

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Called Meeting
January 5, 2021 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 Mark Castlen
Commissioner Bob Glenn
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Watson

4. OATH OF OFFICE – Honorable Jay A. Wethington, Daviess Circuit Court Judge, Division I administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to the Board of Commissioners.

5. PRESENTATION

5.A. Cap Gardner Award 2020 was presented to Officer Easton Russelburg, Police Department.

6. BUSINESS

6.A. Election of Mayor Pro Tem - This was the first meeting of a new term for Commissioners Larry Maglinger (received 8,176 votes in the November election), Mark Castlen (received 8,080 votes), Bob Glenn (received 8,077 votes); and Jeff Sanford (received 7,039 votes). It was also the beginning of a new term for Mayor Tom Watson.

Traditionally, the honor of Mayor Pro Tem goes to the Commissioner who received the most votes in the general election. In keeping with tradition, Larry Maglinger was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem on motion of Mayor Tom Watson, seconded by Commissioner Sanford. The Mayor Pro Tem fills in when the Mayor is out of town or otherwise unavailable.

6.B. Minutes dated December 1, 2020 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn.

6.C. Board Appointments:

6.C.1. The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Commissioner Glenn with a second by Commissioner Sanford:

- **GRADD Board of Directors** – Appoint Lauren Osowicz as a joint city-county appointment to a three-year term effective January 1, 2021
- **Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission** – Appoint Jerry Ray Davis to fill the remainder of a term ending December 31, 2021
- **Audubon Area Community Services Board** – Appoint Matt Fitzgerald to serve as the Mayor's designee to a term ending December 31, 2024
- **City Utility Commission** – Reappoint Ted Lolley and Dr. Tom Maddox to a three-year term effective January 8, 2021

6.C.2. The following board appointment was approved 4-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger (Commissioner Castlen abstained):

- **Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** – Appoint Mark Castlen to a one-year term effective January 1, 2021

6.C.3. The following board appointment was approved 4-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford (Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger abstained):

- **Owensboro-Daviess County Drug and Alcohol Steering Committee** – Appoint Larry Maglinger to fill the remainder of a term ending October 4, 2023

7. ORDINANCES- 2nd READING

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

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.

8. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

8.A. Ordinance 1-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-18 OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES REINSTATING THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OFFICES OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

On July 7, 2015, the Owensboro Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance eliminating nonpartisan primary elections. The Owensboro Board of Commissioners wishes to reinstate the practice of conducting nonpartisan primaries in future elections. City Manager Pagan explained that under state law, the determination of whether or not to have a primary for elections for the offices of Mayor and Commissioner is at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. A previous Commission approved the elimination of the primary by ordinance. If the ordinance is approved, there would be a primary in future mayoral races with three (3) or more candidates and the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes would advance to the general election. In future elections for Commissioner with nine (9) or more candidates, the primary would identify the top eight (8) candidates who advance to the general election.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The following personnel appointments were approved 5-0 with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Glenn:

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Sarah D. Henry** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective January 18, 2021
- **Jeremiah A. Pye** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective January 18, 2021

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Kevin D. Lang** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective January 1, 2021
- **Brad N. Hall** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective January 6, 2021

9.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan recognized all city employees for their flexibility of working different shifts, working at home, etc., over the last year.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Watson and each of the Commissioners thanked their families for their support and expressed their enthusiasm to serve the citizens of Owensboro. They also recognized the former Commissions.

Commissioner Sanford and Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger both thanked the staff and previous Commission for decisions that were made to help the community, such as the latest program to help the restaurant employees. City Manager Pagan recognized Angela Waninger, Beth Cecil and Dana Coomes for their assistance with the Restaurant/Bar Supplemental Payroll Program.

Mayor Watson commented on the giving nature of the community members during the pandemic. He would like to have a celebration in the fall to honor all the people that have given selflessly to help others. He mentioned that in early summer he expects a five (5) year COVID vaccine to be available.

An announcement was recently made that the local Canteen company had been sold to the number one (1) Canteen group in America, which is located in Chattanooga, TN. The new owners are excited to become a part of Owensboro.

Mayor Watson recognized the 2020 OMU Holiday Lighting Contest Winner, LeAnn Huffman at 2904 Wesleyan Park Drive. He announced the Commission meetings through April will be held virtually and are available to watch on the City's Facebook page and website. Work sessions are cancelled through April.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Cecil, City Clerk