

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
June 19, 2018 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL - City Clerk Beth Cecil

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson
Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright
Commissioner Larry Conder
Commissioner Jay Velotta

Unavailable:

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Tom Watson

4. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

4.A. Personnel appointments were approved unanimously upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright. Mayor Watson read a letter from City of Hopkinsville Mayor Carter Hendricks applauding the appointment of City Manager Nate Pagan.

- **Nate Pagan** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to City Manager with the Administration Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **Todd Martin** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **James Howard** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Battalion Chief with the Fire Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **Jason Pickrell** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Battalion Chief with the Fire Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **Bobby Grant** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective June 24, 2018

- **Ryan Coffman** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **Kyle Veach** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective June 24, 2018
- **Jeffery Roby** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Evidence Collection Unit Technician with the Police Department, effective July 2, 2018; contingent upon post offer test results

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A. Chief Mitchell introduced the following promotional appointments followed by their Badge Pinning Ceremony:

James Howard - Promotional appointment to Battalion Chief
 Jason Pickrell - Promotional appointment to Battalion Chief
 Bobby Grant - Promotional appointment to Fire Captain
 Ryan Coffman - Promotional appointment to Fire Captain
 Kyle Veach - Promotional appointment to Fire Lieutenant

5.B. Tim Ross, Public Events Director, briefed the Commission on upcoming events (presentation attached).

6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 10-2018 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 9-2017 TO FUND THE BUDGET CONTINGENCY AND SUBSIDIZE THE RECREATIONAL FUND, was approved 4-0 on second reading upon motion of Commissioner Smith-Wright with a second by Commissioner Conder.

Budget amendment to fund the Budget Contingency and subsidize the Recreational Fund.

6.B. Ordinance 11-2018 entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REBATE OF ONE PERCENT (1.0%) OF ALL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, BY ORDINANCE, FROM THE SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO NEW EMPLOYEES HIRED BY UNIFIRST CORPORATION PROVIDED SAID COMPANY MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ITS APPLICATION FOR INCENTIVES UNDER THE KENTUCKY BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM, was approved 4-0 on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Conder.

Unifirst Corporation has made application for certain benefits and incentives available to it under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KBI) of the Kentucky Economic

Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) as a result of its commitment to expand and create jobs and investments in Owensboro. UniFirst Corporation has agreed to invest \$4,000,000 for an approximate 40,000 square foot expansion to their existing 320,000 square foot service technology facility, and \$8,000,000 to equip the facility with updated equipment to increase production capability at their facility at 2801 UniFirst Drive. UniFirst Corporation will create a minimum of 25 new jobs, and will also play an important role in preserving the existing 345 jobs, thus securing a long-term presence for the company in the City of Owensboro. As an incentive and an inducement for UniFirst to improve and grow its facility in Owensboro, the City hereby agrees to rebate to the Company 1.0% of the total occupational license fee revenues otherwise derived by the City from salaries, wages and other compensation paid to the qualifying new employees hired by UniFirst.

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING - NONE

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 15-2018 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE 2018–2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS, PREPARED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME, was approved 4-0 on one reading upon motion of Commissioner Smith-Wright and a second by Mayor Watson.

Each year the City approves the Community Development Department budget and determines how the Federal HUD funds will be spent. Public hearings were held on February 26, 2018 and April 9, 2018 by the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development. On April 9, 2018 the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development held a public hearing and voted to recommend the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds. Abby Shelton, Community Development Director, gave a presentation on the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan (presentation attached).

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2018 was unanimously approved to file for audit upon motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Conder.

9.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Parrish presented two public safety videos on fireworks safety from the Owensboro Police Department and Owensboro Fire Department. For those interested, Mayor Watson invited citizens to pick up signs at City Hall that read “Military Veteran Lives Here – Please be Courteous with Fireworks – www.militarywithptsd.org”. The signs have been distributed to AmVets, American Legion and VFW #696.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Communications were heard from the elected officials. The City Commissioners thanked City Manager Parrish for his service to the City over the past 17 years.

Commissioner Conder recognized Sheriff Keith Cain for being awarded the National Sheriff's Award.

Public Works Director Wayne Shelton stated the inlet water feature should open next week if the weather holds out.

Mayor Watson said some OBKY ideas have been or will soon be implemented: Wendell H. Ford Mayor's Youth Council (funded through Mayor's contingency fund) and slowing the traffic on Second Street.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Ron Georgette (1926 Triplett Street) President and C.E.O. of Operation Stand Down Kentucky from Bowling Green, KY introduced his company and explained it is a veteran focused organization that focuses on three specific areas: fiduciary representative payee services, affordable housing and rural transportation for veterans. The group is working with Bob Zimmerman to transform Gabe's Tower into affordable housing, assisted living and hospice care for veterans. Jessie Hettinger (VFW Post #696 President) asked for an idea of when the project would be complete. There was further discussion on veteran issues.

Mayor Watson recognized Scout Collin Ruckdaschel in the audience.

Rini Cardwell, local artist, presented Mayor Watson with three veteran inspired paintings for the City to display and thanked the City for the support given to local veterans.

Jessie Hettinger (1732 McCulloch Ave.) also thanked the City for the support given to local veterans, specifically housing.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson with a second Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk