

**OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Called Meeting**

**November 5, 2024 - 9:00 AM**

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 – Mayor Tom Watson

4. PRESENTATION

4.A. Mayor Watson presented the “National Care At Home Month” proclamation to Hannah Cecil, Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Kentucky.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated October 15, 2024 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

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

- **Owensboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** – Appoint Larry Roberts II to a two-year term expiring November 2, 2026
- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** – Appoint Alondra Johnson to a three-year term effective November 5, 2024
- **Midtown East Alliance** – Appoint Mary Weaver to a two-year term effective November 5, 2024
- **Alliance for a Drug-Free Owensboro and Daviess County** – Appoint Audrey Collins as a joint city-county appointment to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2027

## 6. ORDINANCES – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

**6.A.** Ordinance 16-2024 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING PORTIONS OF THE ALLEY RIGHTS-OF-WAY BETWEEN 512 WEST 9TH STREET, 915 CEDAR STREET, 917 CEDAR STREET, 919 CEDAR STREET AND 924 LOCUST STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, was unanimously approved by a roll call vote; motion by Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Castlen.

The City of Owensboro desires to close portions of the alley rights-of-way located between 512 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 915 Cedar Street, 917 Cedar Street, 919 Cedar Street and 924 Locust Street. The Petitioner and adjoining and/or abutting property owners agree to retain the public utility easements. City Manager Pagan explained this ordinance closes an alley between Cedar and Locust Streets, and south of Ninth Street behind Fire Station #1. The City has acquired four (4) properties behind the station to enlarge the site. As part of Operation Firehouse, the City is currently designing a new Station #1, and closing the alley will allow maximization of the site and reorient the station to front Ninth Street.

## 7. ORDINANCES - 1<sup>st</sup> READING

**7.A.** Ordinance 17-2024 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BEHIND 1220 CENTER STREET RUNNING FROM EAST PARRISH AVENUE TO EAST 14TH STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Christ Community of Owensboro, Inc. has petitioned the City to close an alley right-of-way located behind 1220 Center Street running from East Parrish Avenue to East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. All adjoining and abutting property owners have provided written consent for the closure. Public utility easements will be retained. City Manager Pagan stated the alley closure is between East Parrish Avenue and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Christ Community Church initiated the closure and they own many of the properties along the alley. All other contiguous property owners have provided written consent for the closure. Alley exhibit attached.

## 8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

**8.A.** The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Smith-Wright:

### **PROMOTIONAL and NON-/PROMOTIONAL PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **William I. McLaughlin** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Maintenance Specialist with the Public Works Buildings Department, effective November 3, 2024
- **Cameron D. Ernsperger** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, non-promotional appointment to Calltaker with the Police Department, effective November 3, 2024

- **Susan R. Frasier** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, non-promotional appointment to Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective November 17, 2024
- **Ethan T. Board** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective November 17, 2024
- **Brannon L. Pendergraft** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective November 17, 2024
- **Joshua D. Sexton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective November 17, 2024

#### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Corey L. Gant** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Battalion Chief with the Fire Department, effective November 19, 2024
- **Taylor J. Bosley** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective November 19, 2024

The following personnel appointment was approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner NeSmith; Commissioner Glenn abstained:

#### **PROMOTIONAL PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **Robert J. Glenn, IV** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective November 17, 2024

**8.B. City Manager Comments** – City Manager Pagan stated the Parks Department is opening shelter reservations for 2025. He also recognized the Finance Department for being recipients of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from Government Finance Officers Association for the 23rd consecutive year and being named a Triple Crown Award winner. The following finance staff were in attendance: Dane’ Galloway, Carey Haynes, Deanna Glover and Whitney Brown. He also recognized Finance & Support Services Director Angela Waninger as being named the 2024 Finance Officer of the Year by the Kentucky Government Finance Officers Association at a recent conference.

#### **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Members of the Commission encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

**10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – None**

**11.** There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Smith-Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk