

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Called Meeting
December 1, 2020 5:00 PM
via Video Teleconference

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 Jeff Sanford

Unavailable:

Commissioner Larry Conder

3. INVOCATION – Mayor Watson

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated November 17, 2020 were approved 4-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

4.B. Board Appointments:

The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger:

- **Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund Board** – Appoint Chief Art Ealum to a one-year term effective January 1, 2021.
- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** – Reappoint Timothy Collier and Glenn Ashby to a three-year term effective January 1, 2021.

5. ORDINANCES- 2nd READING

5.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 unanimously approved on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

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.

5.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 unanimously approved on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

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.

6. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

6.A. Ordinance 23-2020 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF A 10-FOOT WIDE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY CONTAINING 0.153 ACRES WHICH IS OFF EAST 15TH STREET AND ADJACENT TO 1501 HAYNES AVENUE FROM 1527 JACKSON STREET TO 1719 JACKSON STREET, OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF SOUTHERN TANK & MANUFACTURING, INC, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Southern Tank & Manufacturing, Inc. has petitioned the City for the closing of a 0.153-acre portion of the right-of-way alley which is off East 15th Street and adjacent to 1501 Haynes Avenue from 1527 Jackson Street to 1719 Jackson Street. All adjoining and/or abutting property owners have consented to the closure. City Manager Pagan explained the closure of a portion of an alley between Haynes and Jackson Streets south of 15th Street. The closure was requested by Southern Tank & Manufacturing, who own the property on one side of the section to be closed. The property owners on the other side of the section to be closed have provided their consent. OMU will retain an easement in the area for access to their infrastructure.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 35-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING 1.9% COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE PENSION ANNUITANTS UNDER THE (CLOSED) CITY EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND, was approved 4-0 on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The Board of Trustees of the (closed) City Employees' Pension Fund met and by unanimous vote recommends a 1.9% cost of living increase for eligible annuitants effective with pension checks received in January 2021. City Manager Pagan stated the

Order authorizes a 1.9% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for pensioners of the closed City Employee Pension plan. This is a closed, legacy plan not the Kentucky Retirement System, in which our current or recently retired city employees participate. The 1.9% COLA was recommended by the Board of the plan at their meeting last month. Last year, a 1.6% adjustment was provided. The plan has 16 active members, and is financially sound.

7.B. Municipal Order 36-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING A 1.9% COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR ALL ANNUITANTS OF THE OWENSBORO POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT FUND ("CLOSED") was approved 4-0 on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Board of Trustees of the Police and Firefighters' Retirement Fund (closed) met and unanimously recommends a 1.9% cost of living increase for annuitants effective with pension checks received in January 2021. City Manager Pagan explained this provides a 1.9% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for members of the closed Police and Fire Pension fund. This is not our current retirement program, but a closed legacy plan, closed in August of 1988. The recommendation of a 1.9% COLA was approved at the board meeting last month. This plan has thirty-five (35) pensioners.

7.C. Municipal Order 37-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA GRANT THROUGH THE KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION, FOR WHICH NO MATCH IS REQUIRED was approved 4-0 on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Smith-Wright.

Owensboro Fire Department seeks to apply for a grant through the Kentucky Fire Commission to purchase at least one (1) thermal imaging camera, no match is required. City Manager Pagan stated the Order authorizes a grant application for a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department. A thermal imaging camera is an essential tool for interior firefighting because the handheld device can be used to see heat from fire or victims that would otherwise be obscured by smoke, darkness, or other barriers. No match from the City is required.

7.D. Municipal Order 38-2020 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER ESTABLISHING AN AGENCY SAFETY PLAN, INCLUDING A SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT, RISK MATRIX, AND SAFETY TARGETS FOR THE OWENSBORO TRANSIT SYSTEM was approved 4-0 on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The Owensboro Transit System receives Federal financial assistance and in accordance with FTA requirements, seeks to adopt and implement an Agency Safety Plan, including a Safety Management Policy Statement, Risk Matrix, and Safety Targets. City Manager Pagan explained the City receives consideration funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the operations, vehicles and equipment necessary to provide a transit service to the community. This Municipal Order approves various safety documents that comprise the agency safety plan and are required by the

FTA. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is the regional transportation planning entity, and approved these documents at its last meeting.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The following personnel appointments were approved 4-0 with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Brandon M. Mitchell** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Clerk/Typist with the Police Department, effective January 4, 2021

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Jeffery S. Brown** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective December 7, 2020

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Colby L. Grayson** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 8, 2020
- **Steven W. Reddish** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 8, 2020
- **Jason W. Goddard** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective December 8, 2020
- **Anthony R. Williams** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective December 8, 2020
- **Jeremy S. Mulligan** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective December 8, 2020
- **Joseph C. Calvert** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Maintenance Worker with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective December 23, 2020
- **Robert M. Lacy** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective December 23, 2020
- **Elizabeth A. Moore** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective December 23, 2020

8.B. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Brief comments were heard from the elected officials. Praying for Commissioner Conder. The Commission encouraged the community to support local businesses and restaurants. They also thanked Big Rivers Electric Corporation for making the decision to move their headquarters to downtown Owensboro. Mayor Watson thanked the Economic Development Corporation, city staff and Bob Berry for working toward the goal.

Mayor Watson issued a "Certificate of Appreciation" and plaques for Commissioners Larry Conder and Pam Smith-Wright in appreciation of their years of service and leadership to the community. He stated he learned a lot from them both.

Mayor Watson issued a Proclamation declaring December 1, 2020 as "Healthcare Professionals and First Responders Day".

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford at 5:23 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk