

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Special Called Meeting
April 22, 2021 12:00 PM**

City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, KY 42303

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL - City Clerk Beth Davis

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger

Commissioner Mark Castlen

Commissioner Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. 2021-2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION - City Manager Pagan, along with members of the staff, presented the budget presentation (copy attached). The \$131,101,844 budget is divided into five categories: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds, and the Internal Service Funds. City Manager Pagan requested a two and one-half percent (2.5%) cost of living increase for city employees. No proposed tax rate changes are requested. Of note: the budget proposes the addition of a full-time Recreation Facilities Manager and converting a part-time Information Technology Network Systems Tech to full-time.

Commissioner Sanford requested the rate of return for our public events, Tim Ross, Public Events Director, will send that to the Commission.

Mayor Watson requested that Community Development Director Abby Shelton send the Commission her notes which outlined the various detailed funding used for her departmental projects.

Josh Bachmeier, Human Relations Manager, discussed the different departments encountering a large rate of turnover and difficulty in recruitment; Police Department (Hazardous), Parks Department, Street Department (Roadworker), Grounds Department (Laborer/Maintenance Worker) and Street Department (Crew Leader). The budget contains an increase in the base salary for the positions listed above. A new full-time position of Recreation Facilities Manager is being suggested within the Parks Department.

Mayor Watson and Commissioner Castlen both suggested that Sister Cities should have an economic aspect versus the social aspect it currently maintains. Mayor Watson mentioned the possibility of finding a Sister City within the Commonwealth of Kentucky that has similar characteristics of Owensboro and learn from each other leaning toward

economic development. City Manager Pagan suggested the Chair of Sister Cities attend an upcoming work session for further discussion.

Questions and comments were received from the elected officials and appropriate city staff responded.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m. by acclimation.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk