

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Called Meeting  
February 12, 2019 5:00 PM**

Owensboro City Hall  
101 E. 4th Street  
Owensboro, Kentucky

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Tom Watson

**2. ROLL CALL** - City Clerk Beth Cecil

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger  
Commissioner Larry Conder  
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Out on Business:

Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright

**3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE** – Commissioner Larry Conder

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.A.** OBKY ACEs Awareness for Resilience and Empowerment Proclamation was accepted by Rosemary Conder on behalf of Social Partners Advocating for a Resilient Kentucky – Owensboro-Daviess County (SPARKodc).

**4.B.** Finance and Support Services Director Angela Hamric briefed the Commission on the history of the City's two (2) TIF projects and gave an update on the status of each project. Both the Downtown and Gateway/Highway 54 TIFs have been activated as of January 1, 2018. The Gateway/Highway 54 TIF project includes a new theater, hotel, shopping, Greenbelt, wastewater treatment plant and expansion of Ragu treatment plant. Reimbursement to the City from the State is based on projected economic development analyses provided to the State by the City. The State then establishes a maximum reimbursement amount to be paid to the City. The maximum amount the State will reimburse for Gateway is \$20.5 million and for Downtown is \$24.5 million. The reimbursement period lasts a maximum of twenty (20) years, so the reimbursements will terminate on the sooner of reaching the maximum approved amount or reaching the twenty (20) year mark. The City will submit the data report for 2018 to the State in spring of 2019. After the State audits the data, they will reimburse the City. We plan to include the estimated activity in the budget for 2019-20.

**4.C.** Lelan Hancock, Assistant City Manager gave an update on the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum. He stated the \$15.3 million project came in \$266,000 under budget and the remaining funds will be divided 2/3 to the City (\$177,000) and 1/3 to the Bluegrass Museum (\$88,000). Mayor Watson asked for the status of the third floor where the restaurant was originally planned. Mr. Hancock stated the floor has been finished out (paid for by the Museum) and is now available to be rented out for events.

**4.D.** City Project List – Mayor Watson asked what the needed equipment for the Dog Park consists of, to which Mrs. Amanda Rogers, Parks Director, explained the equipment consists of trash cans, benches, water fountain(s) and mutt mitt holders. Commissioner Conder asked for an update on Triplett Twist and asked what area of the City would receive the next focus. Abby Shelton, Community Development Director, responded that she is wrapping up numbers in Triplett Twist with exterior homeowner rehabs and the shopping center façade rehab. The next area of focus will be in the northwest quadrant of the City in year 2020 through exterior rehab and repairs. Mayor Watson asked if the costs for the softball complex renovations would be available prior to next year's budget. Mrs. Rogers stated the initial numbers have been received from the design and development group and should soon be given to the Commission by City Manager.

## **5. BUSINESS**

**5.A.** The following personnel appointments were approved 4-0 upon motion by Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford:

### **PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **Aaron Brown** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2019
- **John Nantz** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Equipment Operator with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective February 17, 2019

**5.B. Closed Session** - Motion was made by Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Conder to enter into a Closed Session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss the acquisition or sale of property and under KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The closed session adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford; motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk