

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
July 12, 2022 12:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson
2. ROLL CALL - Adrienne Carrico, Acting City Clerk

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson
Mayor Pro Tem Larry Maglinger
Commissioner Mark Castlen
Commissioner Bob Glenn
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING

3.A. Ordinance 14-2022 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9-2022 TO ESTABLISH REVISED COMPENSATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED CITY OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PERSONNEL AND PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY KRS 83A.070, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

The compensation of city employees and non-elected city officers was established by Ordinance 9-2022 on May 17, 2022. Subsequent to the passage of Ordinance 9-2022, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) increased its annual supplement for law enforcement officers and firefighters from \$4,000 to \$4,300, thereby necessitating revised pay charts for city employees and non-elected city officers for fiscal year 2022-2023.

3.B. Ordinance 15-2022 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OWENSBORO ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED MARCH 14, 1980, SO AS TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 407 EAST THIRD STREET, was unanimously approved on second reading by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Glenn.

The Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission (OMPC) met in regular session on April 14, 2022, and did consider and approve a proposal to change the zoning classification of the property located at 407 East Third Street from its present classification of I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 Central Business. OMPC staff recommends approval because the proposal is in compliance with the community's adopted Comprehensive Plan; the

subject property is located in a Central Business Plan Area, where central business uses are appropriate in general locations; is located within the downtown overlay districts as adopted by the City of Owensboro and the request is consistent with the concepts of the Downtown Master Plan; the B-2 Central Business zoning classification is an expansion of existing B-2 zoning to the south and east of the subject property; and the B-2 Central Business zoning will promote the redevelopment of the downtown consistent with the Downtown Master Plan.

City Manager Pagan explained that the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission previously approved this rezoning. An appeal was filed asking for the Board of Commissioners to reconsider the action of the Planning Commission. However, the person who filed the appeal did not appear to plead their case. As a result, approval of this ordinance affirms the rezoning as previously approved by the Planning Commission.

4. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Colton W. Baker** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective July 18, 2022
- **Cameron D. Weaver** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Police Officer with the Police Department, effective July 18, 2022

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Jacob P. Trogden** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Crew Leader with the Public Works Street Department, effective July 17, 2022

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Joshua E. Jones** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective May 8, 2022
- **Dena M. Payne** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Network Systems Technician with the Information Technology Department, effective July 4, 2022
- **Cynthia D. Askins** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Revenue Clerk with the Finance Department, effective July 19, 2022

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A TAX RATE REDUCTION UPDATE - City Manager Nate Pagan presented information on the potential effects of a tax rate reduction (presentation attached). Mr. Pagan reviewed the current General Fund Long Range Plan (LRP), as well as new developments that could affect the LRP. Potential increases include: paving materials 57%, sign materials 44%, cleaning services 35%, mowing services 50%, fuel 74% and dumpsters 53%. Other considerations include a SportsPlex (estimated annual replacement/maintenance cost of \$307,743), Transient Boat Dock (estimated annual operating/debt service of \$791,000) and Wage Adjustments (estimated recruitment/retention challenges of \$2,850,000). City Manager Pagan presented an updated LRP which included the new information/developments listed above, as well as the proposed Occupational License fee reduction of 1.39% (from 1.78%) and the proposed Insurance Premium License Fee reduction of 8% (from 10%). The reduced revenue with the proposed rate reductions would have a substantial impact on the net deficit over the next several years with a minimal savings to taxpayers. The staff recommendation is to not consider a tax rate reduction at this time. Mayor Watson commended City Manager Pagan and Angela Waninger, Director of Finance and Support Services, for their efforts in researching the effects of a tax rate reduction and agreed that a reduction is not feasible at this time.

5.B. SPORTSPLEX UPDATE – City Manager Nate Pagan introduced Norm Gill with Pinnacle Indoor Sports, who presented information on a proposed standalone indoor sports facility (presentation attached). According to Mr. Gill, the purpose of the proposed facility would be to drive economic impact through sports tourism and enhance the quality of life for local residents. The proposed facility layout consisted of 88,000 square feet, a minimum of six (6) basketball courts, ten (10) volleyball courts, an indoor turf field (100' x 200'), concessions, member services and administrative offices. The approximate cost to build the facility would range from \$16 to \$17 million, depending on the location. There are two options for operating this facility – city operated or third-party. At 50% capacity, weekend tournament visitors are expected to support \$1.3 million in lodging sales from 12,360 hotel nights and \$3.1 million on other taxable sales per year; and tournament visitor spending is projected to be \$86.7 million over the next fifteen (15) years. City Manager Pagan explained that if the Commission was interested in proceeding, the next steps would be to refine the scope of the project and reconvene in three (3) to four (4) months. Mayor Watson expressed that he would like to move forward, but that he would prefer to speed up the process. The other members of the Commission were in agreement with Mayor Watson's statement.

5.C. CITY PROJECT LIST – City Manager Pagan mentioned the addition of the York Ditch Stormwater Project and the Cravens Pool Improvements/Repairs. Commissioner Glenn inquired about the timeline for completion of the Heartlands Park playground replacement. Amanda Rogers, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the current ship date for the equipment is July 18 and she has requested that the installation take place in September, once school is back in session. Commissioner Glenn also asked if the Cravens Pool repairs were on track to begin in September. Mrs. Rogers explained that

once bids are received back in early August, it should take up to six (6) weeks to get a contractor on board. Project list attached.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Castlen; motion carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk