

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Joint Meeting with
Daviess County Fiscal Court
April 24, 2019 4:00 PM
Daviess County Fiscal Court
Courtroom
212 St. Ann Street
Owensboro, KY

1. CALL TO ORDER - Judge/Executive Al Mattingly

2. ROLL CALL - Fiscal Court Clerk Jenni Warren

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson
Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright
Commissioner Larry Conder
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Judge/Executive Al Mattingly
Commissioner Charlie Castlen
Commissioner Mike Koger
Commissioner George Wathen

Unavailable:

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

- 3.** Ordinance 6-2019 entitled AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX F, ARTICLES 3, 8, 14, 20, AND 22 OF THE OWENSBORO METROPOLITAN ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITIES OF OWENSBORO AND WHITESVILLE, AND DAVIESS COUNTY, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC) proposes an amendment to the text of the Zoning Ordinance for the Cities of Owensboro and Whitesville, and Daviess County regarding revisions to Article 3 (General Zone & District Regulations) will help allocate wisely the use of land for various activities by encouraging sound land development policies and are an example of creating flexible zoning regulations for existing redeveloping neighborhoods, 8 (Schedule of Zones), 14 (Definitions), 20 (Cellular Antenna Tower Regulations) and 22 (Arena Overlay District) will help maintain Daviess County as a viable economic unit. Brian Howard, Director of OMPC, explained each text amendment in depth and answered questions from each Commission.

4. Ordinance 7-2019 entitled AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND AMBULANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT, AND MERCY AMBULANCE OF EVANSVILLE D/B/A AMR AMBULANCE SERVICE, THE EXCLUSIVE COUNTY-WIDE PROVIDER OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH SYSTEMS, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Daviess County Fiscal Court and City of Owensboro's current ambulance provider Procarent, d/b/a Yellow Ambulance, notified the governments pursuant to their contract, that the provider intended to discontinue its emergency ambulance service in Daviess County, effective July 1, 2019. The City and County negotiated and approved an exclusive Emergency Medical Service and Ambulance Agreement by and between the City, County and Mercy Ambulance of Evansville, Inc., d/b/a AMR Ambulance. Fire Chief Steve Mitchell walked the Commissions through the process of acquiring the new ambulance service provider. The agreement with AMR is for ten (10) one-year terms, for which State law only allows for one-year terms. The subsidy is set at \$150,000 for the first two (2) years; after that, negotiations will take place to reconcile the subsidy based upon costs and expenses that are provided through AMR. There was discussion at length from both Commissions and staff on the challenges and steps taken to acquire a new provider. Judge/Executive Al Mattingly stated that his preference would have been for a hospital based ambulance service. Mr. Claud Porter, County Attorney, explained the details of the Agreement. Judge/Executive Al Mattingly asked Owensboro Health CEO, Greg Strahan, if the hospital is prepared to participate in the subsidy which is currently required by City (60%) and County (40%), based on population. Mr. Strahan replied that since the Certificate of Need is currently held under the City and County, the hospital cannot negotiate the contract nor be a party to it. The hospital is open to discussion on the subsidy, as well as the overall healthcare future for the community. Judge/Executive Mattingly requested discussions continue to take place regarding a back-up agreement.

5. Municipal Order 8-2019 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO'S ONE-THIRD (1/3) PORTION OF PROPERTY CONTAINING 30.897 ACRES AND LOCATED AT 3300 CARTER ROAD; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY TO RIVERFRONT FORWARD, LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 82.083(4), was approved 4-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The City of Owensboro owns a one-third (1/3) portion of 30.897 acres of real property located at Air Park, Owensboro, Kentucky, which is jointly owned by the Economic Development Properties, Inc. (EDP). EDP has already approved the sale of their interest in the property to Riverfront Forward, LLC. Riverfront Forward, LLC wishes to purchase the City's interest and build on the property in furtherance of development of the City.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. upon motion made by Commissioner Smith-Wright, seconded by Commissioner Sanford and carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk