

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
August 5, 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 - Mayor Tom Watson

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson recognized the retirement recognition of Scott Norris, Police Officer effective July 31, 2025.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated July 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 by Commissioner NeSmith:

- **Audubon-Bon Harbor Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Barbara Clites to a two-year term effective August 15, 2025
- **Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County Board** – Reappoint Cindy Sheriff to a three-year term effective August 18, 2025
- **Seven Hills Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Wanda Cooper to a two-year term expiring August 1, 2027
- **Owensboro-Daviess County Board of Health** – Reappoint Nate Pagan to a two-year term expiring August 3, 2027

- **Owensboro Sister Cities and Regions Board** – Reappoint James Howard to a three-year term expiring August 2, 2028

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 10-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE III, SECTION 3-57 OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION CENTER TO ALLOW IT TO BE ENJOYED AT ALL TIMES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD, was unanimously approved on second reading by a roll call vote. Motion was made by Commissioner Sanford and second by Commissioner Maglinger.

The City created an Entertainment Destination Center (EDC) in the Owensboro riverfront area, which has been successful and popular with visitors in downtown Owensboro. The City now seeks to allow visitors to enjoy the EDC at all times alcohol is sold by establishments within the EDC. City Manager Pagan explained the amended ordinance will allow alcoholic beverages to be carried in special cups within the EDC at all times when alcohol is being sold.

7. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

7.A. Consider Ordinance 11-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-2025 TO REVISE BEGINNING FUND BALANCES, CARRY OVER APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RE-BUDGET FUNDS, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Budget amendment to revise beginning fund balances, carry over appropriations for all outstanding encumbrances, capital projects and re-budget funds. City Manager Pagan explained the majority of the amendments were multi-year capital projects carried over; others may be purchases that have not been received/paid for yet. The one new item is for a cybersecurity program for Central Dispatch.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The financial report for the period ending June 30, 2025 was presented by Director of Finance and Support Services, Angela Waninger (attached). Motion was made by Mayor Watson to file the report for audit; second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn and carried unanimously.

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

NEW HIRE/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Shain A. Crousore** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025
- **Bradley W. Hamilton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025
- **Joseph B. Henry** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025
- **Dakota A. Nickel** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025
- **Logan T. Raymer** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025, ***contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements***
- **Matthew R. Wilkerson** - Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective September 2, 2025

PROMOTIONAL and NON-PROMOTIONAL/PROBATIONARY STATUS:

- **Hunter D. Hinton** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective August 10, 2025
- **Tristan H. Russelburg** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Police Major with the Police Department, effective August 10, 2025
- **Jeffery A. Johnson** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective August 10, 2025
- **Miranda L. Zunun** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service, promotional appointment to Lead Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective September 7, 2025

REGULAR STATUS:

- **Dakota J. Bratcher** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective August 11, 2025
- **Jared M. Peacock** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Fire Lieutenant with the Fire Department, effective August 11, 2025

- **Wyatt W. Griskey** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective August 12, 2025
- **Brandon M. Pate** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective August 12, 2025
- **Shelby L. Smith** – Regular, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Telecommunicator with the Police Department Central Dispatch, effective August 12, 2025

8.C. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn wished his wife Happy Anniversary.

Commissioner NeSmith briefly discussed the importance of feedback on public transportation and she plans to meet with the Harwood Institute.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Melody Wallace (5518 Skyline Drive), Navy veteran and co-founder of “She’s a Vet” elaborated on the previous request for space in Smothers Park near the Shelton Memorial for a monument to honor veteran military service women. Three female veterans have joined the planning committee to help create the vision. George Lundeen, the artist who created the Nicky Hayden statue, has agreed to create the sculpture. The vision is to honor the WWII, modern day and future female veterans. Army Veteran Natasha Conkright (3344 Brookfield Drive) mentioned the two decorated Army veterans from Owensboro, Mary Josephine Oberst and Vivian Hayden Lawton and added that the monument would be dedicated to all women who have served in the military. She also requested the WWII Memorial be restored.

11. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 pm, Commissioner Sanford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk