

**OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 4, 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 Pro Tem Bob Glenn

4. PROCLAMATIONS

**4.A.** Commissioner NeSmith presented a “National Care at Home Month and National Hospice and Palliative Care Week” proclamation to board members and staff from Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Kentucky (HPC).

**4.B.** Commissioner Sanford presented a “National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week” proclamation to members of St. Benedict’s Homeless Shelter and Daniel Pitino Shelter (Harry Pedigo, Blaine Matthews) and Rhondalyn Randolph, OHRC interim Executive Director.

5. BUSINESS

**5.A.** Minutes dated October 21, 2025 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

**5.B.** The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford:

- **Owensboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** – Reappoint Calvin Williams to a two-year term expiring November 2, 2025. Reappoint David Curry to a two-year term effective November 8, 2025. Appoint Amanda Green to a two-year term effective November 8, 2025.

- **Wesleyan Shawnee Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Jessica Ogilby, Josh Ogilby, Robert Galvin III, and Susann Bartlett to a two-year term effective November 4, 2025.
- **Apollo Area Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Rob Schell to a two-year term expiring November 2, 2027.

## 6. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

**6.A.** Ordinance 19-2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES GOVERNING SUSPENSIONS OR REVOCATIONS OF THE PRIVILEGE TO RIDE OWENSBORO TRANSIT SYSTEM BUSES, was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Owensboro Municipal Code of Ordinances (OMC) presently lacks a procedure to ensure that passengers who have received a suspension or revocation of their bus privileges receive a fair hearing or have the right to appeal a determination adverse to them. The Board of Commissioners wishes to establish a new section of the OMC creating a procedure to govern suspensions and revocations of bus privileges. City Manager Pagan explained the ordinance creates a procedure for suspensions from the city transit buses like the model used by Parks Department. There have been times when the disruptive behavior of a rider requires assistance from the police department. The proposed model allows city staff to issue a short-term suspension; however, the city manager can issue a longer-term suspension. The aggrieved party can appeal the suspension to the Board of Commissioners through due process.

## 7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**7.A.** Municipal Order 25-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PAP) GRANT FUNDING, was approved 5-0 on one reading with motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner NeSmith.

The City of Owensboro is eligible to receive Public Assistance Program (PAP) grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for repair, replacement or restoration of facilities damaged by severe weather on April 2, 2025. The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management is administering the FEMA PAP grant funding for governmental subdivisions in Kentucky, including the City of Owensboro. In order to receive the grant funding, the City must execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management establishing the conditions for receipt of the PAP grant funding. City Manager Pagan stated the spring weather events prompted the available FEMA funds. The City experienced flood damage along the riverfront bank near the McConnell Plaza area.

## 8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

**8.A.** The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Commissioner NeSmith and a second by Commissioner Maglinger:

### **NEW HIRE - PROBATIONARY, FULL-TIME, NON-CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT:**

- **Pelaiah Barner** – Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective November 17, 2025

### **PROBATIONARY, FULL-TIME, NON-CIVIL SERVICE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT:**

- **Stacy A. Allen** – Assistant Occupational Tax Administrator with the Finance Department, effective November 16, 2025

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

- **Nicholas E. Wellman** – Police Officer with the Police Department, effective November 4, 2025
- **Brannon L. Pendergraft** – Fire Captain with the Fire Department, effective November 17, 2025

**8.B.** City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan reminded everyone of the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 8 and free transit service on Veteran's Day.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

## 10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - None

**11.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk