

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Special Meeting  
May 18, 2021 5:00 PM**

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

**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 Jeff Sanford  
Commissioner Bob Glenn

**3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE - Commissioner Bob Glenn**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.A. Retirement Recognitions - Mayor Watson recognized the following retirement recognitions effective May 31, 2021:**

- Greg Kelley - Electrician, Public Works
- Jeff Tong - Facilities Maintenance Manager, Public Works
- Billy Wilson - Captain, Fire Department – Captain Wilson was present and accepted a certificate.

**4.B. Proclamations – Mayor Watson read the following proclamations:**

- “National Police Week” was accepted by Officer Dylan Evans.
- “National Public Works Week” was accepted by Stephen Franklin, Director of Public Works.

**4.C. Police Department 2020 Annual Report.** Chief Art Ealum presented the 2020 Annual Report.

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.A. Minutes dated May 4 and May 11, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.**

## **6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING**

**6.A.** Ordinance 7-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND APPROPRIATING THE REVENUES TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY AS SET FORTH HEREIN, was unanimously approved on second reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The estimated revenues and fund balances set forth in the 2021-2022 Budget of the City of Owensboro are hereby appropriated to the various departments of the City of Owensboro for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$131,010,844, inclusive of Internal Service Funds, for the various purposes designated in the 2021-2022 Annual Budget. Mayor Watson said he would like to sit in and have some input/discussion during the departmental level meetings of the next budget process to have a better working knowledge of the budget book. City Manager Pagan said there are numerous discussions that take place regarding projects that are included within the budget. He stated he can reassess the budget presentation. Commissioners Castlen and Sanford agreed with Mayor Watson that the more detailed information they can get on the budget the better information they would have to relay to the public.

## **7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING - NONE**

## **8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS**

**8.A.** Municipal Order 21-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) INITIATIVE GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE TOTAL COST OF \$25,739.70, EXPENDED TO PURCHASE THIRTY-FIVE (35) NEW BULLETPROOF VESTS AND PLATES, THAT AMOUNT BEING \$12,869.85, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

The Owensboro Police Department has thirty-five (35) bulletproof vests which will expire and require replacement during the next fiscal year. The City seeks to execute an application for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Initiative Grant administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to purchase thirty-five (35) vests with a 50% grant reimbursement of \$12,869.85. City Manager Pagan explained that the City's portion of the fifty-fifty (50/50) grant is \$12,869.85. Each year the Police Department budgets for vests so the funds are available if the grant is awarded.

**8.B.** Municipal Order 22-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST AND ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL

RECOVERY FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY UNDER THE 2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,324,175; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE THE CITY; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The City of Owensboro has been allocated Thirteen Million Three Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$13,324,175) of funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. City Manager Pagan explained the first half (1/2) of the funds are expected to be received later this month. Additional information about the use of the funding will be forthcoming and the Commission will likely be briefed at the June work session.

## **9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**9.A.** The financial report for the period ending April 30, 2021 was unanimously approved to file for audit upon motion of Commissioner Sanford with a second by Commissioner Glenn. The presentation given by Angela Waninger, Finance and Support Services Director is attached.

**9.B.** The following personnel appointment was approved 5-0 with a motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Glenn:

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Corey V. Moore** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective May 13, 2021

**9.C.** City Manager Comments - None

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Commissioner Sanford commented on the downtown traffic issues. He would like to have further discussions to find a solution. City Manager Pagan said a presentation would be given at the June work session.

Commissioner Castlen requested that in lieu of the upcoming July 4 holiday, guardians of juveniles monitor the amount of fireworks they purchase. In previous years there have been firework assaults on both Police Officers and citizens. Mayor Watson said he would prefer not allowing temporary business licenses for outsiders to sell fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger reminded everyone about the first Friday After 5 on May 21, 2021.

Commissioner Glenn congratulated the second graduating class of the Western Academy at the Neblett Center. He further encouraged getting vaccinated, if you are able.

Mayor Watson presented a Certificate of Outstanding Service Certificate to help celebrate the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Charles Kimmel, WWII Veteran. The City is sponsoring the Friday After 5 on May 21 and Owensboro Health (OH) will set up a COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the parking lot of 14-WFIE. OH plans to have a mobile clinic at each Friday After 5 this season. He then announced that today, the White House Drug Policy Office designated Daviess County, Kentucky as one (1) of six (6) additional counties in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program (Appalachia HIDTA). The community has previously applied several times for the designation. The designation will enable authorities in Daviess County to better coordinate law enforcement operations with local, State and Federal authorities. Mayor Watson is hopeful this will also lead to additional federal funds. Mayor Watson thanked Tom Devine, FBI member and Senator McConnell's office for their assistance.

**11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m. upon motion of Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Glenn.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk