

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
July 20, 2021 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42303

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Beth Davis, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger
Commissioner Mark Castlen
Commissioner Jeff Sanford
Commissioner Bob Glenn

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Mark Castlen

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson recognized the upcoming retirement of Terri Luellen, Administrative Aide, Sanitation Department effective July 31, 2021.

4.B. Dust Bowl Week Proclamation was presented by Mayor Watson to Byron Owen.

4.C. Tim Ross, Public Events Director gave an update on the upcoming Airshow and Hydrofair in August.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated July 6, 2021 and July 13, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn.

5.B. The following board appointment was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger:

- **City Utility Commission** – Appoint Tami Wilson to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends January 8, 2024

The following board appointment was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn:

- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Deb Hizny and Loretta Schell to a two-year term effective July 20, 2021

6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING - None

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

7.A. Ordinance 10-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING ALLEY RIGHTS-OF-WAY LOCATED BEHIND 714 SYCAMORE STREET AND 1013 WEST 8TH STREET AND BETWEEN 1010 AND 1014 WEST 7TH STREETS IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, INC., was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Habitat for Humanity of Owensboro-Daviess County, Inc. has petitioned the City for the closing of alley rights-of-way located behind 714 Sycamore Street and 1013 West 8th Street and between 1010 and 1014 West 7th Streets. City Manager Pagan explained that all parties have signed consents for the closure of the “paper” alley (which is not paved). The alley does not connect to any other street and serves no purpose from a transportation perspective. Once closed, the alley property will revert to the continuous property owners.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS - None

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The following personnel appointments were approved 5-0 with a motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Castlen:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Nathan T. Mewes** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Electrician with the Facilities Maintenance Buildings Department, effective August 2, 2021

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Luke A. Cecil** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective August 2, 2021
- **Buster D. Davidson, III** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective August 2, 2021

9.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan gave a shout out of Happy Birthday to Chief Howard.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Glenn advised citizens to be cognizant of young children left in hot vehicles.

Commissioner Castlen stated the flooding in the area of York Drive has been going on for a long time and he requested a conversation occur for a future plan. The neighbors have been reaching out to him for assistance.

Mayor Watson recognized the passing of Bob Robinson. He announced that an update would be given soon on the uptick and vaccination levels of our local COVID-19 crisis. He also thanked all city staff for the hard work they will be putting in over the back-to-back Airshow and Hydrofair weekends. Mayor Watson recognized Southern Star, Staton Family Foundation, Atmos and Boardwalk Pipelines for sponsoring the "Energy on Ice" that opened last weekend.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Matt Monsour (2161 York Drive) requested the City begin to address the flooding issue in the York Drive area of the City. He was the speaker for a number of neighbors in attendance. City Manager Pagan stated it is on the City's radar and we will look at the issue.

Pastor Clarence Tapp led a prayer to pray for gun violence in the community.

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.A. Mayor Watson made a motion to enter into a Closed Session under KRS 61.810(1)(g) for discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity concerning a specific proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn and carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The closed session adjourned unanimously upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger with a second from Commissioner Sanford.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting unanimously adjourned upon motion of Commissioner Sanford and a second by Commissioner Glenn at 6:35 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk