

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, JUNE 01, 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

Curwood Festival Royalty Introduction. Curwood Festival Queen Reghan LePior was introduced along with her court, Curwood Festival Teen Grace Lobb and Curwood Festival Princess Elizabeth Reich.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Erica Mattison, Pride Board member, thanked City staff, Councilmembers and all those involved in the Pride Festival last weekend. She said it was a great event that really had an impact on those attending.

Arlene Caswell asked if the City's standard for public performances was anything except the exposure of genitalia. She said we must do better.

Galen Ponder said God makes the rules very clear and called everyone supporting the Pride event to repentance. He said more and more people are identifying as something other than normal and this is how nations fail.

Patty Vanluven spoke about her daughter being continuously bullied for being gay and the main perpetrator was eventually arrested for making plans to shoot up the school. She said he not only ruined his own life, but he terrorized his fellow students.

Tom Manke talked about family friendly events being held throughout the county.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Olson read aloud an email from a City resident that said the Pride Festival lets people be their authentic selves, it teaches kids that differences are not to be feared, and it reminds people they are not alone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Haber said that not everyone on the Council agreed with what was happening at the Pride Festival saying people could have their event but leave the children out of it.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Boards and Commissions Appointments. Approved the following Mayoral Boards and Commissions appointments:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Lee Mills	Parks and Recreation Commission (effective July 1, 2026)	6-30-2028
Patrice Martin	Planning Commission (effective June 1, 2026)	6-30-2028

Purchase Authorization – Computer Room UPS Replacement. Authorized the purchase and installation of a new Vertiv Liebert APS10kVA scalable UPS system for the City's server and network infrastructure in the amount of \$30,648.24 to be paid at the completion of the project.

CDBG Round 1 Contractors Quotes - Grant Contractors. Approved CDBG Round 1 Contractors' Quotes #5 in the amount of \$184,470 and further approved adjustments of POs in the amount of - \$52,176.42 as part of a CDBG housing grant and authorized payment to the contractor(s) upon satisfactory completion of the project(s) or portion thereof.

Annual PO Request – Workers' Compensation Insurance. Authorized annual purchase order in the amount of \$191,689.00 for workers' compensation insurance provided by the Michigan Municipal League for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Sole Source Purchase Authorization — LimeCure-25. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved a sole source purchase order of LimeCure-25 from Applied Specialties Innovations, LLC, Avon Lake, Ohio in the amount of \$1.33/pound with an estimated annual usage of 25,000 pounds, and authorized payment to the vendor based on unit prices for actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 estimated at \$33,250.00.

Purchase Authorization — Havaflock 560 Polymer. Waived competitive bidding requirements, approved the sole source purchase order for Havaflock 560 Polymer from Haviland Products Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan in an amount of \$2.3348 per pound plus delivery fee with and estimated usage of 23,000 pounds, and authorized payment to the vendor based on actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 estimated at \$54,650.40.

Purchase Authorization - Ferric Chloride. Authorized a purchase agreement with PVS Technologies, Inc. for Ferric Chloride utilizing the Lansing Board of Water & Light's joint purchasing consortium Competitive Bidding Program in the amount of \$1,138.00 per dry ton, with an estimated annual contract of \$97,299.00, and further authorized payment based on unit prices for actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Purchase Authorization - Sodium Hypochlorite. Authorized a purchase agreement with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. for Sodium Hypochlorite utilizing the Lansing Board of Water & Light's joint purchasing consortium Competitive Bidding Program in the amount of \$1.90 per gallon, with an estimated annual contract of \$25,650.00 and further authorized payment based on unit prices for actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Purchase Authorization - Bulk Lime. Authorized a purchase agreement with Graymont Western Lime Inc. for the purchase of bulk lime for the Filtration Plant and Wastewater Plant, utilizing the Lansing Board of Water & Light's joint purchasing consortium Competitive Bidding Program in the amount of \$210.00 per dry ton, with an estimated annual contract of \$176,400.00 and further authorized payment based on unit prices for actual quantities required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

AP Check Register – May 2026. Affirmed Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$1,505,085.88 for May 1, 2026, to May 31, 2026.

Payroll Check Register – May 2026. Affirmed Payroll check disbursements totaling \$1,651,538.90 for the period from March 29, 2026, to May 26, 2026.

Contract Authorization – Axon Cameras. Authorized a ten-year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of body worn cameras, in-car cameras, tasers, training, and software in the amount of \$1,487,074.80 and further authorized payment to the vendor on an annual basis.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Closed Session. Authorized holding a closed session at the conclusion of the City Manager Report to continue to discuss the City Manager's annual evaluation at the request of the employee and in compliance with MCL 15.268(a).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Galen Ponder said we need to be careful about how we characterize radicalization and remember that people get radicalized on both sides of an issue. He asked everyone to repent and turn to Christ.

Tom Manke spoke of a local man that pled guilty to sexually abusing children. He said he will dox any drag queen if there are pictures of them inappropriately touching a child.

Ashley Shortz said that with all of the concern about child safety everyone should remember the school bond question on the August ballot.

John Schneider said the DPW has been exceptional in responding to his request to replace the lights in the fixtures near his apartment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer gave a shout out to all the people that helped clean up the downtown area in preparation for Curwood.

Mayor Pro-Tem Haber said the county recycling group had their second meeting recently.

Mayor Teich said the Library Committee had its second meeting last week. They are looking to approach the HDC to possibly add the library to the Downtown Historic District. Councilmember Olson said school gets out this week, please be on the lookout for children that are out and about.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:35 P.M.

RETURNED FROM CLOSED SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.

City Manager Compensation. Council moved to increase the City Manager’s pay by 5%, effective immediately.

COMMUNICATIONS

Brad A. Barrett, Finance Director. Revenues & Expenditures Report – May 2026.

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of May 11, 2026.

WWTP Review Board. Minutes of May 26, 2026

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 15, 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

Parks and Recreation Commission – term expires June 30, 2028

Planning Commission – 2 terms expire 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 8:10 p.m.

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

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