

**OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
April 13, 2017 12:00 PM  
City Hall  
101 E. 4th Street  
Owensboro, KY 42303

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Tom Watson

**2. ROLL CALL** - City Clerk Beth Cecil

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson  
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn  
Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright  
Commissioner Larry Conder  
Commissioner Jay Velotta

**3. BUSINESS:**

**3A. Personnel Appointments:**

- **Timothy Chad Johnson** - Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective April 19, 2017
- **Kevin Klobe** - Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective April 19, 2017
- **Joshua Sexton** - Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective April 19, 2017
- **Travis Zimmer** - Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective April 19, 2017
- **Jason Bishop** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service promotional appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Department, effective April 17, 2017
- **Aaron Creager** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective May 15, 2017
- **Kelsey Embry** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective May 15, 2017

- **Andrew O'Bryan** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective May 15, 2017
- **Kenneth Roberts** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective May 15, 2017

There being no discussion, the appointments passed 5-0 upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

#### **4. MUNICIPAL ORDER:**

**4A. Municipal Order 14-2017** entitled **A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED CONVEYING THE CITY'S ONE-THIRD INTEREST IN LOT 11 OF THE MIDAMERICA AIRPARK TO HOLLISON, LLC**, passed unanimously upon motion of Commissioner Conder and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Owensboro-Daviess County Industry, Inc., purchased 318 acres in two parcels in 1990. Owensboro-Daviess County Industry, Inc. (later known as Economic Development Properties, Inc.) conveyed an undivided one-third interest in the property to Owensboro Municipal Improvement Corporation (OMIC). In 1999, OMIC conveyed to the City a one-third interest in the property for purposes of the City securing a federal income tax exempt loan, which has been paid off. Economic Development Properties, Inc., now seeks to convey Lot 11 in MidAmerica Airpark to Hollison, LLC for \$313,600 and the City now joins the conveyance to convey its one-third interest to Hollison, LLC. Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Ed Ray explained that Hollison has been housed in the Centre for Business and Research and has now developed into needing a larger accommodation. Joe Berry, Economic Development Corporation, added that the \$1.2 Million project will create new jobs and the building investment is nearly \$2.9 Million. The lot is located within the City boundaries.

- 5. 2017-2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION** - City Manager Parrish, along with members of the staff, presented an updated budget presentation (copy attached). In response to Mayor Watson, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney Ray stated that to date, approximately \$480,000 in public funds has been spent on both TIFs. This figure does not include staff time. Nearly \$15 Million has been spent to date from private funds and it is anticipated that over the 20-year period, approximately \$199 Million will have been invested from the private sector. Mayor Watson suggested closely tracking the funds that are collected from the TIF as they begin to stream back to the City. Mayor Watson asked how the City got into the current budget shortfall. Per City Manager Parrish, the former Commissions approved a budget at a certain level with a specific revenue stream, but then voted for less of a revenue stream and did not change the expenditures within the budget, thus the shortfall materialized. City Manager Parrish responded to Mayor Watson that dialogue began four years ago during the budget presentation that the revenues were not meeting the expenditures. Director of Finance and Support Services Angela Hamric explained the debt service for Commissioner

Conder. There was discussion on how the Your Community Vision Fund is funded and the ordinance limitations on the use of those funds. There was lengthy discussion on the golf courses, current parks facilities, parks revenues and the possibility of adding additional parks facilities, additional police and fire officers, and Central Dispatch needs.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn added that he is in support of working with Owensboro Public Schools to keep Cravens Pool open and asked for staff to inform the arts groups of the proposed cuts. Mayor Watson stated that the City and County are moving toward establishing an Arts Council to mirror the United Way services for the social groups. Commissioner Smith-Wright said she is in agreement with the proposed budget with the exception of raising the IPLF. Commissioners Glenn, Smith-Wright and Velotta each expressed their disinterest in raising the Insurance Premium License Fee (IPLF) tax; Commissioners Glenn and Smith-Wright suggested increasing the Occupational Tax. Commissioner Conder said he will get back with the Commission and staff on his suggestions for the proposed budget. Mayor Watson said he is not in favor of placing the tax increase burden on the working person and is in favor of the original recommendation within the proposed budget. City Manager Parrish clarified that the split increase between the Occupational and IPLF tax was not a staff recommendation, but rather came from the consensus of the Commission during individual discussions. There was further discussion on revamping the style of the budget book.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Moss (2447 O'Bryan Blvd. #B) asked if the City bids out their banking services (deposits). He suggested the possibility of looking for better rates.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. upon motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn, seconded by Commissioner Smith-Wright and carried unanimously.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk

