

**OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Called Meeting  
April 23, 2019 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 Larry Maglinger  
Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright  
Commissioner Larry Conder  
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

**3. 2019-2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION** - City Manager Pagan, along with members of the staff, presented the budget presentation (copy attached). The \$123,468,458 budget is divided into five categories: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds, and the Internal Service Funds. City Manager Pagan requested a three percent (3%) cost of living increase for city employees.

Mayor Watson requested the Public Events Department keep a detailed record of the expenses for a few of the major events to help better answer constituent questions on estimated event costs.

City Manager Pagan explained that local funds would be used to demolish the former Gabe's Tower property.

Josh Bachmeier, Human Resource Manager, discussed the following potential changes for employees: reinstate tuition reimbursement and employee recognition (service pins) and revamp the Hometown Heroes campaign.

Fire Chief Steve Mitchell announced a new partnership with the school systems to implement a CPR, First Aid and Fire Safety Program to every seventh grader. Kentucky League of Cities is interested in using Owensboro Fire Department's model throughout the State. Additionally, a training center study will get underway to replace the outdated center.

Mayor Watson suggested naming one of the football fields at Waymond Morris Park after Houston Hogg. There was discussion on the estimated subsidies for Ben Hawes (\$601,311) and Hillcrest Golf Courses (\$113,077). Mrs. Rogers, Parks Director, added that publicly run golf courses do not make money.

City Manager Pagan explained that he would like to take one-half (1/2) of the year-end surplus and place it in a pension reserve fund.

Mayor Watson announced that Kimberly-Clark had contacted him to make him aware that the project Ms. Kathy Olson (Owensboro Museum of Science and History) spoke about at a previous meeting is not on their drawing board. He expressed concern with their cash on hand, the deteriorating building on a valuable piece of downtown property and said he would like to continue discussions.

Questions and comments were received from the elected officials and appropriate city staff responded.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m. upon motion made by Commissioner Smith-Wright, seconded by Commissioner Sanford and carried unanimously.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk