CITY OF OWOSSO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Jerome C. Haber, Councilmembers Janae L. Fear (arrived at 7:45 pm), Carl C. Ludington, Emily S. Olson, Rachel M. Osmer, and Christopher D. Owens.

ABSENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shelly Ochodnicky spoke of too much government overreach.

Joe Doverik, 1414 Frederick, has concerns regarding single trash haulers and small companies losing business.

Dawn Marie Mersino, 702 N Dewey, spoke about a water bill complaint and against single hauler.

Bud Grazier spoke about water bills, single haulers and the effect of 4-5 garbage trucks on the road at the same time.

Ashley Shortz, 1607 Young, spoke about garbage based on the city manager report.

Susan Kofta, 1517 Hiawatha spoke about garbage and the Pride Fest.

Galen Ponder, 602 N Ball, spoke about garbage trucks, water bills and drag queens.

Bill Byrne, 815 W Oliver, spoke on behalf of the HDC in regard to the vacant building ordinance and the HDC version vs the DDA version.

Tom Manke, spoke about garbage and the Cook Foundation and a council member.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Approved to direct staff to form a resolution for the next meeting for council members to discuss and possibly eliminate water shut offs.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

Emergency WWTP Secondary Influent Pump #4 Repair. Approved the proposal from Professional Pump of Belleville, Michigan to perform repair of the Secondary Influent Pump #4 in the amount of $22,460.00.

Professional Utility Engineering Services – Water and Wastewater Services Agreements. Approved three agreements for professional engineering services with Orchard, Hiltz & McClement (OHM) Advisors (Saginaw, MI), Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. (Kalamazoo, MI) and Fishbeck (Lansing, MI).

Library Boiler Repair. Approved the purchased material and labor services from Goyette Mechanical Co., Inc. of Flint, MI for the repair of Weil McLain Steam Boiler at the Shiawassee District Library in the amount of $28,400.00

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Glow Owosso Fireworks Permit Request. Approved the request of Owosso Main Street/DDA for permission to hold a public fireworks display operated by Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. during the City's annual Glow Owosso event.

Citizens Loft Development Agreement. Approved the Development Agreement between the City of Owosso and Woodworth Investments, LLC for the Citizens Loft project located on the third floor of the building at 123 N. Washington Street.

Proposed Water & Sewer Connections Charges for 2026. Approved the adoption of the revised water and sewer connection charges and miscellaneous charges beginning November 2, 2026.

Analysis of Vacant Building Ordinance Proposals. Tabled until the November 16, 2026 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ed Sharoian, 409 Michigan, thanked the city manager for closing the street to any further truck traffic.
Ashley Shortz, 1607 Young, spoke about the Master Plan goals.
Dawn Marie Mersino, 702 N Dewey, spoke about her water bill.
Tom Manke spoke about vacant buildings.
Jane Ferraro, 302 W Oliver, spoke about water and sewer connection fees.
Don Frolka, 1026 N Water, had questions about the Owosso Township agreement for water and sewer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Osmer addressed the concerns in regard to her employment and her seat on the council.
Councilmember Olson stated she is having a Repair Day on November 14th from 10 to 4 at her store at 204 W. Main St.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Tanya S. Buckelew, Community Development Director. Annual Liquor Licenses Inspection Report
Owosso Historical Commission. Minutes of October 20, 2026.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 16, 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Robert J. Teich, Jr., Mayor
Tanya S. Buckelew, Recording Clerk

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