

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Called Meeting
February 1, 2022 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 – Commissioner Bob Glenn

4. BUSINESS

4.A. Minutes dated January 11, 2022 and January 18, 2022 were approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

4.B. Board Appointment

The following board appointment was approved 5-0 upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Glenn.

- **Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County** – Appoint Paula Anne Moore to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

5. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

5.A. Ordinance 02-2022 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 RECEIVE SECOND TRANCHE (OF TWO) OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS TO REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY (RWRA) TO ASSIST WITH COST OF REPLACING AND SEPARATING THE DOWNTOWN RAVINE SEWER, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Commissioner Sanford and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

Budget amendment to receive second tranche (of two) of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and appropriate a portion of those funds to Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) to assist with cost of replacing and separating the downtown Ravine Sewer. City Manager Pagan explained the Ordinance makes two changes to the ARPA grant fund, which is a stand-alone fund for the receipt and disbursement of ARPA funds. One change is to account for revenue of \$6,662,088, which is the one-half of ARPA funding the City will receive in the current fiscal year. The other change is to appropriate \$2.5 million to RWRA for their Ravine Sewer project.

6. ORDINANCES - 1st READING - NONE

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 05-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL ENABLE THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE OVERTIME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DURING SPECIFIC MOBILIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY; NO CASH MATCH BEING REQUIRED BY THE CITY, was unanimously approved on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Owensboro Police Department officers provide traffic enforcement during mobilizations in an effort to reduce traffic offenses. The grant funds will directly cover overtime for specific mobilizations. This grant would allow the Owensboro Police Department to enhance public safety through direct enforcement during the "Click It or Ticket", "Speed Weeks" and the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilizations. The estimated costs of overtime and expenses are a total of \$50,000.00. City Manager Pagan added that the Order grant funds will be used for overtime for Police Department traffic enforcement programs. No match is required from the City.

7.B. Municipal Order 06-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND BELL BANK, INC. BY WHICH THE CORPORATION SHALL LOCATE A MORTGAGE SERVICES FACILITY IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO IN EXCHANGE FOR CERTAIN FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FROM THE CITY, INCLUDING A REBATE OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE GENERAL FUND OCCUPATIONAL FEE ON GROSS WAGES FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS PROVIDED CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TARGETS ARE SATISFIED, was unanimously approved on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson with a second by Commissioner Castlen.

Municipal Order authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Bell Bank, Inc. establishing the benefits and obligations of each party related to Bell Bank locating their mortgage service facility within the City. City Manager Pagan explained that Bell Bank will open a mortgage servicing facility in downtown Owensboro. The project involves

approximately 37 employees by the end of this year with plans to grow their local workforce to 178 employees phased in over the next 3-4 years. The Company will be located at the corner of Frederica and Third Streets where Alorica was formerly housed.

This Order approves the incentive agreement for the project which is a seven (7) year, 50% General Fund Occupational Tax rebate to the Company. The incentive activates in three (3) years unless activated sooner by the Company. Bell Bank is required to maintain 135 employees in the local office to earn the incentive for each of the seven (7) years.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Zachary L. Brown** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Roadworker with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 7, 2022
- **Austin M. Reisz** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective February 7, 2022
- **Jordan W. Benson** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to HVAC Technician with the Public Works Buildings Department, effective February 14, 2022

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Courtney M. Yerington Burton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective February 13, 2022

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Thomas A. Goetz** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Street Department, effective February 1, 2022
- **Joshua W. King** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective February 1, 2022

8.B. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Sanford thanked the White Flag volunteers.

Commissioner Castlen discussed gun violence and challenged parents to take control of their children.

Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger complimented the recently released Popular Annual Financial Report FYE 2021.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford at 5:17 p.m.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk