

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Called Meeting

July 16, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Owensboro City Hall

101 E. 4th Street

Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Beth Davis, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Castlen

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

Commissioner Bob Glenn

Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Bob Glenn

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson recognized the following retirement recognitions effective July 31, 2024, each were in attendance.

- Trey Davidson, Fire Captain
- Brad Snapp, IT Applications Manager
- Nicholas Wellman, Police Sergeant

4.B. Dr. Jim Tidwell, VP of Population Health at Owensboro Health gave a brief update on the rollout of their mobile clinic (presentation attached). The current local schedule includes the Boulware Center Mission, New Life Church, and the Owensboro-Daviess County Senior Community Center.

4.C. Kevin Collignon, City Engineer gave a brief update on the York Stormwater Project (presentation attached). The completion date is currently the end of the fiscal year.

4.D. Kerry Bodenheimer, Parks and Recreation Superintendent gave the history and celebration planned for the Dugan Best Recreation Center's 50th Anniversary (presentation attached).

4.E. City Project List - Attached.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated June 18, 2024 and July 2, 2024 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Commissioner Smith-Wright and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Castlen:

- **Northwest Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Michael Johnson to a two-year term effective July 19, 2024
- **Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Scott Gilliam, Terri Hedges, Tracey Bivins Helm, Eric Houtchen, and Timothy Scheidegger to a two-year term effective July 22, 2024
- **Housing Authority of Owensboro Board** – Appoint Tonya Barr to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends March 21, 2025 (replacing Jean Maddox)

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 10-2024 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GIRVIN COURT LOCATED NORTH OF MCFARLAND AVENUE IN THE 1900 BLOCK OF MCFARLAND AVENUE IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, was read for approval on second reading and unanimously approved by roll call vote upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Castlen.

Raange Investments, LLC (Petitioner) has petitioned the City of Owensboro to close the street right-of-way of Girvin Court located north of McFarland Avenue in the 1900 block of McFarland Avenue. There are no other adjoining and/or abutting property owners and the Petitioner understands and agrees to retain public utility easements.

6.B. Ordinance 11-2024 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED BETWEEN 102 WEST 23RD STREET AND 119 WEST 24TH STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, was read for approval on second reading and unanimously approved by roll call vote upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner NeSmith.

Matthew's Table, Inc. (Petitioner) has petitioned the City of Owensboro to close an alley right-of-way located between 102 West 23rd Street and 119 West 24th Street. There are no other adjoining and/or abutting property owners and the Petitioner understands and agrees to retain public utility easements.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 21-2024 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER ADOPTING THE DAVIESS COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR

PROVIDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

In accordance with guidelines provided by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, the Daviess County Emergency Management Agency has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan for agencies in Daviess County, outlining their response in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, act of terrorism or other disruptive emergency. The City desires to adopt the Plan. City Manager Pagan explained the Order approves an emergency operations plan for the City, County and the City of Whitesville. Daviess County Emergency Management Agency prepared the document in accordance with the State Office of Emergency Management. It is updated periodically.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Glenn:

NEW HIRE/ PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Mauricio E. Gonzalez** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Street Department, effective July 29, 2024
- **Shelby L. Smith** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective August 12, 2024

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Matthew S. Cissell** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective July 28, 2024
- **Joseph M. Wright** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective July 28, 2024
- **Christopher J. Webster** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Applications/Business Analyst Manager with the Information Technology Department, effective July 28, 2024

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Tanner J. Townes** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective July 3, 2024
- **Brannon L. Pendergraft** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective July 30, 2024

- **Jeffrey T. Bell** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Information Technology Director with the Information Technology Department, effective July 31, 2024

8.B. City Manager Comments – None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Commissioner Glenn recognized the long-time board members of the Dugan Best Neighborhood Alliance.

Commissioner NeSmith commented on the Drug Steering Committee's work.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Raven Hagan (903 W. 13th Street) commented that the owner of 825 W. 13th Street passed away three (3) years ago. The house is in disrepair, has roaches, very tall grass, mosquitoes, etc. After calls were made to the Mayor's office and CityAction, the house has since been boarded up. However, people are still coming into the house. City Manager Pagan responded that it will be investigated.

Kathy Estes (4104 Buckland Square) stated that she previously emailed the Board of Commissioners requesting cooling stations during the hot months. She would like the City and County to coordinate a cooling station with the facilities that host White Flag events. She also commented on additional fees and differentiating requirements between a medicinal cannabis dispensary and a regular pharmacy.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk