

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Called Meeting

November 15, 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 – Mayor Tom Watson

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. The 2022 City Christmas card was unveiled. The card, designed by Aaron Kizer, is entitled “Santa Claus is Coming to Town”.

4.B. Mayor Watson recognized Katie Royalty as she prepares to retire after 27 years from the Finance Department.

4.C. City Manager Nate Pagan explained the current Commission has either approved or has the consensus to move forward with several projects. As such, it is fitting for the Commission to consider financing the projects before their term expires. Mr. Pagan outlined the upcoming project list with the associated estimated costs (presentation attached). The list includes an Indoor Sports Facility (\$19 Million), Transient Boat Dock (\$9.5 Million), replacement of Fire Station #3 (\$6.7 Million), new Fire Training Center (\$5 Million), Fisher Park light poles (\$1.4 Million) and various other projects (\$3 Million) with an estimated total cost of \$44.6 Million. A bond ordinance will be considered at the December 6 and December 20 Commission meetings to finance the projects.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated October 18, 2022, November 1 and November 8, 2022 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger.

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

- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** – Reappoint Joseph Acquisto to a three-year term effective December 4, 2022.
- **Police and Firefighters’ Retirement Fund Board (Closed)** – Reappoint Chief Art Ealum to a one-year term effective January 1, 2023. Ratify the election of Charles Hayden to a one-year term, effective January 1, 2023.
- **Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County** – Reappoint Melinda Cornell and JT Fulkerson to a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.

6. ORDINANCES - 2nd READING - None

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

7.A. Ordinance 27-2022 entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTER 1000, SUBCHAPTER 1004, PAY CHART ENTITLED “PROFESSIONAL / TECHNICAL” THEREBY ADDING THE POSITION OF “COLLECTION SPECIALIST” AND REMOVING THE POSITION OF “ASSISTANT OCCUPATIONAL TAX ADMINISTRATOR”, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

It is necessary to amend Chapter 1000, Subchapter 1004, in the Pay Chart entitled “Professional/Technical-Exempt”, “Professional/Technical-Non-Exempt”, and associated organizational charts to replace the position of “Assistant Occupational Tax Administrator” with the position of “Collection Specialist”. City Manager Pagan explained the Ordinance amends the pay chart to reflect the name change of a position.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 44-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER DECLARING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 730 WALNUT STREET AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND DEED CONVEYING THE PROPERTY TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY, INC., was introduced and read for approval on one reading upon motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Glenn.

The City owns certain real property located at 730 Walnut Street which is located in a Qualified Census Tract. The City has declared the property as surplus and now desires to transfer the property to Habitat for Humanity of Owensboro-Daviess County, Inc. so that Habitat for Humanity can construct a new residence on the Property. City Manager Pagan added that the City acquired the vacant property at a Master Commissioner sale for Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). Map attached.

8.B. Consider Municipal Order 45-2022 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER DECLARING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1821 WEST 7TH STREET AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

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9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. Finance and Support Services Director Angela Waninger presented the financial statements for the period ending October 31, 2022 (presentation attached). The financial statements were approved to file for audit 5-0 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 Mayor Pro Tem Maglinger:

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Aron M. Contratto** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective November 20, 2022
- **Lucas M. Hardy** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective November 20, 2022
- **Hunter D. Hinton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective November 20, 2022

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Sarah D. Henry** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective November 21, 2022

9.C. City Manager Comments - The City was notified today that we were awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our 2022-2023 budget. We received our highest ever evaluation this year.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended. They each thanked Commissioner Sanford for his service during his term.

Commissioner Sanford congratulated Pam Smith-Wright on her reelection to the Board of Commissioners. He reflected on the accomplishments achieved during his term and thanked the staff and past Commissioners for doing great things for Owensboro.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

DeMarcus Curry (Owensboro) requested that Cravens Pool not be forgotten in the projects list. City Manager Pagan responded that the pool is a separate funding source than those discussed for bonding. The lack of contractors set back the project and it is in development for next year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 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