

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
July 6, 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 – Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson swore in Police Officer John N. Lyons

4.B. Clay Horton, Green River District Health Department (GRDHD), presented an update on COVID-19. In all, the City is in a good place and he encouraged continued vaccinations. GRDHD is acting as a vaccine hub for the entities administering the vaccines that do not have proper storage facilities. Forty-four percent (44%) of the total population of Daviess County has received at least one (1) dose of the vaccination and fifty-five (55%) of adults and fifty-two percent (52%) of children 12 and up have received one dose. The Center for Disease Control has robust, detailed specifics for nearly every sector. Mayor Watson presented Mr. Horton with an Award of Distinction for his hard work and dedication throughout the pandemic.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated June 8, 2021 and June 15, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Castlen:

- **Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Debbi Barker and Miranda Barker to a two-year term effective July 17, 2021.

6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

Ordinance 9-2021 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 LOCATED AT 280 HARBOR RIDGE DRIVE, CONTAINING 0.414 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF SARA JANE MCNULTY, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Glenn.

An Ordinance annexing the property located at 280 Harbor Ridge Drive, containing 0.414 acres at the request of Sara Jane McNulty. City Manager Pagan explained the consensual annexation is behind four (4) homes in the Harbor Hills subdivision located within the City. There is no incentive agreement for this annexation.

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING - None

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 28-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE TOTAL COST OF \$307,952.60, EXPENDED TO PURCHASE SEVENTY-NINE (79) BODY-WORN CAMERAS, THAT AMOUNT BEING \$153,976.30, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

The Owensboro Police Department desires to purchase seventy-nine (79) body-worn cameras for use by its officers in order to promote accountability and transparency. The total cost is \$307,952.60 through a U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program with a fifty (50%) grant reimbursement amount of \$153,976.30. City Manager Pagan stated the match portion has been included in the budget should the grant application be approved.

8.B. Municipal Order 29-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT EXTENDING THE JUVENILE DRUG COURT PROGRAM AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEARS, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

The City and Daviess County Fiscal Court have previously entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to provide funding for a Juvenile Drug Court Program. Due to the success of the program, the City and County wish to extend the funding for an additional three (3) years through December 31, 2024. The City and County each agree to fund \$70,000

annually to the program. City Manager Pagan explained the City and County have partnered to provide a Juvenile Drug Court, with each providing half the cost. The partnership was extended for three (3) year terms in both 2015 and 2018. The existing three (3) year agreement expires at the end of this year. The Order provides another three (3) year term with the terms remaining the same and each party providing \$70,000 for the program. The Juvenile Drug Court Program is administered by the County Attorney's office.

Daviess County Attorney Claud Porter gave an update on the program and covered the budget (presentation attached). The program started 9-12 years ago and has been a successful tool. In the last year, forty-one (41) young adults were assessed, seventeen (17) have graduated, four (4) are still there. Through the years, approximately two hundred (200) have gone on to graduate from the program. Mayor Watson complimented the program and the hard work of the program administrators.

8.C. Municipal Order 30-2021 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO ACKNOWLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FEDERAL "REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE)" TRANSPORTATION GRANT SUBMITTED BY DAVIESS COUNTY AND FURTHER COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDING SUPPORT AS PART OF THE GRANT APPLICATION, was unanimously approved on one reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

Daviess County has approached the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and received their concurrence of the County's submission of a Federal RAISE Grant application, that, if approved, would provide much needed revenue to be leveraged along with committed local and state funding to complete the rebuilding of KY 54 into a six-lane roadway (US 60 to Ralph Avenue) and a four-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane median (Ralph Avenue to Thruston Dermont Road). The City supports the submission of the grant and commits to local funding of \$500,000 to the project. Deneatra Henderson, Chief District Engineer of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), District 2, stated the KYTC is supporting the application by paying for the application process. The total cost of the Section 1 - Highway 54 widening is \$30.6 Million.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. Director of Finance and Support Services Angela Waninger presented the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2021 (presentation attached). The financial report for the period ending May 31, 2021 was unanimously approved to file for audit by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Cynthia D. Askins** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Revenue Clerk with the Finance Department, effective July 19, 2021
- **Billy A. Carter** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective July 19, 2021
- **Anthony A. Esparza** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective July 19, 2021

9.C. City Manager Comments – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The elected officials complimented the July 4 fireworks both downtown and at the alternate locations.

Commissioner Sanford asked about the possibility of posting signs to advise against giving to panhandlers and instead donating to the local non-profits that work to assist the homeless.

Commissioner Castlen encouraged everyone to visit the Owensboro Fine Art Museum which is the second largest art museum in Kentucky. He thanked Michael Johnson and DeMarcus Curry for helping control the youth in the northwest area during the July 4 activities. He also invited members of the Commission to attend a meeting next Tuesday at Kendall-Perkins Park related to community collaboration.

Mayor Watson spoke highly of the new Owensboro Health CEO Mike Marsh and intends to invite him to a future meeting.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting unanimously adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Glenn at 5:57 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk