

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

July 1, 2025 | 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 Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE - Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Gracie Kelley, Director of Government Affairs and Lauren Lewis, Government Affairs Counsel with Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) presented Representative D.J. Johnson with the KLC Friends of Cities Award. Representative Johnson sponsored HB 321 and voted with KLC on each bill they presented.

4.B. Tim Lyons, General Manager for OMU, presented an update on the upcoming transition of power supply. The current contract with Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC) expires December 31, 2026. A transition agreement for power supply with BREC will be in place January 1, 2027 through May 31, 2027. In March of 2027, OMU will begin to transition to Mid-Continent Independent System Operator (MISO); an independent, not-for-profit, member-based organization responsible for keeping the power flowing across its region reliably and cost effectively. Beginning June 1, 2027, OMU will enter into a contract with NextEra. Jack Sullivan, NextEra Senior Director of Originations, explained that they own and operate 43 generation facilities totaling more than 6 gigawatts in 11 MISO states. They are the largest power supplier to municipalities and cooperatives in the markets they serve. Mr. Lyons stated this transition will include an upcoming two-step rate adjustment. However, the partnership will allow OMU to mitigate and lessen the economic impact of increased power prices across the nation. General questions from the Board of Commissioners followed the presentation (attached).

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated June 17, 2025 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

6. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

6.A. The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger:

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Megan M. Knox** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Recreation Specialist with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective July 14, 2025

PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Brittni B. Klotzback** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Recreation Facilities Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective July 13, 2025
- **Kevin D. Lang, Jr.** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil, promotional appointment to Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective July 13, 2025

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Susan R. Crago** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Clerk/Typist with the Personnel Department, effective July 1, 2025
- **Miranda L. Zunun** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective July 1, 2025

6.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan reminded everyone about the upcoming All-American 4th of July event and acknowledged Dane' Galloway, Deputy Director of Finance and Support Services on the dais.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended and acknowledged the recent ROMP event and upcoming July 4 activities.

8. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Isabelle Birkett (3537 Cannonade Loop N) asked for the Board of Commissioners' support in allowing backyard chickens in Owensboro. She believes that with proper guidelines, it would be a safe and positive change in the community.

Shelby Eades (3507 Hawthorne Drive) expressed her support for backyard chickens.

9. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm, Commissioner NeSmith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk