

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020 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 – Commissioner Jeff Sanford

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Swear in Firefighters – Badge Pinning Ceremony

Mayor Watson swore in the following Firefighters and their family members pinned their badges:

- Damon Brandle
- Trevor Dixon
- Brad Hall
- Joshua Jones
- Coy Murphy
- Cody Ramburger
- Jordan Roberts

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated February 4 and February 11, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion of Commissioner Sanford with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford:

- **Wesleyan-Shawnee Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Stephanie Clary to a two-year term effective March 15, 2020

- **Owensboro Sister Cities and Regions Board** – Appoint Elizabeth Griffith to a three-year term effective February 18, 2020

6. ORDINANCES – 2ND READING - None

7. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

7.A. Ordinance 4-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, JOINTLY REPEALING DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT ORDINANCE 860.2 AND CITY OF OWENSBORO ORDINANCES NO. 8-98 AND 12-2005 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, was publicly read on first reading.

The City and County entered into a Memorandum of Agreement through Municipal Order 35-2019 to establish the Ambulance Contracting Authority (ACA). Therefore, the former Medical Control Authority (MCA) Ordinances are repealed in their entirety. City Manager Pagan explained that the ACA was established in December 2019 and their board members were appointed at January 7, 2020 Commission meeting and have assumed authority. Both the City and the County can now repeal the MCA ordinance.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS - None

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:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Chris L. Besecker** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Infrastructure Supervisor with the Information Technology Department, effective March 9, 2020
- **Carey M. Haynes** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Accountant with the Finance Department, effective March 9, 2020

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Amanda F. Kopstad** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Lead Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective March 1, 2020

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Joseph W. Dick** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Owensboro Fire Department, effective February 27, 2020

- **James T. Napier** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Owensboro Fire Department, effective February 27, 2020
- **Andrew K. Shively** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Owensboro Fire Department, effective February 27, 2020
- **Gary D. Vincent** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Owensboro Fire Department, effective February 27, 2020

9.B. City Manager Comments - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Condolences were given to Mayor Watson on the loss of his Mother, Gaby Watson.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Sarah Strobel (1716 Windsor Avenue) requested that chickens be permitted in city residents' backyards.

Steve Jarvis (111/113 E. 2nd Street) stated that he is opposed to the expansion of The District and requested the ordinance be repealed.

Lora Rider (2525 Allen) and Kathy Alban (6973 Masonville Habit Rd) discussed their concern with the extreme number of plastic cups used during events within The District. They would like to see another avenue used to distinguish participants, wristbands, stickers, etc.

Mayor Watson explained that creation of the Entertainment Destination Center was a starting point and the ordinance is a fluid document.

Andy Gamblin (2920 Yale Place) requested the EDC ordinance be repealed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 5:36 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner Smith-Wright and a second by Commissioner Conder.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk