

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
March 14, 2023 12:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

Present: Mayor Tom Watson, Commissioners Mark Castlen, Larry Maglinger, Bob Glenn, and Pam Smith-Wright.

2. OWENSBORO WALK OF FAME – Mayor Watson inducted Terry Woodward into the Walk of Fame with the presentation of a plaque that will be installed in front of the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

3. OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT DRONE TEAM DEMO - Sgt. Brandon Sims and Detective Josh Bennett presented information on the drone team (presentation attached). The department currently owns three (3) different drones, ranging in cost from \$900 to \$27,000. The drones allow sight in areas that may not be easily accessible by officers or in unsafe zones. Each of the nine (9) member team is licensed and compliant with the Federal Aviation Administration laws and regulations. Additionally, the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) and City of Owensboro have gained a FAA Certificate of Authorization allowing OPD additional flight privileges that are not provided to general operators; Night Flight and Tactical Beyond Visual Line of Sight.

4. 2025-2030 NRSA PROPOSED BOUNDARIES – Abby Shelton, Community Development Director presented three (3) possible options for the next NRSA project scheduled to begin in 2025 (presentation attached). The options presented were: two (2) block groups in the area near Mechanicsville NRSA and Northwest NRSA, three (3) block group area near the Germantown NRSA and the Baptisttown NRSA, and the last option given was a two (2) block group near the Old Germantown NRSA and the Triplett Twist NRSA. Ms. Shelton stated she could pursue any combination of the options or another area of town. Mayor Watson said he would rely on her expertise to select the appropriate area.

5. PUBLIC WORKS YEAR-END STATS – Public Works Director Stephen Franklin presented the year-end stats for 2022 (presentation attached). Public Works is comprised of Engineering and Operations (Street, Buildings, Grounds, Sanitation, Garage, Transit and Property Maintenance). There was brief discussion on the electric bus and bus shelters.

6. CITY PROJECT LIST – Public Works Director Stephen Franklin gave an update on the batting cages and lighting at Jack C. Fisher Park. City Engineer Kevin Collignon gave an update on the pavilion at Moneta Sleet Jr. Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright; the motion carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk