

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Called Meeting
February 16, 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 – Commissioner Bob Glenn

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Watson recognized the following retirements:

- Kenneth L. Morris – Street Dept. – December 31, 2020
- Bruce Mitchell – Sanitation Dept. – January 31, 2021

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated February 2, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

5.B. Board Appointments:

5.B.1. The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn:

- **Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Board** – Appoint Jay Velotta to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends January 5, 2023
- **Seven Hills Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Melinda Schoenwald to a two-year term effective February 16, 2021

5.B.2. The following board appointments were approved 5-0 upon motion of Commissioner Glenn with a second by Commissioner Sanford:

- **Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County** – Reappoint Pamela Smith-Wright to a three-year term effective March 2, 2021. Reappoint DJ

Johnson to fill the remainder of an unexpired term which ends August 17, 2022. Appoint Brad Youngman, Nathan Godeke, and Tina Wright to a three-year term effective February 16, 2021.

6. ORDINANCES- 2nd READING - NONE

7. ORDINANCES – 1ST READING

7.A. Ordinance 4-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF TWO (2) RIGHT-OF-WAYS; AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED BETWEEN 713-719 FOUST AVENUE AND 710-718 GRACIAN STREET AND A STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED BETWEEN 710-718 GRACIAN STREET AND 1620 WEST 7TH STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF LOCAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Local Property Holdings, LLC has petitioned the City for the closing of two (2) right-of-ways: an alley located between 713-719 Foust Avenue and 710-718 Gracian Street; and a street right-of-way located between 710-718 Gracian Street and 1620 W. 7th Street. An easement will be retained by Atmos Energy and Regional Water Resource Agency. City Manager Nate Pagan explained the closings: one is a portion of an unpaved alley off of W. 7th Street between Gracian Street and Foust Avenue and the other is a portion of Gracian Street itself. Both the alley and Gracian Street dead-end into the railroad, so there is no negative impact from a transportation perspective. All contiguous property owners have consented to the closings. A utility easement will be retained for Atmos and Regional Water Resource Agency to access their infrastructure.

7.B. Ordinance 5-2021 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 RECEIVE FUNDS FOR SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY; APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INCENTIVES; RECEIVE CARES ACT FUNDING AND PROVIDE FOR RESTAURANT AND BAR GRANT FUNDS; RECEIVE FEDERAL JAG GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE FOR PURCHASE OF RIFLES; RECEIVE STATE GRANT FUNDS IN TRANSIT AND APPROPRIATE FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES; AND UPDATE CDBG AND HOME BUDGET DUE TO REVISED ALLOCATIONS FROM HUD, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Budget amendment to receive funds for sale of surplus property; appropriate funds for incentives; receive CARES Act funding and provide for Restaurant and Bar Grant funds; receive federal JAG Grant Funds and appropriate for purchase of rifles; receive state grant funds in Transit and appropriate for capital equipment purchases; and update CDBG and HOME budget due to revised allocations from HUD. City Manager Pagan further expanded on the amendments including the sale and rebate of the Big Rivers headquarters site as approved in the incentive agreement for the project; revenue from the CARES Act that the City has received, and the appropriation to fund the Restaurant and Bar worker assistance program; the receipt and expenditure of grant funds for new rifles for the Police Department; the receipt and expenditure of grant funds for transit; and minor clean-up to correct actual amounts for the Community Development fund.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 7-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO ADOPT THE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The City participates in the Community Rating System which is part of the National Flood Insurance Program that provides reductions to flood insurance premiums in participating communities. In order to maintain the current rating and possibly achieve a higher rating, the City seeks to adopt the Program for Public Information (PPI). The PPI identifies the flood hazard, safety hazards and projects implemented to meet the community's flood preparedness, safety, education and flood insurance promotion. City Manager Pagan explained the Order is related to the community's participation in the national flood insurance program. Emergency management administers the program on our behalf. Daviess County Emergency Management Planner Vicky Conner (270-685-8448) explained the program and said community residents are currently receiving a ten (10%) reduction in flood insurance premiums. Owensboro-Daviess County currently has a rating of eight (8). The PPI Committee is working to have the rating reduced which would equal a larger reduction in insurance premiums. New flood maps should be out in 2023.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The financial report for the period ending December 31, 2020 was unanimously approved to file for audit with a motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford. Mrs. Angela Waninger, Finance and Support Services Director presented the report (presentation attached).

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Jeffery B. Kelley** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Safety/Loss Prevention Manager with the Personnel Department, effective March 1, 2021
- **Norman K. Lang** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective March 1, 2021

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **James C. Green** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective February 28, 2021

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Travis W. Blincoe** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Roadworker with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2021
- **Bradley D. Snapp** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Applications Supervisor with the Information Technology Department, effective February 17, 2021
- **Jacob P. Trogden** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 17, 2021

9.C. City Manager Comments – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Board of Commissioners thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work clearing the snow and ice.

Commissioner Castlen commented on a flooding issue that occurs between Bittel Road and Griffith Avenue, as reported by a citizen. The issue is being looked at by the City Engineer.

Commissioner Sanford stated the Northwest NRSA should be rolling out in April 2021.

Commissioner Glenn recognized Karen Feldhaus, Daviess County High School faculty member, who won the Regional Speech and Debate Coach of the Year Award.

Mayor Watson mentioned Jamie Johnson, Business Coach for SBDC of Kentucky, housed at the Economic Development Corporation. Free services are available to help businesses get started. He also recognized Rosa Parks as part of Black History Month.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Castlen at 5:39 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk