

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Called Meeting

April 19, 2022 5:00 PM

Owensboro City Hall

101 E. 4th Street

Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL - City Clerk Beth Davis

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

Commissioner Mark Castlen

Commissioner Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Mark Castlen

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson presented the “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week” proclamation to Paul Nave, Director of Central Dispatch.

4.B. An update from the recent Transit Study was given by Stephen Franklin, Director of Public Works and Pamela Canary, Transit Manager (presentation attached). The goals of the study were to increase utilization, enhance efficiencies and improve mobility. Mr. Franklin explained the study suggested adding three (3) new transfer hubs which would allow riders to transfer buses without having to go back to the Transit Station. The transfer points would be located in the Airpark, Starlite Drive and Villa Point. Mayor Watson asked if the second shift status was discussed for the Airpark businesses. Mrs. Canary said the consultants did not recommend extending hours for the Airpark due to the cost associated with it. Mayor Watson requested the Board of Commissioners receive a copy of the full report. There was discussion on moving the Transit Station. Mrs. Canary said the report did not discuss moving the main office. Mr. Franklin added that although the consultants did not address a new location, it can still be reviewed since they are currently out growing the Allen Street location.

4.C. Abby Shelton, Community Development Director, presented the Annual Action Plan for 2022-2023 (presentation attached). The plan consists of the continued revitalization of the Northwest NRSA, federal funding, local funding, and HOME-ARP funds. The City has been awarded and anticipates an allocation of \$1 Million in HOME-ARP funds which will be an amendment to the 2021 Action Plan. A survey has been created to gather the

public's thoughts on use of the HOME-ARP funds. The Commission will consider the Annual Action Plan on May 3, 2022.

4.D. City Manager Nate Pagan discussed the ARPA Projects. Of the \$13.3 Million available; \$2.5M is unappropriated. There was a general consensus to move forward with Cravens Pool update (\$750,000), replace the OMU Water Tower near Hillcrest Golf Course (\$2.5M), and \$5M for York area drainage improvements. There will be a formal vote on a budget amendment for the projects. The broad project categories for ARPA funds include utility, broadband, impacted populations from COVID (health, economic, workforce) and revenue replacement. The City can keep any unappropriated funds and use for revenue replacement. Mrs. Waninger added that the funds can be used for general government services; salaries/benefits of first responders.

4.E. City Manager Pagan presented the City Project List. Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger asked for an update on the transient dock. Mr. Pagan explained there is a substantial delay on the docks and recommends if we proceed to split the project into two (2) bid packages and get the docks started due to the long lead time and start on the permits with the Division of Water, Corp of Engineers, etc. while the docks are being fabricated. After the permits are in hand, the construction of the project can be bid out separately. Mayor Watson stated he would not be interested in a boat dock unless a Senior Center and Indoor Sports Complex could be accomplished. Commissioner Sanford and Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger said they would like to also look at the viability of the Senior Center and Indoor Sports Complex.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated March 15, 2022 and March 29, 2022 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

- **Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Development Authority Board** – Reappoint Robert Mark Berry to a four-year term expiring April 3, 2026.
- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** – Appoint Terri Crowe to a three-year term effective April 5, 2022.
- **Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport Board** – Appoint Tyler Goad to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends October 2, 2024. (Replacing Joe Bowen).
- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Woodrow “Woody” Maglinger to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends June 15, 2023. (Replacing Johnathan Bailes)

6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING - None

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING - None

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 13-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND ELLIS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC BY WHICH THE COMPANY SHALL LOCATE A HISTORICAL HORSE RACING GAMING FACILITY IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO IN EXCHANGE FOR A REBATE OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE GENERAL FUND OCCUPATIONAL FEE ON GROSS WAGES FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, was unanimously approved on one reading upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

Ellis Entertainment, LLC desires to locate a historical horse racing gaming facility in the City of Owensboro, Kentucky which will create jobs and further stimulate local commerce. The City recognizes the economic impact of the Ellis facility in Owensboro and hereby agrees to incentivize Ellis for its job creation initiative in the community by entering into an Agreement.

8.B. Municipal Order 14-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER RENAMING MAX RHOADS PARK AT SEVENTH AND WALNUT STREETS TO “MONETA SLEET JR. PARK”, was unanimously approved on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn.

In 1982 the Board of Commissioners named the city park located at Seventh and Walnut Streets “Max Rhoads Park” in honor of the former Owensboro City Manager. On March 24, 2022, the Owensboro Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommended renaming the park in honor of Moneta Sleet Jr. in response to a request from the Northwest Neighborhood Alliance.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. Mrs. Angela Waninger, Director of Finance, presented the Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2022 (presentation attached). Motion was made by Mayor Watson to file the report for audit; motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger and passed unanimously.

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

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Joshua R. Hoge** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Parks & Recreation Facilities Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective April 25, 2022
- **Dana M. Payne** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Recreation Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective April 25, 2022
- **Joseph A. Payne** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Street Department, effective April 26, 2022

Mayor Watson asked how the Parks and Recreation hiring was going: Mrs. Rogers stated she still needs about 55 positions filled.

9.C. City Manager Comments – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger and Commissioner Glenn congratulated Martha Clark, George Greenwell, Scott and Bill Jagoe on their induction into the Owensboro Business Hall of Fame.

Mayor Watson recognized three students that were accepted in the Gatton Academy: Liz Burgan, Jack Smith and Nolan French. He also mentioned the Sister Cities and Regions Relief Fund to aid Ukrainian refugees. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to help Owensboro's Sister City of Olomouc in Czech Republic as they provide shelter to the refugees.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Gamblin (2920 Yale Place #1705) spoke against Ellis Entertainment establishing the indoor gaming facility.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk