

**CITY OF OWOSSO
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2026
6:00 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Carl C. Ludington.

City Manager Nathan R. Henne explained the special nature of this evening's meeting saying this is an annual event involving a joint meeting of the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Downtown Development Authority/Main Street Board. This joint meeting fulfills a requirement of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program, helping the City maintain its RRC designation. This meeting also represents the Council's annual opportunity to meet with all of the City's Department Managers collectively.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget

Finance Director Brad A. Barrett delivered an in-depth review of the recommended 2026-27 City Budget via PowerPoint presentation. Total revenues for all funds are anticipated at \$59.8 million and expenditures anticipated at \$61.3 million. Assessed values have continued to rise, but property tax revenues are expected to decrease compared to last year due to the Headlee rollback. The gap between taxable value and assessed value continues to grow. That, along with a reduction in state shared revenues, makes it harder and harder for revenues to cover expenses in this time of rising costs. Funding for street repairs remains a major concern as traditional funding sources fall woefully short of the rising costs of construction.

City Manager Nathan R. Henne mentioned that the legislative appropriation from Rep. BeGole's office is still in question. He hopes it will survive the budget process as it could be used to lower utility rates.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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 Owens for adjournment at 6:43 p.m.

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

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk