



SAYING FARWELL TO LONG-TIME COUNCILMEMBER

At a casual reception hosted just before this Thursday's regular meeting of Osawatomie City Council, longtime Ward III Councilmember Karen LaDuex was honored for her 17 years of service to the Osawatomie community. LaDuex, who was first elected in April 2006, dedicated countless hours to the community as part of her role on the governing body. She served on many boards and commissions throughout her tenure, including Osawatomie's original Trail Task Force (which established the community's portion of the Flint Hills Trail State Park) and the Osawatomie Trail Commission, and was the appointed Council Liaison to the Osawatomie Public Library Board of Directors. LaDuex decided to not run for re-election in 2023 and her seat was filled by newly elected member Derek Henness.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



The City of Osawatomie governing body welcomed its latest member at the January 11, 2024 meeting. Derek Hennessy, an Osawatomie native and OHS graduate, was sworn in as the new Ward III Councilmember by City Clerk Tammy Seamands.

Mr. Hennessy and his wife, Nicole, live on Brown Circle Drive with their cats Walter and Weezy.

Don't forget to download your copy of the 2024 Waste Management service calendar.

This calendar contains dates for regular service, special pickup or collection events, and reminders on allowable materials for recycling.

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NEWS AND REMINDERS

CHANGES TO P&Z BOARD

As the City of Osawatomie prepares to launch its first Comprehensive Plan in its history, the Planning and Zoning Commission is going to look different than in years previous. Beginning this month, the commission will expand to nine total members, with two member seats reserved for extraterritorial commissioners.

In other words, up to two (2) members may come from the unincorporated area around the city and within three miles of any of the city's established boundaries.

During the Comprehensive Plan process, the commission will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm inside Memorial Hall.

People interested in serving on the commission are encouraged to submit a completed [Public Service Application](#) to City Hall by January 26, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January Calendar

6:30PM | MEMORIAL HALL
411 11TH ST, OSAWATOMIE

JANUARY 11TH, 2024
JANUARY 25TH, 2024



[what's a comprehensive plan](#)



City staff and members of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission have announced the beginning of Osawatomie 2040 -- our community's next comprehensive plan! Visit our website to learn about how comprehensive plans work, how you can get involved, and to take a quick 10-minute survey! [CLICK HERE --> OsawatomieKS.org/2040](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

[The Osawatomie Police Department issues Calls for Service reports that track the type and number of services performed by officers. \[CLICK HERE\]\(#\) to view the archive.](#)

CELEBRATING MLK DAY 2024

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, all non-emergency City offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024. Regular business operations resume Tuesday.

Stay safe and warm, and we'll see you next week!



BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PLAN COMING SOON FOR 6TH STREET

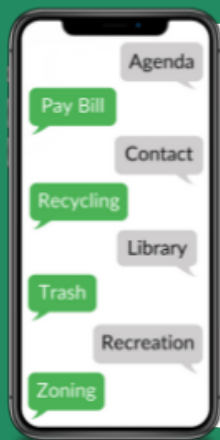
At the January 11th, 2024, meeting of Osawatomie City Council, the governing body considered a proposed draft of a special business assistance program designed to support 6th Street businesses in Osawatomie during the upcoming total reconstruction of the corridor. Suggested assistance included partial utility payment reimbursement for qualifying business, wayfinding signage to promote traffic flow during construction, and door prize or raffle incentives for customers. More information on the proposed program will be made available once the program has been finalized and approved through the City Council.



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