

## OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Special Called Meeting  
November 17, 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 – Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated October 20, 2020 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

4.B. Board Appointments:

The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Commissioner Sanford with a second by Commissioner Conder:

- **GRADD Regional Transportation Committee** – Reappoint Kevin Collignon to a one-year term effective January 1, 2021.
- **Green River District Board of Health** – Reappoint Leslie Smeathers to a two-year term, effective January 1, 2021.
- **City Employees' Pension Fund** – Reappoint Angela Waninger to a four-year term, effective January 9, 2021.
- **Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund Board** – Reappoint Sharlene Hatfield to a one-year term, effective January 1, 2021
- **Housing Authority Board** - Reappoint Thomas Covington to a four-year term effective January 1, 2021.

- **Owensboro Metropolitan Board of Adjustments** – Reappoint Ruth Ann Mason to a four-year term effective January 1, 2021.
- **Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Board** – Reappoint Aaron Anderson to a three-year term effective January 5, 2021.

#### **4.C. Board Appointment:**

The following board appointment was approved 4-1 upon motion of Commissioner Sanford with a second by Commissioner Conder; Mayor Watson abstained:

- **International Bluegrass Music Museum, Inc., Board of Trustees** – Reappoint Tom Watson to a three-year term effective November 24, 2020.

### **5. ORDINANCES- 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

**5.A.** Ordinance 20-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTER 1000, SUBCHAPTER 1004, PAY CHARTS ENTITLED “PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL (EXEMPT)” THEREBY ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING SPECIALIST, was unanimously approved on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The City desires to revise Chapter 1000, Subchapter 1004 to establish the position of "Communications and Marketing Specialist".

### **6. ORDINANCES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**6.A.** Ordinance 21-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF EMORY DRIVE CONTAINING 0.023 ACRES WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2804 FREDERICA STREET, OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF 4 CATS, LLC, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

4 Cats, LLC has petitioned the City for the closing of a 0.023-acre portion of the right-of-way located on the north side of Emory Drive and on the south side of the property located at 2804 Frederica Street. There are no other adjoining and/or abutting property owners. City Manager Pagan explained the closing reduces the width of the right-of-way of Emory Drive near its intersection with Frederica St. A vacant property at the northwest corner of Frederica and Emory is being developed. The developer requested the closure and is the owner of all contiguous property. The reduction is less than six and a half (6 1/2) feet in width, and is an area not paved, so it will not reduce the width of Emory Drive. The developer will be responsible for constructing the sidewalk and other related public improvements as normal.

**6.B.** Ordinance 22-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 7-2020 TO ROLL OVER PRIOR YEAR 5339

GRANT FUNDS AND CORRESPONDING CITY MATCH, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE TRANSIT GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC BUS; AND TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE OPD HAZARDOUS DEVICE ROBOT UPGRADES, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Budget amendment to roll over prior year 5339 grant funds and corresponding city match, as well as appropriate Transit grant funds received for purchase of an electric bus; and to appropriate federal grant funds received for the OPD Hazardous Device Robot upgrades. City Manager Pagan said the primary change is to account for the Volkswagen emission remediation grant funds that were recently approved. The budget amendment also includes other grant proceeds for Transit and also a grant received by the Owensboro Police Department for upgrades to their hazardous device robot.

## **7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

**7.A.** Municipal Order 34-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT, AND OWENSBORO CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROVIDING FOR THE COST OF SECURITY, LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND BUS TICKETS TO THE CHURCH DURING WHITE FLAG EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THE WINTER OF 2020-2021, was approved 5-0 on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Conder.

In 2018, the City entered into an agreement to provide funding to St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter for White Flag events. Owensboro Christian Church (OCC) has agreed to provide additional shelter to homeless people at its facility at 2818 New Hartford Road. The City will help provide the cost of security, liability insurance, and bus tickets to OCC in order to provide safe, secure, and hospitable temporary overnight accommodations during White Flag events. City Manager Pagan explained that for the last couple of years, the City and County have partnered to provide a shelter on nights when the temperature or wind chill drops to fifteen (15) degrees or below. St. Benedict's has previously served as the shelter location, but now need to keep their entire facility available for distancing because of COVID. The agreement moves the shelter location to a portion of the Owensboro Christian Church campus. As in the past, the City will provide insurance coverage and free passage on transit buses, and the City and County will split the other costs.

## **8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**8.A.** The financial report for the periods ending September 30, 2020 and October 31, 2020 were unanimously approved to file for audit with a motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger. Mrs. Dane' Galloway presented the reports (presentation attached).

**8.B.** The following personnel appointments were approved 5-0 with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford:

### **NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **Ryan K. Morton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective November 23, 2020

### **PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:**

- **Samuel W. Bodine** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Greens Superintendent with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective November 23, 2020
- **Caleb J. Gray** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Sanitation Manager with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective November 23, 2020

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Grant J. Haire** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective November 10, 2020
- **James R. Howard** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Chief with the Fire Department, effective November 24, 2020

**8.C.** City Manager Comments – None

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Brief comments were heard from the elected officials. Comments were received on the success of the bridge lights, election results and Commissioners Conder and Smith-Wright were thanked for their service.

Commissioner Sanford congratulated Mile Wide Brewery on their recent ribbon cutting.

Mayor Watson announced he planned to bring back the primary campaign by placing the item on an upcoming agenda in 2021. He intends to create a committee of Commissioners Maglinger and Sanford related to the Northwest Revitalization and asked them to report back to the community on the progress.

Mayor Watson presented a Proclamation to Commissioner Smith-Wright in honor of Lieutenant Milton T. Hall, Jr.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Commissioner Conder and a second by Commissioner Sanford at 5:33 p.m.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Cecil, City Clerk