

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

December 16, 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 – Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. The following individuals were recognized by their supervisor and Mayor Watson in recognition of their retirement effective December 31, 2025:

- Jake Martin, Firefighter, (attended) and recognized by Chief Howard.
- Mike Custer, Bus Driver, (attended) and recognized by Transit Manager Vickie Pennington.
- Jo Hall, Administrative Aide, Police Department recognized by Major Mike Staples.

4.B. Mayor Watson presented the Cap Gardner Employee of the Year Award to Kevin DeRossitt, Deputy Director of Public Works.

4.C. The city project list was distributed.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. City Manager Pagan explained the City is required to be audited each year. The audit provides both the Board of Commissioners and the public accountability, transparency, and assurance that the City's financial affairs are handled appropriately. The City's audit firm is Alexander, Thompson Arnold PLLC, and Malcolm "Mac" Neel III, a managing partner at the firm, serves as lead auditor. Mac Neel presented the audit report for fiscal year 2024-2025. Following the presentation, motion was made by Mayor Watson to accept the audit report; second was made by Commissioner Sanford and carried unanimously.

5.B. Minutes dated December 2, 2025 were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

5.C. 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 Aprilea Stroud to a two-year term effective December 16, 2025
- **Owensboro Sister Cities and Regions Board** – Reappoint Leigh Ann Tipton to a three-year term effective December 20, 2025
- **GRADD Regional Transportation Committee** – Reappoint Kevin Collignon to a one-year term effective January 1, 2026
- **GRADD Council on Aging** – Reappoint Darla Barker to a three-year term effective January 1, 2026
- **Owensboro Tourist and Convention Commission** – Reappoint Andrea Benke to a three-year term effective January 1, 2026
- **Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County Board** – Reappoint Melinda Cornell and Joe Terry to a three-year term effective January 1, 2026

5.D. The following board appointment was approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn, Commissioner Maglinger abstained:

- **Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** – Reappoint Curtis Maglinger to a one-year term effective January 1, 2026

6. ORDINANCE – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 20-2025 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 CARRYOVER AN APPROPRIATION FROM PRIOR YEAR, APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECT AND VARIOUS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION; TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A GRANT MATCH; TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A LAND PURCHASE, was approved on second reading by a roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

Budget amendment to carryover an appropriation from prior year, appropriate additional funds for capital project and various building construction; to provide funding for a grant match; to receive and appropriate grant funds and to appropriate funds for a land purchase. City Manager Pagan explained the budget amendment includes various items that have accumulated over the last few months; various grants that have been received, most significantly a grant awarded that offsets the cost of an additional police officer. The amendment includes the receipt of grant funds and associated expenses for the additional officer.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 30-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDING, AUTHORIZED UNDER THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) THROUGH THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BY AND THROUGH THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO FUND PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DEFINED AS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES; A 20% MATCH IS BEING REQUIRED OF THE CITY, was unanimously approved on one reading with motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

The City seeks to file an application for Transportation Alternatives Program Funding under the Surface Transportation Block Grant through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the purpose of funding programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. A twenty percent (20%) match is required by the City. City Manager Pagan explained the application is for \$500,000 for various sidewalk projects within the Apollo Neighborhood Alliance area. The funds will add sidewalks in the Apollo area that don't currently exist. A 20% match is required if the application is successful.

7.B. Municipal Order 31-2025 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A "STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT" BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, UNDER THE TERMS OF WHICH THE CITY AGREES TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AID AND ASSISTANCE TO OTHER KENTUCKY CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT HAVE APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS AGREEMENT AND WHO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARED NATIONAL, STATE OR LOCAL EMERGENCY OR DISASTER; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT EACH RECIPIENT OF EMERGENCY AID AND ASSISTANCE SHALL BE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE, REASONABLE AND DOCUMENTED EXPENSES INCURRED BY CITIES OR COUNTIES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, was approved 5-0 on one reading with motion by Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management is encouraging each city and county in the State to become a party to a "Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement" in order to ensure the statewide availability of mutual aid and assistance as quickly, efficiently and effectively as possible to communities stricken by a disaster or emergency which poses a major threat to public safety resulting in loss of life, serious injury, significant damage to property or major harm to public health or the environment, and which a local emergency response agency does not have the capability to address. City Manager Pagan added that the agreement standardizes and formalizes the way fire departments in Kentucky share resources for mutual benefit. The nature of the agreement is that it will be used when local resources are overwhelmed and need assistance from another agency. The agency assisting is not obligated to respond but

can do so when they have resources available. In addition, the agreement streamlines administration and reimbursement from disasters.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2025 was presented by Angela Waninger, Director of Finance and Support Services (presentation attached). Mayor Watson made a motion to file the financial report for audit; second was made by Commissioner NeSmith 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 APPOINTMENT:

- **Alexander N. Bricis** – Refuse Truck Driver with the Public Works Sanitation Department, effective December 28, 2025, *contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements*

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

- **Jacob W. Aull** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Dylan S. Brown** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Brad N. Hall** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Brandon J. Hardin** - Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Stephen A. James** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Colby L. Smith** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Matthew P. Statdfield** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025
- **Zerrick A. Wells** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective December 28, 2025

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

➤ **William C. Olewinski** – Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Street Department, effective December 30, 2025

8.C. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Commissioner Sanford recognized Owensboro High School (state football champion) and Owensboro Catholic High School (state contender).

Commissioner Maglinger recognized Randy Lanham and Parker Malone for representing the Bluegrass Music & Hall of Fame Museum at the White House.

Mayor Watson questioned the name of the new indoor sports facility. City Manager Pagan stated the name has not been publicly released yet and the name was selected by communication staff and the operators of the building. Mayor Watson said he would like to have seen five names submitted from the public and selected from the list.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk