

## OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Special Called Meeting**  
**January 19, 2021 5:00 PM**  
Via Video Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Beth Davis, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

Commissioner Mark Castlen

Commissioner Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated January 5, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

4.B. Board Appointments:

The following board appointments were approved 3-2 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn (Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger and Commissioner Sanford abstained):

- **City Employees' Pension Board** – Appoint Larry Maglinger and Jeff Sanford to a four-year term effective January 1, 2021.

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

5.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 unanimously approved on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

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. Mayor Watson confirmed that this will be instituted with the 2022 election.

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

**6.A.** Ordinance 2-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY OWNED BY TOM BLUE FURNITURE, INC. AND LOCATED AT 2737 VEACH ROAD, CONTAINING 1.349 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

An Ordinance annexing the property located at 2737 Veach Road, containing 1.349 acres. There will be an annexation incentive agreement for the property. City Manager Pagan explained that the consensual annexation is for property located at 2737 Veach Road.

**6.B.** Ordinance 3-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 1701 BRECKENRIDGE STREET AND 1714 HALL STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OWENSBORO, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Habitat for Humanity of Owensboro (Habitat) has petitioned the City for the closing of an alley right-of-way between 1701 Breckenridge Street and 1714 Hall Street. Habitat is the owner of the only lots that adjoin and abut the portion of the public alley right-of-way to be closed. An easement shall be retained by Atmos Energy. City Manager Pagan explained that this closes a portion of an alley between 1701 Breckenridge and 1714 Hall Street. The closure was requested by Habitat for Humanity, who owns all the property contiguous to or touching the section of alley to be closed. The closure requires Habitat to provide property for an alternate route for the alley, therefore, it will remain open and is basically relocating an alley to a different alignment. Atmos will retain an easement in the area for access to their infrastructure.

## **7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

**7.A.** Municipal Order 1-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH MILE WIDE BEER COMPANY, LLC, FOR USE OF "THE DISTRICT" NAME AND LOGO ON THEIR NEW LAGER, "THE DISTRICT LIGHT," TO BE NAMED FOR "THE DISTRICT" IN DOWNTOWN OWENSBORO, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

Mile Wide Beer Company, LLC has opened a Taproom located at 119 E. Second Street, Owensboro, and seeks to create a new lager beer that has a special connection to the City of Owensboro and "The District". This Order authorizes an Agreement for the use of the logo and name "The District". City Manager Pagan stated that with their new location on Second Street, Mile Wide Beer Company desired to name a beer in recognition of Owensboro's impressive downtown. The downtown entertainment area is known as The District. The Order approves an agreement that allows Mile Wide to use The District's logo for labeling of The District Light, a beer they will brew and sell here in

Owensboro. The agreement requires city approval for any use of the logo to ensure it is used in an appropriate manner.

## 8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

**8.A.** The Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2020 was presented by Angela Waninger, Director of Finance and Support Services (presentation attached). The report was unanimously approved to file for audit by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Glenn.

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

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

- **Thomas A. Goetz** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Street Department, effective January 25, 2021
- **Joshua R. Hoge** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Recreation Facilities Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective January 25, 2021
- **Josh W. King** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective February 1, 2021
- **Gregory J. Lingris** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective February 1, 2021
- **Tristan J. Patterson** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective February 1, 2021
- **Allyson M. Markwell** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective February 1, 2021, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Katherine M. Phelps** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective January 20, 2021
- **Sherree L. McCormick** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Revenue Clerk with the Finance Department, effective January 27, 2021

**8.C. City Manager Comments** – The cutoff for applications for the Restaurant Relief Program has passed, we will continue to watch for additional applications postmarked prior to the deadline. We have seventy (70) businesses approved with three (3) under review. Combined, the approved applicants have 1,295 employees who will benefit from the program. Special thanks to Dana Coomes and Angela Waninger for their work on the program.

This morning we held a media conference at the Convention Center announcing the initial results of a regional drug task force investigation. Chief Ealum spoke about the operation and its impact. Chief Ealum explained that Owensboro Police Department has been involved in a very detailed investigation with the DEA and ATF. The Street Crimes Unit identified very significant drug trafficking and violence within the community. Through a federally approved wiretap, OPD was able to seize approximately 151 pounds of crystal meth and several pounds of marijuana that were in route to Owensboro. The level of fentanyl seized could have filled every seat in four (4) NFL football stadiums. Several individuals were arrested and the investigation continues. Although OPD has vacant officer positions, they were able to serve seven (7) federal search warrants on seven (7) different locations in less than an hour without incidence. Mayor Watson asked the Commissioners to stand with him to work and give OPD the tools necessary for the recruitment and retention of officers to protect the community and keep drugs and guns off the streets. The Board of Commissioners thanked Chief Ealum and officers for their hard work. Chief Ealum expanded on the challenges of competing with other agencies in regard to salary for officers. Mayor Watson intends to continue pursuing a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) designation in the community.

City Manager Pagan recognized the retirement resignation of Wayne Shelton, Public Works Director. Mr. Shelton has led the department for over twelve (12) years and plans to retire on March 31. Everyone acknowledged his hard work and congratulated Wayne on his retirement. Wayne had an opportunity to speak.

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

Mayor Watson recognized the Northwest Neighborhood Alliance and the mural in Kendall Perkins Park. Owensboro Community & Technical College is working diligently to add CDL training as part of their curriculum. Mayor Watson recognized Altaf Merchant for his contributions to the community, to include the sponsorship at Centre Court. A new sign is being erected “Merchant Centre Court”. Mr. Merchant donated \$150,000 to Owensboro-Daviess County Tennis Association; to be used for future building maintenance and to teach children how to play tennis. He had made a seven (7) year commitment to help non-profits in Owensboro.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford at 5:43 p.m.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk