

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Called Meeting

December 13, 2022 12:00 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. Municipal Order 50-2022 entitled “A MUNICIPAL ORDER AFFIRMING SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY AS THE QUINTESSENTIAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD”, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

This Municipal Order affirms the support, endorsement and assistance from the Owensboro Board of Commissioners for the advancement of Owensboro, Kentucky as the quintessential Bluegrass Music Capital of the World. City Manager Pagan explained the Order was requested by the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum. Executive Director, Chris Joslin, recognized Chris Love and Terry Woodward, Board Chairs and Steve Johnson, Director of Bluegrass Music Initiative. Both Mr. Joslin and Mr. Johnson gave brief comments. Commissioner Sanford thanked Terry Woodward for his vision of the Bluegrass Museum.

4. Jake Trogden, Street Manager gave an updated on the 2023 snow routes. He covered the training received by drivers, equipment and materials on hand, and discussed the difference between priority one and priority two routes (presentation attached).

5. Chief James Howard discussed Fire Department Call Volume (presentation attached). The topic of call volume was previously identified as a weakness in their strategic planning process, highlighting rescue and EMS calls. OFD had seen an increase from 2020 to 2021 of 11%; rescue and EMS incidents accounted for 76% of overall responses in 2021. The increase of calls has resulted in fatigued personnel, difficulty in recruitment, increased maintenance and fuel costs and overall lack of efficiency and effectiveness. Effective October 31, 2022, OFD began to see the implemented changes of immediate dispatch for: accident with injuries, cardiac arrest, drowning, jumper, shooting/stabbing and suicide attempt with profuse bleeding. All other medical/trauma calls in the City will

be transferred to AMR dispatch (ambulance service) in Evansville to be triaged. AMR dispatch will contact Central Dispatch for any calls meeting the OFD criteria to receive OFD dispatch. Local AMR is able to request or cancel OFD as deemed necessary. Since the change, OFD has seen a decrease of 31% of run volume (comparing November 2021 to November 2022).

6. City Project List – City Manager Nate Pagan explained the batting cages at Fisher Park came back over budget, therefore, internal staff will install them at a discounted cost. Mayor Watson ask if the boat dock cost of \$9.5 Million included bond interest; Mrs. Dane' Galloway, Deputy Director of Finance and Support Services responded that \$9.5 Million is the principal borrowing amount and with interest the cost will be about \$14 Million. Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger asked the cost of Indoor Sportsplex with interest; Mrs. Galloway stated it will be about \$28 Million. Commissioner Sanford requested the total package for the bond; \$44.9 Million borrowing with interest of \$21.9 Million (with 4.2% interest rate).

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Castlen; motion carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk