

**CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2026
6:30 P.M.
VIRGINIA TEICH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: MAYOR ROBERT J. TEICH, JR.

OPENING PRAYER: PASTOR GARY BEAL
CHURCH OF JUBILEE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: GREG BRODEUR
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2026 as presented.

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

PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation

The proposed amendment would prohibit camping on City-owned and/or City-controlled properties.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed addition of Sec. 21-10, *Prohibition of Unauthorized Camping and Overnight Occupation of City Property*, Chapter 21, Parks and Recreation, to the Code of Ordinances.

The following people spoke about opposition to the proposed amendment, in favor of the establishment of a homeless shelter, concern for the homeless, and/or what can be done to help:

Justin McNamara, 2302 N. Hickory Road
Terry Beach, 440 E. Main Street
Sean Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street
Susan Kofta, 1517 Hiawatha Drive
Olivia Ponder, 1010 Turner Drive, Caro
Nicholas Powell, 314 Michigan Avenue
Pastor Marlene Webster, Owosso City Church
Sidney Voss, 314 Michigan Avenue
Dani Lindroth, 614 E. Exchange Street
Patty Bixby, 2450 Krouse Road
Pastor Gary Beal, Church of Jubilee
Alyse Bleisner, 930 George Street
Tom Manke 2910 W. M-21
Angie Fasbender, 622 N. Washington Street
Pastor Bill Moull, Owosso Free Methodist Church
Elizabeth Byrne, 815 W. Oliver Street
Chairman Greg Brodeur, Shiawassee County Commission
Jael Harrington, 515 N Washington Street
Curtis Dowds, 1165 Hanover Street

Alicia Forkel, 911 S. Ball Street, via email – spoke in favor of the proposed amendment.

Ashley Shortz, 1607 Young Street, asked where the funding for a shelter would come from.

At the conclusion of citizen comments Councilmember Osmer suggested the Council wait to take action until spring.

Motion by Councilmember Osmer to table the proposed ordinance amendment until spring.

Motion supported by Councilmember Olson.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 34, Garbage and Rubbish

The proposed amendment would amend 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.

City Manager Nathan R. Henne explained that Council has been talking about this topic for over five years and curbside recycling has long been a goal in the Master Plan. In 2022 the state legislature changed the regulations and now the City is responsible for providing curbside recycling to 90% of residential households by 2028. The City has been working steadily over the last year to gather and analyze information for the future development of an implementation plan.

A public hearing was conducted to receive citizen comment regarding the proposed amendment.

The following people commented regarding the proposed amendment:

Andrew Workman, 217 Osburn Street, via email – expressed his support for the proposed amendment.

Bob and Kim Springsdorf, 515 Brandon Street, via email – expressed opposition to the proposed amendment.

Kelley Cushman, Kelley's Refuse, expressed support for leaving the trash service alone and contracting for a recycling contractor.

Gil Humphreys, 1202 S. Chipman Street, suggested the Council table the item until its required.

Pat Whitlock, 1513 Hiawatha Drive, spoke in favor of curbside recycling.

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, wants more information before making a decision.

Dennis Mahoney, 615 N. Water Street, was surprised and disappointed to discover Owosso didn't have recycling when he moved here. He suggested it could be one of the best decisions the City could make.

Chris Sponsor, Specialty Salvage, asked the Council to table the item until more information could be gathered.

Sean Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, asked several questions including, "Why not bid out recycling on its own?"

Holly Jo Edwards, 1313 N. Gould Street, said she would like to keep the local businesses if at all possible.

Kari Krantz, facilitator of listening sessions, detailed the listening sessions she held around the City and asked that people review her report to get a background.

Lori Bailey, 530 N. Chipman Street, said no one complained when Walmart came in. She also noted that the City cleans up tons of trash each year from houses that do not have trash service.

Jordan Hankowitz, Shiawassee Recycles, offered his organization as a resource.

Tom Manke, 2910 W. M-21, asked why action has to be taken now. He suggested waiting until the new Council is seated.

Bob Craig, 622 Martin Street, asked if there was going to be a way that residents could opt out of paying for recycling.

Lynese Lewis, 202 N. Dewey Street, asked Council to pause for now and work with the trash haulers we have on a solution.

Jael Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, cautioned that every time we wait we find ourselves making decisions under pressure.

Elizabeth Byrne, 815 W. Oliver Street, asked if anyone had considered going county-wide with a single recycling contractor.

Roger Hart, 318 Cass Steet, said he has had the same trash hauler for 20 years and doesn't like to be told who will pick up his trash.

Curtis Dowds, 1165 Hanover Street, asked why a decision has to be made now when the new legislature could change this requirement in January.

Councilmember Owens asked if the issue could be placed on the ballot to let the people decide.

Mayor Pro-Tem Haber said he was happy to be ahead of schedule, but wondered if waiting until the new Council is seated would be prudent.

Councilmember Fear noted this is not a sudden effort and was disappointed at how much misinformation is out there. She also said she was disappointed to find Owosso had no recycling when she moved here.

Councilmember Osmer noted that the City has partnered with the County to work on a solution to this new mandate. She also said that the effort to achieve a solution isn't rushed, its been going on since January 2025.

Mayor Teich said he had received letters in support of curbside recycling and single hauler trash service, and the City is mandated to provide curbside recycling service. He went on to say that putting the item on a ballot would be very complicated and that Councilmembers were elected to make just these types of decisions.

Councilmember Owens said he recognizes the City is mandated to provide recycling service, but sees no reason why the issue can't be put off until January.

Motion by Councilmember Owens to table the proposed ordinance amendment until January.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Haber.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Owens, Ludington, and Mayor Pro-Tem Haber.

NAYS: Councilmembers Osmer, Olson, Fear, and Mayor Teich.

Motion fails for lack of affirmative votes.

Whereas, the Council, after due and legal notice, has met and having heard all interested parties, motion by Councilmember Olson that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 854

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEC. 34-43(C) AND ADD SECS. 34-51 THROUGH 34-55 TO CHAPTER 34, UTILITIES AND SERVICES, TO ALLOW EXCLUSIVE CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan is facing changes to Section 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requiring 90% of single-family homes in the City to have access to curbside recycling; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amendment establishing a single-hauler, exclusive-contract option for residential garbage, refuse, and recycling collection to comply with said changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met, and heard all interested persons.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan, is hereby amended by revising 34-43(c) as follows:

Sec. 34-43. – Owner’s duty as to refuse.

(c) All rates and charges for the use of garbage or refuse service under the provisions of this division shall be determined by contractual agreement between the citizen using the garbage and rubbish collection service and the provider of the garbage and rubbish collection service except for Exclusive Contracts as established by Ordinance

SECTION 2. ADDITION. That Sections 34-51, 34-52, 34-53, 34-54 and 34-55 shall be added to read as follows:

Sec. 34-51. - Exclusive contracts.

The City Council may, either by advertising for bids or otherwise, enter into an exclusive contract or extend the term of a contract with a City contractor who shall be licensed and insured, with such person or entity as the City Council may deem best able to collect and dispose of residential refuse and/or garbage and/or recyclable materials in accordance with the best interests of the City and its residents. The City contractor shall be the only person or entity allowed to provide the contracted services to residential premises having one- and two-family residences within the City. The City contractor shall provide the contracted services to all covered residential premises in the City in full compliance with the contract, this chapter and applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Sec. 34-52. - Rates, charges and collections for Residential Refuse Service, Residential Garbage Service, and recycling services.

Rates. The City Council shall set the rates that may be charged for residential refuse service, residential garbage service, and recycling services to premises having one- and two-family residential dwellings. The rates to be charged shall be proportionate to the necessary costs of the services.

Fee Collection. The City may choose, by resolution, any of the following methods of collecting and/or billing residential properties for services rendered:

Special Assess properties, in accordance with the Charter Chapter 10 Special Assessments, receiving garbage collection services; or
City to Resident direct billing as described in Sec. 34-53 and Sec. 34-54; or
Obligate contractor to bill the resident directly.

Publication of terms. Upon adoption, the approved rates, collection schedule and times, shall be published to provide notice to the public.

Schedule. The City manager shall establish schedules, conditions, and methods of collecting refuse and shall, by appropriate means, provide the citizens of the City with information concerning the same; provided, that collection shall not commence before 7:00 a.m., nor be continued after 6:00 p.m., except where, for the protection of public health the City manager may require the extending of the time limit herein fixed; provided, further, that no person shall place refuse containers in the public right-of-way for collection by the City before 8:00 p.m. of the day preceding the regularly scheduled collection day, or a special collection day requested by the occupant and approved by the department of public works, and the occupant(s) shall not allow the refuse containers to remain in the public right-of-way past 10:00 a.m. on the day following the date the refuse is collected.

Non-residential units. All non-residential properties (including, but not limited to, apartment buildings, mobile home parks or multiple family attached dwelling units greater than three in number) shall make independent arrangements for pickup and disposal/processing of garbage/rubbish, bulk waste, yard waste and/or recyclable waste.

Contractor provided carts. The contractor shall provide and adequately maintain City approved carts to satisfy the services anticipated by the agreement.

Noncompliance by Resident. Failure by Resident to timely and properly place his/her waste and recyclables as directed by the approved contract collection schedule will not relieve the resident from the collection fee or the special assessment in full or in part.

Promulgation of rules. In order to clarify and implement the provisions of this section, the City Manager shall be authorized to promulgate all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this section in the best interests of the public health and safety of the City and residents.

Separation of materials. Non-recyclable materials shall not be placed in the recycling containers. Failure to separate recyclables as required in this section excuses the City and/or its contractors from any obligation to remove the recyclables and/or the solid waste from the curb in addition to the other penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter.

Responsibilities of residential property owners and occupants. All property owners and occupants who receive refuse collection services contracted by the City pursuant to Section 34-51 shall comply with the terms and conditions of the applicable contract, which shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Such contracts may address topics, including:
Size and other specifications for refuse bins;
Appropriate locations for placing refuse bins prior to pickup;
Weight and Size limitations for the curbside pickup, of bulk items, and yard waste;
Appropriate separation of refuse and recyclable materials.

Sec. 34-53. - Billing.

(a) Charges for garbage collection services may be billed and collected monthly, or on a quarterly basis, or on a biannual basis, or on an annual basis.

(b) Garbage collection service surcharges shall be billed and collected concurrently with the garbage collection service charge.

Sec. 34-54. Collection.

The public services department is hereby authorized to enforce the payment of charges for garbage collection services to any premises and/or for a customer's violation of Section 34-52(j), and may discontinue the collection service to such premises with an action of assumpsit instituted by the City against the customer. Where the garbage collection service to any premises is discontinued to enforce the payment of garbage collection service charges, the service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid.

Charges for garbage collection services to a premises shall constitute a lien on such premises.

Sec. 34-55. Penalty.

(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, a person who violates any provision of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$100.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.

(b) Any person, firm, or entity engaging in unauthorized commercial collection of residential refuse, garbage, or recyclable materials from covered residential premises in violation of an exclusive contract awarded pursuant to Sec. 34-51 shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. A second offense within a period of 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than \$1,000.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up. Third and subsequent offenses within 90 days shall be subject to a civil fine of \$2,500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction, including any costs of clean-up.

(c) Any violation subject to general Code enforcement shall be governed by the general penalty provisions of the City Code.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect October 26, 2026.

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

AYES: Councilmembers Fear, Olson, Osmer, and Mayor Teich.

NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Haber, Councilmembers Owens and Ludington.

Motion passes.

A brief recess was held from 8:35 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kari Krantz, 215 W. Williams Street, said the ordinance that just passed does not preclude local haulers from providing recycling. She encouraged everyone to find a creative solution to the issue.

Linda Robertson, 537 Randolph Street, thanked Council for their efforts. She said she may not agree with Council all of the time, but she appreciates that they stepped up and made the commitment.

Kori Shook, owner of 312 W. Main Street, was on hand to ask if any Councilmember could explain her water bill to her. She asked why capitalization and demand charges were larger for those with larger lines. She also asked for the City's rate study.

Sean Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, said he thought water bills are far too high. He suggested people voluntarily round up their bill and create a fund for those in need. He also said he would like to see a one page document detailing the revenues and expenditures for the Water Department.

Don Frolka, 1026 Water Street, said he felt the recent increase in water rates was higher than the stated 25%. He also objected to the payments made to Caledonia and Owosso Townships for capital expenses.

Pastor Gary Beal said the pastors association tries to thank all those that serve the community. He went on to thank Council for their time and energy and for making hard decisions.

Ashley Shortz, 1607 Young Street, asked if there was a financial status report detailing all of the recent water projects and whether they are over or under budget.

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, told Councilmember Olson that she was disrespected at the last Council meeting when the Mayor answered a question that she posed to the City Manager.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer announced that there is a service that will deliver food straight to your door if you're unable to get to local food distributions. The service is available from the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Utilities Director Suchanek noted that the water rate study is online and that he recently put together a spreadsheet showing the status of all of the water projects.

Mayor Teich asked for an update on the \$3 million state appropriation for the new towers. City Manager Henne noted that he hasn't heard anything yet, but said it has made it through the budgeting process. He went on to note that any adjustments in rates would have to be made at the time the funding is paid, whether that is before or after the project takes place.

Councilmember Osmer said \$3 million is a drop in the bucket when it comes to water and waste water projects. She warned people that they shouldn't expect rates to decrease automatically, the Council promised to review the rates, not necessarily reduce them.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Special Assessment District No. 2026-102 - Hazards & Nuisances. Authorize Resolution No. 1 setting a public hearing for Monday, October 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to receive citizen comment regarding proposed Special Assessment District No. 2026-102, Hazards & Nuisances, as it relates to unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2026

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2026-102 HAZARDS AND NUISANCES

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of specially assessing that portion of the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances more particularly hereinafter described to the properties specially benefited by said public improvement, and the same has been presented to the Council by the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is hereby accepted and shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The Council shall meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 6:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2026 for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in said special assessment roll and reviewing the same.

3. The City Clerk is directed to publish the notice of said hearings once in *The Argus Press*, the official newspaper of the City of Owosso, not less than ten (10) days prior to said hearing and shall further cause notice of said hearing to be sent by first class mail to each owner of the property subject to assessment, as indicated by the records in the City Assessor’s office as shown on the general tax rolls of the City, at least ten (10) days before the time of said hearing, said notice to be mailed to the addresses shown on said general tax rolls of the City.

The notice of said hearing to be published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL – HAZARDS AND NUISANCES
CITY OF OWOSSO
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, MICHIGAN**

TO THE OWNERS OF THE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

TAKE NOTICE that a Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the unpaid costs incurred in the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing of hazards and nuisances on the property listed below.

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Customer #	Address	Srvc Code	Amount Due
8/6/2025	7784	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/6/2025	7785	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/6/2025	7787	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	WEEDS	\$ 140.00
8/6/2025	7788	050-660-017-001-00	108 N Chipman St	WEEDS	\$ 184.00
8/6/2025	7789	050-553-000-008-00	1500 McMillan Ave	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
8/6/2025	7790	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7792	050-660-011-001-00	219 N Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7793	050-114-006-001-00	1122 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7797	050-390-004-012-00	1260 Adams St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7826	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7827	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7828	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	WEEDS	\$ 140.00
9/16/2025	7832	050-050-000-038-00	114 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7836	050-553-000-008-00	1500 McMillan Ave	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
9/16/2025	7837	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
2/27/2026	7965	050-180-004-020-00	326 S Dewey St	CLEAN	\$ 227.22
5/26/2026	8036	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
5/26/2026	8037	050-548-000-002-00	1299 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
5/26/2026	8038	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8040	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8042	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/26/2026	8043	050-010-034-015-00	620 Wright	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
5/29/2026	8046	050-652-008-004-00	808 Division St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8072	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
6/5/2026	8073	050-115-002-019-00	1149 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
6/5/2026	8074	050-010-017-040-00	646 Alger Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8075	050-114-004-004-00	State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8076	050-114-004-005-00	1115 State St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/5/2026	8077	050-210-000-005-00	519 Moore St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/15/2026	8081	050-010-015-002-00	663 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
6/15/2026	8083	050-111-009-003-00	412 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/15/2026	8084	050-111-009-005-00	404 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
6/15/2026	8085	050-380-001-012-00	320 Dimmick St	WEEDS	\$ 165.00
6/16/2026	8086	050-602-007-005-00	1803 W Stewart St	WEEDS	\$ 169.00
6/18/2026	8089	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/18/2026	8090	050-010-015-005-00	651 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 132.50

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Customer #	Address	Srvc Code	Amount Due
6/18/2026	8091	050-651-000-022-00	501 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
6/18/2026	8092	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
6/22/2026	8099	050-250-000-040-00	624 Pine St	CLEAN	\$ 312.11
6/25/2026	8104	050-602-007-005-00	1803 W Stewart St	CLEAN	\$ 1,538.72
6/30/2026	8105	050-113-014-001-00	1203 W Main St	WTR	\$ 596.95
7/2/2026	8123	050-660-006-005-00	718 River St	WEEDS	\$ 134.50
7/2/2026	8124	050-115-002-019-00	1149 S Shiawassee St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
7/2/2026	8125	050-113-001-024-00	816 W Stewart St	WEEDS	\$ 132.50
7/2/2026	8126	050-010-015-002-00	663 Glenwood Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/2/2026	8127	050-010-017-040-00	646 Alger Ave	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/2/2026	8128	050-652-008-004-00	808 Division St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8131	050-660-014-012-00	104 N Lansing St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8132	050-542-000-005-00	412 E Main St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8133	050-660-011-001-00	219 N Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 129.00
7/20/2026	8135	050-490-000-006-00	314 N Chestnut St	CLEAN	\$ 270.96
7/20/2026	8136	050-660-014-004-00	800 W Main St	WTR	\$ 4,001.49
7/21/2026	8137	050-652-008-011-00	303 E Ridge St	WEEDS	\$ 203.29
7/29/2026	8140	050-090-002-016-00	1419 Cleveland Ave	WEEDS	\$ 158.00
7/29/2026	8142	050-621-000-002-00	403 State St	WEEDS	\$ 169.00
				Total:	\$ 13,820.24

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY HAZARDS/NUISANCES INVOICES OR CHARGES REMAINING UNPAID AS OF THEIR DUE DATE WILL BE INCLUDED ON THIS ROLL.

The said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any objections to said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances must be filed in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of the hearing to review said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessment may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Owosso City Hall, Owosso, Michigan at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026 for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment Roll-Hazards and Nuisances and for the purpose of considering all objections to said roll submitted in writing. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the City Treasurer’s Office at 725-0599.

4. The City Treasurer is directed to write-off the following hazards and nuisances charges, consisting of unpaid invoices that are unable to be leined due to the Shiawassee County tax sale process:

Invoice Date	Invoice #	Customer #	Address	Srvc Code	Amount Due
8/13/2025	7794	050-652-010-024-00	917 S Park St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
8/13/2025	7796	050-660-022-004-00	216 S Elm St	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
9/16/2025	7829	050-114-006-001-00	1122 S Cedar St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7834	050-652-010-024-00	917 S Park St	WEEDS	\$ 135.00
9/16/2025	7835	050-660-022-004-00	216 S Elm St	WEEDS	\$ 142.00
				Total:	\$ 824.00

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

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expires
Garret Behar	Parks and Recreation Commission (effective October 5, 2026)	6-30-2028

Designation of Street Administrator. Authorize resolution designating DPW Superintendent Benjamin “Chase” Peiffer as Street Administrator to represent the City in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to Act 51 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2026

DESIGNATION OF STREET ADMINISTRATOR

Whereas, Section 13(9) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951 provided that each incorporated city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, that, "the responsibility for street improvements, maintenance, and traffic operations work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-street parking facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in transactions with the State Transportation Department pursuant to this act."

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Honorable Body designates Benjamin Peiffer as the single Street Administrator for the City of Owosso in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of the Act.

Master Plan Implementation Goals: 3.4, 3.22

Motion supported by Councilmember Fear.

Roll Call Vote.

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

NAYS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mike Cline, 204 Stratford Drive, asked if the City was putting on a meet-the-candidates event. No one was aware of anything.

Don Frolka, 1026 Water Street, asked why the Council is insisting on going with a single trash hauler.

Jael Harrington, 515 N. Washington Street, pointed out that Kalamazoo has an ordinance the City could copy that could possibly allow the shelter to open this winter.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Teich asked if staff could look into the Kalamazoo idea. City Manager Henne indicated he would look into the possibility of fast-tracking a homeless shelter.

City Manager Henne reported that he has been working with Hope Works Mid-Michigan and has been very pleased with their advice in creating a shelter. He went on to describe the process for changing the zoning of the Safe Center to accommodate a shelter, saying that Council would have to vote to approve spot zoning against the advice of staff. He concluded by saying the City has not been ignoring the homeless issue but is restricted from a funding standpoint.

Councilmember Fear asked if the church that was a warming center last year was going to do the same thing this year. It was suggested she ask the church.

Councilmember Olson announced that there would be another little free sled library this year and she’s looking for sled sponsors.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of September 14, 2026.
Parks and Recreation Commission. Minutes of September 23, 2026.
Downtown Historic District Commission. Minutes of September 16, 2026
Temporary Carnegie Library Committee. Minutes of September 24, 2026

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19, 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
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

Motion by Councilmember Owens for adjournment at 9:31 p.m.

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

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor

Amy K. Kohagen, City Clerk

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