

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
July 16, 2019 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Beth Cecil, City Clerk

Present:

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

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Rob Barnett, Director of Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport gave an update on the recent selection of Cape Air for the Essential Air Service at the airport (presentation attached).

4.B. Dugan Best Recreation Center Director Michael Gray with the Parks Department gave a brief update on the Center's mission and goals as they just celebrated their 45th anniversary. J'nayah Hall (2532 W. 8th Street), former attendee of the Center gave her testimony on how the Center has impacted her life. She is volunteering at the Center this summer through her practicum at Lindsey Wilson College. Amanda Rogers, Director of Parks & Recreation, explained that through discussions with area residents of the Center, extended hours would begin July 22nd. The Center will remain open, on a six-week trial basis, until 9:00 pm Monday – Saturday. She also mentioned they have been looking into options for a summer youth program. Dugan Best Center staff has come up two (2) program ideas: the first is a monthly meeting for staff to help youth find employment. Representatives of Owensboro Community & Technical College are helping to create a program to have the tools and materials available for the students; and the second program idea is for Brescia University student-athletes to come to the Center two times per week to mentor and tutor the kids. There was brief discussion on field trips for the participants.

4.C. Dust Bowl Week Proclamation was accepted by Byron Owen.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated June 18, 2019, July 9, 2019 and July 11, 2019 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson with a second from Commissioner Conder.

5.B. The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second from Commissioner Smith-Wright:

- **Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance** - Reappoint John Garvin to a two-year term expiring July 16, 2021
- **Owensboro-Daviess County Board of Health** – Reappoint Nate Pagan to a two-year term expiring August 1, 2021

6. ORDINANCES – 2ND READING - NONE

7. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

7.A. Ordinance 24-2019 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REBATE OF ONE PERCENT (1.0%) OF ALL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, BY ORDINANCE, FROM THE SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO NEW EMPLOYEES HIRED BY TRIFECTA STEEL, LLC, FORMERLY KENTUCKY BUILDING SYSTEMS, LLC, LOCATED AT 2911 MEDLEY ROAD, PROVIDED SAID COMPANY MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ITS APPLICATION FOR INCENTIVES UNDER THE KENTUCKY BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Trifecta Steel, LLC, formerly Kentucky Building Systems, LLC, has made application for certain benefits and incentives available to it under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KBI) of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) as a result of its commitment to expand and create jobs and investments in Owensboro. As an incentive and an inducement for Trifecta Steel, LLC to improve and grow its facility in Owensboro, the City hereby agrees to rebate to the Company one percent (1.0%) of the total occupational license fee revenues otherwise derived by the City from salaries, wages and other compensation paid to the qualifying new company employees hired by Trifecta Steel, LLC at 2911 Medley Road, Owensboro, KY. City Manager Pagan briefly explained the details of the incentives to include creation of twenty (20) new jobs.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 19-2019 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND ADDENDUM TO MANAGEMENT AND LEASE (WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND THE RIVERPARK CENTER, INC., was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Conder.

The City and Riverpark Center (RPC) entered into a Management and Lease (with option to purchase) Agreement on September 1, 2011 and a First Addendum on July 15, 2013. Since that time, the International Bluegrass Music Museum has relocated to its own facility and the Riverpark is limited as to the types of entities to which it may sublease portions of the premises. This Second Addendum permits sublease of the premises to a third party if the usage complies with the requirements of the Article 21 Downtown Overlay District. City Manager Pagan explained the City owns the RPC property and leases it to RPC Board. Per the current agreement, the former Bluegrass Museum space in the RPC is currently only available to be leased for civic, convention center or performing arts. This amendment authorizes additional uses in accordance with Article 21 Downtown Overlay District. Commissioner Conder asked what happens if the new tenant wants renovations, has HVAC issues or requests other improvements and who approves them. City Manager Pagan explained that some funds are available for repairs per a prior agreement, i.e. structural systems, HVAC; however, leasehold improvements would not involve the City. Those improvements would be between the RPC and the tenant. The option to purchase section of the Agreement has been in effect since the original agreement date. Commissioner Smith-Wright asked what would be the purchase price; City Manager Pagan will report back with the price.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2019 was approved 5-0 upon motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

9.B. The following Personnel Appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Conder:

PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- Zane Rutherford – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Roadworker with the Public Works Street Department, effective July 22, 2019

REGULAR STATUS:

- Logan Burnett – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective July 22, 2019

- Travis White – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective July 22, 2019
- Lauren Shaffer – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective July 23, 2019

9.C. City Manager Comments – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Communications were heard from the elected officials.

Mayor Watson directed everyone to the Owensboro Assessment Report (Secret Shopper) that is available on the City's website.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Misty Head (805 E. 21st Street) expressed her deep concern with the condition and actions taking place at a neighbor's house – 807 E. 21st. City staff and OPD will check into it.

Tim Collier (1828 Calhoun Street), with My Brother's Keeper, said they are working on a summer youth program for next year and requested businesses hire local youth. He mentioned the possibility of hosting a firework display in the Dugan Best area next year and the possibility of hosting a back to school event at the pool. Mayor Watson encouraged him to utilize the Neighborhood Alliance programs. Mr. Collier invited everyone to the public meeting at Dugan Best on July 22 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Watson said he is working to create a Mayor's Youth Council. Mayor Watson and Commissioner Smith-Wright mentioned the fact that the City hosted a 45th birthday celebration recently at Dugan Best Center and no one attended from the public.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. upon motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk