

MUNICIPAL ORDER 12-2023

A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS FUNDING GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,095.40, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THREE (3) OUTDOOR CANON POLE CAMERAS, APPLICABLE LICENSING, AND DATA CHARGES, FOR WHICH NO MATCH IS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the Owensboro Police Department (OPD) employs one hundred seven (107) sworn officers; and

WHEREAS, OPD currently owns and operates three (3) pole cameras with two (2) of them being two (2) to three (3) years old; and

WHEREAS, the Patrol, Investigations and Street Crimes Divisions all utilize these cameras for gathering evidence for investigations and monitoring higher crime areas in order to reduce crime and make our neighborhoods safer; and

WHEREAS, pole cameras enhance community safety by allowing police investigators to target hot-spots for criminal and nuisance activity and gather evidence for effective prosecutions. These cameras allow investigators to view and record video evidence in locations where physical presence may hinder the investigation; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of three (3) new pole cameras, applicable licensing and data charges will further advance the Owensboro Police Department's goal of providing a safer community for all citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO,
KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to execute a grant application to be filed with the Project Safe Neighborhoods Funding grant through the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$24,095.40, to purchase three (3) outdoor Canon pole cameras, applicable licensing and data charges, for which no match is required from the City.

Section 2. That the Mayor, City Manager and appropriate staff members are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all other agreements, instruments or documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate and implement any grants awarded to the City.

**INTRODUCED, PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON ONE
READING,** this the 21st day of February, 2023.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk