

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025 | 4:00 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 Pro Tem Glenn presented a "Firefighter Appreciation Month" proclamation to members of the Owensboro Fire Department.

4.B. Brian Roberts, Deputy Fire Marshal gave a presentation on Fire Prevention (attached).

4.C. Dane' Galloway, Deputy Director of Finance & Support Services presented a Finance Department Overview (attached).

4.D. The City Project List was distributed (attached).

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated October 7, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Glenn:

- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Mitchell Schell to fill the remainder of an unexpired term ending June 16, 2027 (replacing Woody Maglinger). Appoint Ty Scrivner to a two-year term effective October 21, 2025.

- **Owensboro Human Relations Commission** - Appoint Christopher Stuchell to fill the remainder of an unexpired term ending November 5, 2027 (replacing Alondra Johnson). Appoint Khaibar Shafaq to fill the remainder of an unexpired term ending March 18, 2028 (replacing Ramon Muniz). Appoint Courtney Carter to a three-year term effective October 21, 2025.

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 18-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTER 1000, SUBCHAPTER 1004, PAY CHART ENTITLED “FULL-TIME PAY GRADES”, THEREBY ADDING THE POSITION “ASSISTANT OCCUPATIONAL TAX ADMINISTRATOR”, was unanimously approved by a roll call vote; motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger.

For more efficient and better aligned job duties in the Finance Department, the recommendation is to add the position of Assistant Occupational Tax Administrator. City Manager Pagan explained that due to the increased workload within the City’s Tax Department—which also serves as the collection agency for the County—it has become necessary to reclassify one of the three Occupational Revenue Clerk positions to an Assistant Tax Administrator role. The change enhances the department’s depth of knowledge and operational capabilities but also provides a second staff member qualified to perform Net Profit audits. Additionally, the new Assistant Tax Administrator will support the Occupational Tax Administrator in several key areas, including reviewing and approving refund requests and assisting in the management of Developer Incentive Agreements. The change from this ordinance does not create an additional city employee, it transitions one position from an Occupational Revenue Clerk to Assistant Occupational Tax Administrator.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 24-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD, CONTAINING 34.798 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, was approved 3-2 by roll call vote on one reading with motion by Commissioner Maglinger and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn. Watson and Sanford voted no.

James G. Pantle, Ann Pantle and Mary Lou Pantle own certain real property located on Pleasant Valley Road in Daviess County, Kentucky and now desire to sell the real property. The City seeks to acquire said property for economic development purposes. City Manager Pagan explained the property is located between Fairview Drive and Pleasant Valley Road, beside and behind the site of the new eastside Kroger that is under construction. The property was originally part of a larger sixty-acre parcel, and the City purchased the other twenty-five acres in 2020. The first twenty-five acres were used for right-of-way for the Fairview Drive extension and the remaining acreage was sold to two

different local developers, one of which built various medical office buildings, and the other for a portion of the new Kroger site.

The property has been owned by the same family for decades. The initial transaction for the twenty-five acres went well, and the family has indicated they strongly prefer selling the remaining thirty-five acres to the City. Otherwise, it's likely to remain an agricultural use for years to come. He further explained that this is the furthest the City can grow in that direction. Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Claude Bacon spoke about the importance of the property from an economic development standpoint. It contains both flexibility and variety, it's not a sight for industrial development or manufacturing, like the recently purchased Massie site.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The financial report ending September 30, 2025 was presented by Angela Waninger, Director of Finance and Support Services (attached). Motion was made by Mayor Watson to file the report for audit; Commissioner NeSmith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

PROBATIONARY, FULL-TIME, NON-CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

- **Seth M. Evans** - Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective November 3, 2025
- **Jeremy S. Mulligan** - Police Officer with the Police Department, effective November 3, 2025

PROBATIONARY, FULL-TIME, NON-CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

- **Cameron D. Ernsperger** – Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective November 2, 2025
- **Brian M. Roberts** – Battalion Chief with the Fire Department, effective November 2, 2025

REGULAR, FULL-TIME, NON-CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

- **Matthew D. Brake** – Building Maintenance/ Operations Specialist with the Public Works Buildings Department, effective October 6, 2025
- **Jon-Michael A. Perry** – Recreation Facilities Manager with the Parks and Recreation Department, effective October 6, 2025

- **Julie A. Burchett** – Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective October 7, 2025

8.C. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Commissioner Maglinger wished his wife a Happy 25th Anniversary.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn congratulated Joe Schepers, RWRA Executive Director, on his upcoming retirement.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

11. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk