

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Called Meeting

October 1, 2024 - 5:00 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 Pam Smith-Wright

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson presented the “Manufacturing Month” proclamation to Claude Bacon, Economic Development Corporation.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated September 17, 2024 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

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

- **Dugan Best Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Janie Fenwick to a two-year term effective October 4, 2024
- **Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport Board** – Reappoint Tyler Goad to a four-year term effective October 2, 2024
- **Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Paula Clark to a two-year term effective October 1, 2024

6. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

6.A. Municipal Order 29-2024 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOTAL COST OF \$21,352.00 TO PURCHASE TWENTY-SIX (26) NEW GENERATION 5 GLOCK 45 FIREARMS; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner NeSmith.

The City of Owensboro Police Department requests to purchase twenty-six (26) Generation 5 Glock firearms with modular optic sights for use by new hires at a cost of \$21,352.00 through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). No match is required from the City.

7. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

NEW HIRE/ PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Niclogan L. Charley** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Stormwater Department, effective October 7, 2024

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Matthew D. Brake** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Building/Maintenance Operations Specialist with the Public Works Facilities Maintenance Department, effective October 6, 2024
- **Jon-Michael A. Perry** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Recreation Facilities Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective October 6, 2024
- **Jeffrey A. Johnson** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective October 6, 2024

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Zachary L. Brown** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective October 8, 2024

- **Kelton J. Boyland** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective October 24, 2024

7.B. City Manager Comments – None

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

9. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Nick Pavalas (Cadillac Hotel and Restaurant Owner) pleaded with the Board of Commissioners to help with the homelessness issue. He has owned and operated his businesses for over 50 years and homeless individuals are disrupting and causing his businesses to suffer.

Sheila Crowe (Northwest Neighborhood Alliance) thanked the City for their assistance with the Groovin' on the Green event at the Convention Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Castlen.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk