) acquisition, construction, and installation of improvements and upgrades to booster pumps and related facilities, as well as the restoration of property, streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements, and all other work necessary or incidental to these improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the City will advance a portion of the costs of the Project prior to the issuance of the Bonds, to be repaid from proceeds of the Bonds upon the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations on Income Tax (the "Reimbursement Regulations") specifies conditions under which a reimbursement allocation may be treated as an expenditure of bond proceeds, and the City intends by this resolution to qualify amounts advanced by the City to the Project for reimbursement from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Reimbursement Regulations; and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue the Bonds must be published in order to comply with the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Project shall consist of the water supply system improvements described in the preamble hereto.
2. The maximum principal amount of Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$12,000,000.
3. The City hereby declares its official intent to issue the Bonds to finance the costs of the Project and hereby declares that it reasonably expects to reimburse the City's advances to the Project as described in the preamble and as anticipated by this resolution.
4. The Bonds shall be authorized by proper proceedings subsequent to this resolution.
5. The Clerk is hereby instructed to publish the following notice attached hereto as Exhibit A once in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.
6. All prior resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE  
BONDS BY THE CITY OF  
OWOSSO, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Owosso, Michigan, intends to issue revenue bonds, in one or more series, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of improvements to the City's water supply system (the "System"), consisting of (i) removal, abandonment, replacement, and installation of water mains, (ii) removal, abandonment, replacement, and installation of water service lines in portions of the System to comply with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Lead and Copper Rules and improvements to related facilities, (iii) improvements to the System's water treatment plant and related facilities, mechanisms, and components, (iv) acquisition, construction, and installation of improvements and upgrades to booster pumps and related facilities, as well as the restoration of property, streets, rights-of-way and easements affected by the improvements, and all other work necessary or incidental to these improvements and (v) payment of the costs of issuing the bonds and capitalized interest, if any.

The bonds will mature in not to exceed forty (40) years after the date of original issuance and will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale thereof but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

The bonds will be issued under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, and an ordinance of the City Council and will be payable from the net revenues of the System and any improvements, enlargements and extensions thereto, and a statutory lien on said revenues will be established by said resolution. The City will covenant and agree to fix and maintain at all times while any of the bonds shall be outstanding such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration of the System and of the principal of and interest on the bonds when due and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds. In addition, the bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the City as limited by applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the City Council of the City of Owosso, to and for the benefit of the electors of the City in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors in the City, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned City Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information related to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Owosso, 301 West Main Street, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Motion supported by Councilmember Owens.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mike Moore, 1870 Babcock Street, said his religion obliges him to spread the word of God. He asked if Pride is allowed to use the park would a Christian concert be excluded from the same park?

Don Fields, 650 W. South Street, stated that the actions at the event that he captured on video last year clearly violate the law. He asked that Council look into the matter and at least stop the drag event.

Pam Morris, 1229 Willow Street, said drag shows and strip shows are for adults only.

Joseph Moore, property owner at 304 Michigan Avenue, asked about city-wide recycling.

Bill Moull, 1335 W. North Street, said he echoed Councilmember Osmer's comments regarding the Historical Commission. He went on to thank Assistant City Manager Amy Fuller and City Manager Nathan Henne for their support for the OHC and its mission. Lastly, he said there will be a prayer at noon on Thursday on the front steps of City Hall, all are invited.

Cynthia Moore, 1870 Babcock Street, wondered if Councilmembers would bring their own children to an event like Pride. She said we need to protect the moral compass of our children and asked if Council wanted Owosso to be known as a perverted community.

Sarah Elliott, pastor at First United Methodist Church, praised the Public Safety Department saying one of her parishioners had recently had a heart attack while mowing his front lawn. She said the entire Public Safety Department did an amazing job caring for him, but what the man's wife kept talking about was that the officer that responded to the incident took the time to finish mowing the lawn.

Frank Day, 1013 S. Shiawassee Street, said it takes a village to raise a child, and it is all of our responsibility to keep kids safe. He said no benefit could come from an event like Pride.

Geno Phillips, 17201 W. Ridge Road, Oakley, said he recently opened his home to a toddler that needed a place to stay. He went on to note that he will be present during the Pride event to protest and that people need to remember the word of the Lord.

Alex Ebe, 320 Cass Street, told Council they were celebrating sexual degeneracy, and charges should have been filed against participants last year. He said God's law will reign and it is up to Council to keep the city safe.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Osmer said that summer concerts at the amphitheater are coming back working in coordination with the Moonlight Market. She also noted that the City is working on recycling, with listening sessions taking place this week. Lastly she said there will be a mobile food pantry at the Baker College Welcome Center on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Fear indicated that the Planning Commission will be conducting its annual review of the Master Plan at their next meeting. She encouraged anyone with input on the matter to contact her.

Mayor Pro-Tem Haber noted that the county-wide curbside recycling group had their second meeting recently and are working to help the City meet the curbside recycling requirement. He also thanked the Public Safety Director for a job well done.

Councilmember Olson asked about the ordinance that limits residents to three pets, saying that it bears review if it was last considered in the 1970's. She suggested the use of the City's new communication portal to gather feedback from citizens on the topic. City Manager Henne agreed and asked her for help in developing the options that could be offered.

Councilmember Owens said that comments regarding the Council's moral compass were out of line and no one had any right to judge him. He said they closed the street to keep people safe; it had nothing to do with event itself. He went on to encourage the use of the amphitheater by all organizations, saying it's your amphitheater too.

Councilmember Ludington inquired if an adult entertainment license would be required for the Pride event. City Manager Henne indicated there seemed to be a misunderstanding as to how events like this get approved. He is required to approve or deny applications to use the amphitheater. He is obligated to approve the request of anyone that meets the requirements, it has nothing to do with the subject of the event.

Councilmember Osmer read aloud an email from the City Manager to Council regarding the necessity of remaining neutral in decision making.

City Manager Henne gave an update on the water portal. He said that they have run into some difficulty in getting the portal software to work with the water system software, but this was anticipated and the project is still running on time.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Nathan R. Henne, City Manager. City Manager Report – April 2026.  
Lizzie L. Fredrick, Executive Director, Downtown Development Authority - DDA Market Report 2026.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ryan E. Suchanek, Utilities Director. 2025 Water Quality Report.  
Stephen Schlaack, Planning Commission. Letter of resignation.  
Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenues & Expenditures Report – April 2026.  
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of April 13, 2026.  
Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of April 22, 2026.  
Planning Commission. Minutes of April 27, 2026.  
Owosso Historical Commission. Special Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2026.  
Carnegie Library Property Committee. Minutes of April 23, 2026.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop  
Monday, May 18, 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  
Downtown Historic District Commission – term expires June 30, 2027  
Planning Commission – 2 terms expire June 30, 2027  
Planning Commission – 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**

Motion by Councilmember Fear for adjournment at 8:17 p.m.

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

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Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

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Amy K. Kohagen, 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.