

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025 - 4:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Adrienne Carrico

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson presented the “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week” proclamation.

4.B. The retirement of Chadd Clark, Construction Inspector, was recognized (not in attendance).

4.C. Amanda Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director, gave an update on Rudy Mine Trails and Moreland Park Advancements (attached). Mrs. Rogers shared that there is a request for proposals to refurbish and repair the trailbed, improve watershed and flow, and rework/reroute high traffic areas at Rudy Mine Trails. She also shared plans to relocate the existing basketball court at Moreland Park to improve accessibility and overall park layout. Additionally, the department is exploring the feasibility of adding pickleball courts to meet the growing community interest in the sport.

4.D. Angela Waninger, Director of Finance & Support Services, provided an update on the status of the City’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) program (attached). Casey Bolton, Brett Antle, and Haddon Alford, Consultants with Commonwealth Economics, followed with a detailed presentation outlining the structure, current performance, and projected future impact of the Downtown Riverfront and Gateway Commons TIF districts. (attached).

4.E. Joe Sublett, Property Maintenance Manager, gave a brief presentation on Vacant Structures (attached).

4.F. The project list was distributed (attached).

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated March 18, 2025, were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

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

- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** – Reappoint Lee Nuckols to a three-year term effective April 5, 2025
- **Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors** – Reappoint Nate Pagan to a four-year term effective April 10, 2025
- **Northwest Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Rafe Buckner, Marshall Coleman, Sheila Crowe, David Curry, and Justin Kline to a two-year term effective April 18, 2025
- **Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Reggie Helm to a two-year term effective April 26, 2025
- **Old Owensboro Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Amy Matheny to a two-year term effective April 15, 2025

6. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

6.A. Municipal Order 8-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A FY2026 TRAINING FACILITY GRANT THROUGH THE KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO PAY THE COST OF A CLASS B BURN PAN TRAINING PROP FOR USE BY THE OWENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT; NO MATCH IS REQUIRED BY THE CITY was read and unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Owensboro Fire Department seeks to file an application for a FY2026 Training Facility Grant through the Kentucky Fire Commission in an approximate amount of \$4,000.00, the proceeds of which will be utilized by the City of Owensboro to purchase a Class B Burn Pan Prop; no match required.

6.B. Municipal Order 9-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND AT&T GRANTING A PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING FACILITIES FOR

CABLE SERVICES ACROSS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 614 WEST 3RD STREET was read and unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith.

AT&T has requested a perpetual easement for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating facilities across a portion of property located at 614 West 3rd Street. City Manager Pagan explained that utilities along this section of 3rd Street have been relocated underground, requiring the easement. He further noted that the easement has been reviewed and determined not to be detrimental to the property.

7. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

7.A. The following personnel appointments were approved upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn; motion carried unanimously:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Michael W. Roby** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Citation Officer with the Police Department, effective April 21, 2025
- **Travis J. Barnett** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Road Worker with the Public Works Street Department, effective April 28, 2025
- **Tyler D. Denson** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Road Worker with the Public Works Street Department, effective April 28, 2025
- **Steven C. McLeish** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective April 28, 2025

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Patrick W. Cunningham** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective April 21, 2025
- **Michael A. Cruz** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective April 22, 2025
- **Brandy S. Gray** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective April 22, 2025
- **James Bryce Hamm** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Road Worker with the Public Works Street Department, effective April 28, 2025

7.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan reported significant hail damage to City property and noted that additional information regarding the related insurance claim will be provided at a future meeting. He also recognized the efforts of Public Works staff during the recent flooding and expressed appreciation for how effectively the City’s stormwater system improvements performed during the inclement weather.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Members of the Commission expressed their appreciation for City staff and community members who worked diligently to prevent damage and assist with cleanup efforts following the recent flooding.

9. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

10. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m., Commissioner Sanford seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrienne Carrico, Acting City Clerk