

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Regular Meeting**  
**October 1, 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.** Unveiling of 2019 City Christmas Card – Mayor Watson commissioned local artist Aaron Kizer to design the 2019 City Christmas card. The card was unveiled and brief comments were heard from Mr. Kizer. More details will be released regarding purchasing the card.

**4.B.** Rick Graves, IT Infrastructure Manager, was recognized with an Outstanding Service Award for his service years with the City.

**4.C.** Julius Maddox accepted the “Julius Maddox Day” Proclamation in recognition of breaking the world raw bench press record by lifting an incredible 739.6 pounds.

**4.D.** Laura Alexander, General Manager with Spectra gave a short presentation on the 2018-2019 Year in Review for both the Convention Center and Sportscenter (attached). Both venues beat their budget at a combined total of \$96,916. The Convention Center had the lowest operating subsidy since opening. Mayor Watson discussed utilizing a community calendar so that multiple organizations are not hosting events on the same night. He asked if managing additional facilities such as the RiverPark Center, Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum in conjunction with the Convention Center and Sportscenter would benefit the community. Mrs. Alexander explained it would be a smoother process for the promoter/booking agent. The venues are all different and able to accommodate a variety of acts. Mayor Watson would like to look at this issue further.

## **5. BUSINESS**

**5.A.** Minutes dated September 10, 2019 and September 17, 2019 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

**5.B.** The following Board Appointment was approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Starling Lambert to a two-year term expiring September 24, 2021

## **6. ORDINANCES – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING - NONE**

## **7. ORDINANCES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**7.A.** Ordinance 31-2019 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY OWNED BY CEDARHURST OF OWENSBORO REAL ESTATE, LLC AND LOCATED AT 1900 PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, CONTAINING SEVEN (7) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

An Ordinance annexing the property located at 1900 Pleasant Valley Road, containing seven (7) acres. There will be an annexation incentive agreement for the property. City Manager Pagan explained the developer is investing \$18 million on the development of a personal care home with fifty-six (56) senior apartments and twenty-seven (27) memory care suites while employing fifty (50) when the facility is completed.

## **8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

**8.A.** Municipal Order 24-2019 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVER CITY PICKLEBALL, INC. ESTABLISHING PICKLEBALL COURTS IN YORK PARK; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING SPONSORSHIP FUNDING, was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The City owns and maintains York Park, located at 2201 York Drive, an approximate two (2) acre park. The River City Pickleball, Inc. (RCP) is a local association composed primarily of citizens of the City who enjoy playing pickleball for sport, health and fitness. The City and RCP have engaged in discussions and negotiations for the creation of four (4) outdoor pickleball courts in York Park and seek to formalize the same. City Manager Pagan explained the project cost will be split between the City and the RCP; the City's portion will be used with funds currently budgeted so no additional city funds are needed. John Gillians (4152 Brookhill Drive), President of RCP, explained that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and that the recreational club of one hundred seventeen (117) members invested their own funds to create the courts. The courts will be maintained by the City.

**8.B.** Municipal Order 25-2019 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,765.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE FIFTEEN (15) TASERS, FIFTEEN (15) TASER BATTERY PACKS, AND TWENTY (20) TASER CARTRIDGES; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY, was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

OPD seeks to purchase fifteen (15) X26P Class III Tasers, fifteen (15) X26P Auto Shut Off Battery Packs, and twenty (20) cartridges for X26P Tasers through the Law Enforcement Protection Program grant awarded by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

**8.C.** Municipal Order 26-2019 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,176.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) SOFT BODY ARMOR VESTS AND EIGHT (8) BALLISTIC PLATES; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY, was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

OPD seeks to purchase eight (8) Soft Body Armor Vests and eight (8) Ballistic Plates through the Law Enforcement Protection Program grant awarded by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

## **9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**9.A.** The following Personnel Appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Smith-Wright:

### **PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **David Lopez** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective October 14, 2019

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Adrienne R. Carrico** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Executive Assistant to Mayor with the Administration Department, effective October 1, 2019

- **David L. Taylor** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Property Maintenance Inspector with the Public Works Engineering Department, effective October 1, 2019
- **Caleb S. Peterson** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective October 2, 2019
- **John F. Priar** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective October 8, 2019

**9.B. City Manager Comments – None**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Communications were heard from the elected officials.

Mayor Watson mentioned that Commissioner Smith-Wright was recently presented “The Athenian Oath” by Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). She is an executive committee member on KLC Board of Directors.

Commissioner Conder via a request of a student (Ramone) at Foust Elementary, requested that the cross walk at Ninth Street going to Moreland Park be painted.

Mayor Watson briefly mentioned the VFW and their tax bill situation. The development/progress of the riverfront has led to their property being more valuable. The city tax is the smallest part of the VFW’s bill as the remaining tax is from the city school. State leaders are evaluating options and Mayor Watson encouraged everyone to support the VFW, as city officials will do the same.

**11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - NONE**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. upon motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk