

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
February 4, 2020 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Beth Cecil, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger
Commissioner Pam Smith-Wright
Commissioner Larry Conder
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Larry Conder

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated January 14, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

4.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford:

Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County:

- Appoint Melinda Cornell to a three-year term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022
- Appoint Brenda Nesmith to fill the remainder of an unexpired term 2/4/2020 – 12/31/2021
- Appoint John Burlew to fill the remainder of an unexpired term 2/4/2020 – 12/31/2021

Board of Ethics – Reappoint Sean Land as a joint city-county appointment to a three-year term 3/1/2020 – 3/1/2023

Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Board – Appoint Samuel Tandy to a three-year term 2/1/2020 – 2/4/2023

5. ORDINANCES – 2ND READING

5.A. Ordinance 3-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY 109 EMPLOYMENT OF ENTRY-LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS IMPLEMENTING THE EDUCATING HEROES PROGRAM FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS FOR THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT, was approved 5-0 on motion of Mayor Watson with a second from Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Technical revision of Policy 109 in the Employee Handbook is necessary for the Police Department to be able to implement the new Educating Heroes program offered by the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training which will provide the opportunity for a new police applicant to earn an Applied Science Associate's Degree from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Bluegrass Community and Technical College while he or she is attending law enforcement basic training.

6. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING - None

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Consider Municipal Order 4-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$46,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL ENABLE THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE OVERTIME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DURING SPECIFIC MOBILIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY; NO CASH MATCH BEING REQUIRED BY THE CITY, was approved 5-0 by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Owensboro Police Department officers provide traffic enforcement during mobilizations in an effort to reduce traffic offenses. The grant funds will directly cover overtime for specific mobilizations. This grant would allow the Owensboro Police Department to enhance public safety through direct enforcement during the "Click It or Ticket", "Speed Weeks" and the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilizations. The estimated costs of overtime and expenses are a total of \$46,000.00. City Manager Pagan explained the MO authorizes a grant application for overtime costs related to traffic enforcements.

7.B. Consider Municipal Order 5-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN HYDROPLANE EVENTS, LLC, PROVIDING FOR A HYDROPLANE RACING EVENT IN OWENSBORO IN 2020, was unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson with a second from Commissioner Smith-Wright.

The City has negotiated with American Hydroplane Events, LLC to provide a hydroplane racing event August 14-16, 2020. This order authorizes the agreement and details

thereof. City Manager Pagan further explained that the breakdown of logistics between the City and AHE for the returning hydroplane event.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019 was unanimously approved to file for audit upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second from Commissioner Smith-Wright. A copy of the presentation given by Ms. Hamric is attached.

8.B. The following Personnel Appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Conder:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Travis W. Blincoe** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Roadworker with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2020

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Bradley D. Snapp** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Applications Supervisor with the Information Technology Department, effective February 17, 2020
- **Jacob P. Trogden** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2020

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Aaron M. Brown** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2020
- **John W. Nantz** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Equipment Operator with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective February 17, 2020

8.C. City Manager Comments

Chief Howard announced that recruitment is on going for entry-level Firefighters and encouraged interested candidates to apply.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Conder requested Chief Howard explain the purpose of the Knox Box. Chief Howard explained that a Knox Box is a secure box installed on a building that contains an entry key to the building for the Fire Department. Only specific people have access to the box including the Fire Chief, Fire Command staff and front line engine crew. The Owensboro Fire Department keys do not unlock boxes within another area, including the County and vice versa. The benefit of the box is if there is a fire call during non-operational hours of the business, the Fire Department can gain access without destroying property to enter. New businesses and businesses with a change in occupancy are required to install the boxes to have their occupancy activated. The boxes typically range from \$300-\$400 and are an option for residential use as well. The Police Department cannot access the boxes even with a warrant. Some existing businesses that were grandfathered in about fifteen (15) years ago do not have the boxes. Annexed businesses will need to get a key to the City fire department. Additional information and applications can be accessed from the Owensboro Fire Department.

Mayor Watson announced the West Kentucky Night in Frankfort on February 13. It is an opportunity to meet state elected officials. Contact the GO-Chamber for more information.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 5:30 p.m. upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Conder.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk