

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

September 7, 2021 5:00 PM

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

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. INVOCATION & PLEDGE - Mayor Tom Watson

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated August 10, 2021 and August 17, 2021 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Commissioner Sanford with a second by Mayor Watson.

4.B. Board Appointments

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

- **Owensboro Riverport Authority Board of Directors** – Reappoint Rod Kuegel to a four-year term effective September 10, 2021
- **Dugan Best Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Charles Hatchett, Bobby McCormick, and Cecil Phillips to two-year terms effective September 26, 2021

5. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

5.A. Ordinance 11-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED NORTH OF 2211 WEST 2ND STREET FROM RIVER ROAD TO TEXAS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AT THE REQUEST OF DANIEL ROBERTS, OWENSBORO SELF STORAGE, LLC, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

Daniel Roberts, Owensboro Self Storage, LLC, has petitioned the City for the closing of a street right-of-way located north of 2211 West 2nd Street from River Road to Texas Avenue.

5.B. Ordinance 12-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AT THE RATE OF 26.40 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, 33.02 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND 30.30 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF VEHICLES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND APPORTIONMENT OF SAME, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

Ordinance to levy ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, at the rate of 26.40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property, 33.02 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property, and 30.30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of vehicles.

5.C. Ordinance 13-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 7-2021 TO REVISE BEGINNING FUND BALANCES, CARRY OVER APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REBUDGET FUNDS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPARK DRIVE AND PARKING GARAGE, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

Budget amendment to revise beginning fund balances, carry over appropriations for all outstanding encumbrances, capital projects and rebudget funds, and to appropriate for the purchase of real estate, construction of Airpark Drive and parking garage.

6. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

6.A. Ordinance 14-2021 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE II, SECTION 26-17(b)(3) OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY UTILITY COMMISSION TO COMPLY WITH REVISED KRS 96.530, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Changes are necessary in Chapter 26, Article II, Section 26-17(b) of the Owensboro Municipal Code concerning the qualifications of members of the City Utility Commission in order to comply with recent revisions to KRS 96.530. City Manager Pagan explained the City Utility Commission serves as the Board of Directors for OMU. Historically, the City ordinance has matched the state statute governing appointments to the City Utility Commission. Earlier this year, the State Legislature changed the law providing greater flexibility regarding appointments to the Utility Commission.

The state statute and city ordinance previously required members of the Utility Commission to be city residents. The change allows up to two (2) of the five (5) members of the Utility Commission to be non-city residents if the appointing authority determines that the appointee possesses qualifications and experience in the best interest of the Utility Commission and is a resident of the County. The revised statute further stipulates that the non-city appointee not be employed by or have an ownership of or fiduciary interest in a supplier or competitor of the Utility. These changes keep the City ordinance consistent with the statute. Mayor Watson added that this change allows a broader range of talent to serve on the Utility Commission.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS – NONE

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Todd B. Combs** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 13, 2021, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***
- **Rachel F. Frederick** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 13, 2021
- **Charles A. Pace** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 13, 2021
- **Austen J. Schuknecht** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 27, 2021, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***
- **Zerrick A. Wells** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 27, 2021
- **Gary A. Dunlop** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective September 27, 2021, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***
- **Melinda S. Main** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Public Works Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective September 27, 2021, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***

- **Alisha C. Greathouse** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective September 13, 2021
- **Nicholas R. Flake** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective September 13, 2021
- **Jonathon J. Pearl** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective September 13, 2021
- **Aaron V. Bommarito** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department effective October 11, 2021

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Shawn P. Murphy** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective September 13, 2021

8.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager recognized Kelsey Ray, Communications and Marketing Manager for the City.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

There was discussion among the Commission on the community gun violence. A meeting will soon take place with County Attorney Claud Porter for further discussion. Commissioner Sanford added that it is the same core of people causing the trouble.

Commissioner Glenn encouraged citizens to assist the police department in solving crimes, especially those involving gun violence.

Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger thanked all the teams, volunteers, sponsors and city staff for their work with the Hydrofair.

Commissioner Castlen commented that the community garden at Max Rhoads Park was recently replanted.

Mayor Watson gave an in-depth update on the community COVID-19 numbers.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Officer Nicholas Flake was in attendance and recognized for his recent hire and approval on the agenda.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger at 5:27 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk