

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
March 3, 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 – Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Swear in Police Officers

Mayor Watson swore in the following Police Officers:

- Kevin D. Lang, Jr.
- Kenneth R. Rideout, III

4.B. Dr. Scott Williams President of Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) presented their Economic Impact and Return on Investment of education. Dr. Williams explained that an Investment Analysis performed by a third party concluded that in the counties of Daviess, Ohio, McLean and Hancock as of last year, there was \$6.7 Billion in Total Gross Regional Product (GRP) and 79,927 jobs supported. Last year, OCTC contributed \$203 Million of new monies to the region (3% of GRP). Mayor Watson asked how businesses could become involved with OCTC through non-traditional or traditional students. Dr. Williams encouraged employers to get involved through several ways, serve on an Advisory Committee (get to know the programs, students and their talents) or financially support students. There are now seven (7) Work and Learn programs at OCTC. Dual-credit students, who are simultaneously attending high school and earning college credits, make up 25% of students. The cost of dual-credit is one-third (1/3) less than regular tuition. Individuals can also earn their GED (Skill Train) while working toward a certificate. Since the inception of OCTC, 78,000 lives have been impacted in the four (4) county region. The full presentation is attached.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated February 18, 2020 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

5.B. The following board appointment was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Conder:

- **Housing Authority Board** – Reappoint Rita Moorman to a four-year term effective March 20, 2020.

6. ORDINANCES – 2ND READING

6.A. Ordinance 4-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, JOINTLY REPEALING DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT ORDINANCE 860.2 AND CITY OF OWENSBORO ORDINANCES NO. 8-98 AND 12-2005 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, was approved 4-0 on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger. Commissioner Conder voted Nay.

The City and County entered into a Memorandum of Agreement through Municipal Order 35-2019 to establish the Ambulance Contracting Authority (ACA). Therefore, the former Medical Control Authority (MCA) Ordinances are repealed in their entirety. City Manager Pagan explained that the ACA was established in December 2019 and their board members were appointed at January 7, 2020 Commission meeting and have assumed authority. Both the City and the County can now repeal the MCA ordinance.

7. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING - None

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 6-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT FOR USE OF THE WALTER FREEMAN FIRE TRAINING FACILITY, was approved 5-0 on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The City owns the Walter Freeman Fire Training Facility and the City and County seek to renew and update their training agreement for an additional five (5) years by entering into a new Memorandum of Agreement. City Manager Pagan stated the renewal agreement is the same as before and permits emergency agencies to utilize training at the facility.

8.B. Municipal Order 7-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING THAT THE KENTUCKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY ADOPT

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,000,000, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE LOANED TO CHRISTIAN CARE COMMUNITIES, INC., A KENTUCKY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND/OR ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, WITH FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, TO FINANCE AND/OR REFINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH RELATED FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THEM, was unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Conder.

KRS 103.210 authorizes the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) to promote economic development in the Commonwealth by authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for eligible projects within the Commonwealth. Christian Care Communities, Inc. (CCC) is a faith-based provider of senior living and post-acute care services. In addition to other Kentucky cities, CCC operates the Maplebrook Village facility in Owensboro. In 2015, the Owensboro Board of Commissioners approved a Municipal Order requesting that KEDFA adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000. CCC now seeks the issuance of new revenue bonds to finance, refinance, and reimburse the costs of health care and health-related facilities in various Cities of the Commonwealth in an amount not to exceed \$62,000,000. There is no "new" project in Owensboro that is being financed with proceeds of the proposed KEDFA bonds. CCC has requested that the City of Owensboro approve a new Municipal Order requesting KEDFA to issue the new bonds. City approval is required by statute, but does not obligate the City by the issuance of the bonds. City Manager Pagan added that state law allows KEDFA to issue bonds for eligible projects. CCC is requesting new bonds for existing project(s). City approval is required but does not obligate the City. David Nie, bond counsel with Ice Miller, further explained it is a conduit revenue bond and there is no obligation to the City.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The Financial Report for the period ending January 31, 2020 was approved to file for audit upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright (presentation attached).

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Jon-Michael A. Perry** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Crew Leader with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective March 9, 2020

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Aaron N. Clark** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Facilities Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective March 15, 2020

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Donovan I. Aders** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective March 3, 2020
- **Shawn A. Cucci** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective March 3, 2020
- **Logan W. Nevitt** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective March 3, 2020
- **Charles L. Whittaker** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective March 3, 2020

9.C. City Manager Comments - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Brief comments were heard from the elected officials.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting unanimously adjourned at 5:37 p.m. upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk