

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Regular Meeting**

**June 17, 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

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

**Unavailable:**

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

**3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE - Commissioner Jeff Sanford**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.A.** Emmy Woosley, Checkmarks Program Coordinator, and Joe Berry, Executive Director of the Public Life Foundation, provided an overview of the Checkmarks initiative (attached). Checkmarks is a free community-wide initiative with the ultimate goal of ensuring that every child in Owensboro is kindergarten-ready.

**4.B.** Community Development Director Abby Shelton gave a brief update (attached) on the Monarch Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Ms. Shelton provided a recap of the Riverview NRSA, which will wrap up at the end of June. To date, three hundred and seventeen (317) projects have taken place with an investment of \$3,853,828 of public funds and \$8,839,862 of private funds. Following a market analysis, the following outcomes are anticipated in the Monarch NRSA: 1) improved housing stability; 2) economic growth; 3) community safety and 4) sustainability. Estimated five (5) year investments include \$4,280,500 for public and \$5,047,750 for private, for a total of \$9,328,250.

**4.C.** The project list was distributed (attached), and City Manager Nate Pagan reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Senior Center is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 18, at the corner of Second Street and Carter Road.

## 5. BUSINESS

**5.A.** Minutes dated June 3, 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 Commissioner NeSmith:

- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Woody Maglinger and Anita Jones to a two-year term ending June 16, 2027

## 6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

**6.A.** Ordinance 9-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 7-2024 TO PROVIDE RECEIPT OF, AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR, FUNDS FROM DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR CENTER, was unanimously approved by a roll call vote; motion by Commissioner Maglinger and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

Budget amendment to provide receipt of, and appropriations for, funds from Daviess County Fiscal Court toward construction of the Senior Center. City Manager Pagan added that the County's contribution to the new Senior Center is the only item in the amendment.

## 7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**7.A.** Municipal Order 13-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2024 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY (FP&S) GRANT THROUGH FEMA IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$72,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO PURCHASE A TRAILER, FIRE PLUG, FIRE EXTINGUISHER PROP TRAINING SYSTEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR TRAINING; A FIVE PERCENT (5%) MATCH OF UP TO \$3,600.00 IS REQUIRED BY THE CITY, was read and unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith.

The Owensboro Fire Department seeks to file an application for a Fiscal Year 2024 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant through FEMA in the approximate amount of \$72,000.00, the proceeds of which will be utilized by the City of Owensboro to purchase the necessary training equipment. A five percent (5%) match of \$3,600.00 is required for this grant.

## 8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

**8.A.** Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2025 was presented by Angela Waninger, Finance and Support Services Director (attached). The report was unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Sanford.

**8.B.** The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger:

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Jeffrey M. Hall** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective May 30, 2025
- **Stacy A. Allen** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Occupational Revenue Clerk with the Finance Department, effective June 17, 2025
- **Misty M. Royal** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective June 17, 2025

**8.C.** City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan shared that the City has been intentionally submitting grant applications over the past several months and plans to continue applying for additional grants throughout the year. He noted that the Owensboro Fire Department was recently awarded a grant that had previously been approved by the Commission.

Mr. Pagan requested Tim Ross, Public Events Director, provide a brief update on the upcoming July 4th events. Mr. Ross shared that the All-American 4th of July event will take place on the riverfront beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4, and will feature live music, food trucks, and fireworks. Fireworks displays will also be staged at multiple locations throughout the city, including Moreland Park/Sportscenter, the Southern Little League fields, and Owensboro Warehouse Leasing (former GE Plant), all beginning at 9:15 p.m.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

## 10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Isabelle Birkett (3537 Cannonade Loop N) asked for the Board of Commissioners' support in allowing backyard chickens in Owensboro. She believes that with proper guidelines, it would be a safe and positive change in the community.

Tatiana Rose Birkett (3537 Cannonade Loop N) urged the Board of Commissioners to vote to allow backyard chickens in Owensboro.

Abigail Matthews (200 Tremont Drive) expressed her support for backyard chickens.

Trey Matthews (200 Tremont Drive) expressed his support for backyard chickens.

**11.** There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm, Commissioner Sanford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk