

**OWENBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 6, 2025 | 5:00 PM**  
Owensboro City Hall  
101 E. 4th Street  
Owensboro, Kentucky

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson**

**2. ROLL CALL – Adrienne Carrico**

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

**3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE - Commissioner Sharon NeSmith**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.A.** The "National Police Week" proclamation was presented by Mayor Watson and received by Officer KeyRon Catlett.

**4.B.** Mayor Watson presented the "Professional Municipal Clerks Week" proclamation.

**4.C.** Tim Ross, Public Events Director, gave an update on the upcoming BBQ & Barrels event (attached). New this year is the "BBQ Blueprint", a guide highlighting unique signature menu items featured by a few of the participating food vendors. In addition to food, the event will include arts and crafts vendors, bourbon sampling, a 50/50 raffle, and live entertainment. Second Street will be temporarily renamed "BBQ BLVD" for the duration of the event.

**4.D.** Brent Kelley, Loss Prevention Manager, provided an update on the damage to city property resulting from the March 15 hailstorm (attached). Three (3) insurance claims have been filed: property (buildings and structures), auto/vehicle, and inland marine (other outdoor property). Approximately 87% of insured city properties and outdoor structures, and about 50% of insured vehicles, sustained damage during the storm.

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.A.** Minutes dated April 15, 2025, were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

**5.B.** The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn:

- **Owensboro-Daviess County Building Code Appeals Board** – Reappoint Paul West as a joint city-county appointment to a four-year term expiring April 30, 2029
- **Owensboro Historic Preservation Board** – Reappoint Kathryn Burlew to a three-year term effective May 17, 2025
- **Audubon-Bon Harbor Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Patricia Carmon and Todd Self to a two-year term effective May 6, 2025
- **Old Owensboro Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Jacob Glahn and Christara Lee to a two-year term effective May 6, 2025
- **Seven Hills Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Jessica Jones to a two-year term effective May 6, 2025
- **Owensboro Sister Cities and Regions Board** – Appoint Ashley Gendek to a three-year term effective May 6, 2025

## 6. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

**6.A.** Ordinance 4-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF TAYLOR AVENUE TO KAMUF WAY was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Owensboro Catholic High School has requested that the name of Taylor Avenue be changed to Kamuf Way to honor Charles and Linda Kamuf, who have made significant contributions to the school. No residences have addresses on Taylor Avenue. City Manager Pagan added that the street functions as a rear entrance to the school, and while there is one driveway on the street, no properties have Taylor Avenue addresses.

**6.B.** Ordinance 5-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2-2019 AND ADOPTING THE DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT COUNTY-WIDE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, KOC 1010.9 (2025) was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The City wishes to adopt by reference the new Daviess County Animal Control Ordinance, KOC 1010.9 (2025), as it may be amended from time to time. The City specifically retains the provisions in Article I of Chapter 4, Section 4-18 of Chapter 4, and Section 19-6 of the Owensboro Municipal Code related to animals. City Manager Pagan explained that the County provides animal control services county-wide, including within the City. The City historically adopts the County's animal control ordinance, which was recently amended. This ordinance adopts the County's revised version by reference. The updated ordinance includes minor changes and transfers animal control responsibilities to the Sheriff's Office. He noted that the City retains its own laws concerning animals in parks, owner responsibility to pick up after their animals, and livestock within city limits.

## 7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**7.A.** Municipal Order 10-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH

TS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL PAY TS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC A TOTAL OF \$1,500,000.00 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5000 FREDERICA STREET AND 5105 BACK SQUARE DRIVE CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 33.111 ACRES, MORE OR LESS was read and unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith.

The Order authorizes a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Owensboro and TS Entertainment, LLC providing that the City will pay TS Entertainment, LLC \$1,500,000.00, payable in four (4) equal installments of \$375,000.00, for its development of the property located at 5000 Frederica Street and 5105 Back Square Drive containing a total of 33.111 acres, more or less. City Manager Pagan noted that the project represents a major redevelopment of the former mall property into a state-of-the-art family entertainment center featuring attractions such as mini golf, go-karts, laser tag, and bowling, with a total estimated investment of up to \$17 million. He explained that the project has qualified for Kentucky Tourism Development Tax Credits, which require meeting rigorous state standards. He added that the City's incentive reflects the Board of Commissioner's strong support for transforming the property into a vibrant community and tourism destination.

## **8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**8.A.** Financial report for the period ending March 31, 2025 was presented by Angela Waninger, Finance and Support Services Director (attached). The report was unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Sanford.

**8.B.** The following Personnel Appointment was unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger:

### **REGULAR STATUS:**

- **Mollie J. Gerteisen** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective May 6, 2025

**8.C.** City Manager Comments – Tim Ross, Public Events Director, gave a brief update on the upcoming Friday After 5 season, which will kick off with City Night on Friday, May 16.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended and expressed appreciation to the Owensboro Fire Department for the successful dedication ceremony of the new Walter Freeman Fire Training Facility.

## **10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

Reggie Helm (Christie Place) presented City Engineer Kevin Collignon with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Shifley-York Neighborhood Alliance, recognizing the Engineering Department's work on the York Ditch Stormwater Project.

**11.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. by acclimation.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk