

## **MUNICIPAL ORDER 32-2020**

**A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR AN URBANIZED AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET AND OWENSBORO TRANSIT SYSTEM VIA THE VOLKSWAGEN SETTLEMENT MITIGATION TRUST FUND PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$158,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE AN ELECTRIC BUS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE OTHER AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR SAID GRANT; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT ALL GRANT FUNDS ARE FEDERAL DOLLARS, WITH THE \$158,000.00 PROCEEDS REPRESENTING THE CITY'S MATCH WITH NO ADDITIONAL CITY FUNDS REQUIRED.**

**WHEREAS**, public transportation is a crucial element in the lives of thousands of people and for some low-income, poverty, elderly and disabled individuals, public transportation is the primary means for accessing essential services necessary for daily life. Public transportation also provides a vital link for individuals without access to a personal vehicle to reach employment and job training opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration provides funds to states to assist in providing public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Department has submitted an application requesting financial participation in the Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Trust Fund Project, whereby the City will scrap an obsolete bus and shall receive approximately \$158,000.00 to fund the purchase of a new electric bus; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, contained in Agreement between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Owensboro Transit System, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor be, and is hereby authorized to execute an application to be filed with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet requesting financial participation in the Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation Trust Fund Project, whereby the City will scrap an obsolete bus and shall receive approximately \$158,000.00 to fund the purchase of a new electric bus. If awarded, the \$158,000.00 will represent the City's match, with no additional funding required of the City.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor, City Manager, and other city staff be, and they hereby are authorized to execute any and all other agreements, instruments or documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate and implement any grants awarded to the City.

**INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE READING**, this the 20th day of October, 2020.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk