

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment - Unpaid Parking Violations. Conducted a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Sec. 33-54, *Removal of Vehicle for Unpaid Parking Violations*, to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III, *Parking, stopping and standing*, Division 2, Parking violations bureau, of the Code of Ordinances to allow the City to tow the vehicle of repeat offenders with multiple unpaid tickets. The following people addressed the City Council regarding the proposed amendment: Mike Cline, and Gil Humphreys. The Council moved to approve the ordinance amendment as proposed, 6 ayes and 1 nay.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sean Harrington said last weekend was a great weekend with the Historical Home Tour taking place, of which his home was a part. He said he hopes to have more events at the house this fall, starting with a meet the council candidates event this Saturday from noon until 2:00 p.m.

Mike Cline asked if all council candidates were invited to the meet the candidates event. He went on to ask whether City employees improperly parking a City-owned car would get a parking ticket and why the tree is still in the river behind the old YWCA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich indicated that anyone parking improperly could receive a ticket.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Camping in Parks. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed addition of Sec. 21-10, *Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property*, Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled properties.

First Reading & Set Public Hearing – Single Hauler Garbage Collection. Conducted first reading and set a public hearing for Monday, October 5, 2026 to receive citizen comment on the proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 34, Utilities and Services, Article II, *Garbage and Rubbish*, Division 2, Collection, Sec. 34-43(c) and Secs. 34-51 through 34-55, to authorize exclusive contracts for residential refuse, garbage, and recycling collection to comply with the 2022 revision to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, requiring 90% of single-family homes to have access to curbside recycling.

Traffic Control Order Request – Owosso High School 2026 Homecoming Parade. Approved request from Owosso High School for closure of the streets listed on the application from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026 for the annual High School Homecoming parade and further approved Traffic Control Order No. 1547 formalizing the request.

Financial Account Signatories. Approved a resolution designating authorized signers on City financial accounts.

Change Order - 2025 Well Improvements Project. Approved Change Order #4 to the 2025 Well Improvements Project contract, increasing the contract amount \$190,628.00 for rehabilitation and upgrades to Palmer 2 Well and Local Well 1 and necessary tasks related to the abandonment of the Palmer 1 Well, and further approved payment to the contractor including Change Order No. 4 not to exceed a final amount of \$2,115,023.00.

Purchase Authorization - DPW Fleet Pickup Truck. Waived competitive bidding requirements,

authorized the purchase of one Ford 2027 F250 pickup truck for the DPW fleet from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso in the amount of \$46,575.00 utilizing State of Michigan MiDeal Contract # MA 240000001208, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle.

Purchase Authorization – John Deere Gator. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized the purchase of one 2027 John Deere GATOR HPX815E and accessories from Hutson, Inc. utilizing Sourcewell competitive contract 112624-DAC, in the amount of \$41,330.17, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory delivery of said vehicle.

Contract Authorization – Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement. Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized a contract with Pleune Service Company for the Curwood Castle Radiator Replacement project in the amount of \$92,581.28, plus a contingency of \$5,000.00, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the project or portion thereof.

Bid Award – 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project – Engineering Services. Approved bid award to Fishbeck for the 2027 Water Service Line Replacement Project, in the amount of \$150,100.00 for engineering and construction administration services, contingent upon the receipt of DWSRF bond proceeds, and authorized payment to the contractor upon satisfactory completion of the work or portion thereof.

AP Check Register – August 2026. Affirmed Accounts Payable check disbursements totaling \$3,070,454.16 from August 01, 2026 to August 31, 2026.

Payroll Check Register – August 2026. Affirmed Payroll check disbursements totaling \$909,454.51 for the period from August 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

Contract Authorization - Public Safety In-Car Camera Changeover. (This item was added to the agenda.) Waived competitive bidding requirements, authorized contract with Mid Michigan Emergency Equipment Sales and Service L.L.C. for the removal and installation of new in-car cameras in the public safety fleet in an amount not to exceed \$12,473.00, and further authorized payment to the vendor upon satisfactory completion of the work.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

SATA Commitment. Approved the annual commitment to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) for their upcoming fiscal year starting October 1, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$123,586.75 for the provision of public transportation.

Contract Approvals – Ludington Electric, Inc. Reiterated acknowledgement of the pecuniary interest of Councilmember Ludington in the contract(s) in question and approved \$1,023.49 in contracts with Ludington Electric, Inc. for the period of August 2026.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gil Humphreys asked why there is a deficit in the SATA funding.

Jeff Turner asked for more parking enforcement when it comes to parking on City streets overnight and parking in front yards. He also asked why the City only has two police officers on duty during the night.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Manager Henne explained that the Headlee Rollback and tax captures by the Brownfield Authority and DDA are the reasons why the City's millage does not pay the entire fee for SATA and that this deficit has only occurred in the last couple of years.

Public Safety Director Lenkart responded to Mr. Turner's questions saying he will advise officers to step up parking enforcement in residential areas and he explained that two officers are the minimum number of officers that would be on duty.

Councilmember Fear asked about the status of the vacant commercial property registration ordinance. It was noted the proposed ordinance is currently being evaluated by the DDA and should be ready for Council in October.

Councilmember Olson initiated a discussion regarding the ongoing issues with the downtown holiday lights, which are affected by outdated electrical infrastructure and circuit problems, with potential repairs expected to cost many thousands of dollars. Olson expressed frustration with the lack of consistent information and requested greater transparency, while Mayor Teich suggested developing a clear game plan to identify a feasible and affordable solution.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. July 2026 Financial Report.

Lucais Allen, Finance Specialist. August 2026 Financial Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Building Department Report.

Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Code Violations Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Inspections Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Rental Report.
Tanya S. Buckelew, Planning & Building Director. August 2026 Certificates Issued Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Police Report.
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Parking Citation Report
Kevin D. Lenkart, Public Safety Director. August 2026 Fire Report.
Kathy Fagan, City Treasurer. Quarterly Utility Billing Delinquent and Shut off Statistics. April 2026 – June 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2026

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

Building Board of Appeals – Alternate - term expires June 30, 2028
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
Planning Commission – term expires June 30, 2029
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 7:45 p.m.

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

Note: Complete printed copies of the minutes and any ordinances contained therein are available to the public at the Office of the City Clerk and the Shiawassee District Library – Owosso Branch during regular business hours or on the Internet at www.ci.owosso.mi.us.