

OWENBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2026 | 5:00 PM
Owensboro City Hall & Via Video Teleconference
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL – Adrienne Carrico

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson (via video teleconference)

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 "211 Day" proclamation was presented by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn and accepted by Paula Yevincy, President and CEO of United Way of the Ohio Valley, along with board members and staff. A video explaining the importance of 211 was shared.

4.B. Mayor Pro Tem Glenn presented the "Black History Month" proclamation. Reverend Larry Lewis, who requested the proclamation, was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore, Glenda Wright volunteered to accept it.

4.C. Claude Bacon, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) President and CEO, provided an update on future plans for the Massie and Airpark sites (presentation attached). Jamie Johnson, Vice President of Workforce Development, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, shared statistics on wages and labor force and highlighted programs and projects supported by EDC. Summer Aldridge, Director of Marketing, Special Projects, and Administrative Support, discussed EDC's social media annual report and their involvement in the film and bourbon industries.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated January 20, 2026, were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

5.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn:

- **Wesleyan Shawnee Neighborhood Alliance** – Appoint Ashley Edge to a two-year term effective February 3, 2026
- **Ambulance Contracting Authority** – Appoint James Howard to fill the remainder of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2029 (replacing Ted Johnston)

6. ORDINANCES - 1st READING

6.A. Ordinance 1-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3500-4300 BLOCK OF W. PARRISH AVENUE (STATE HIGHWAY 81) CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 121.605 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The City owns property located at the 3500-4300 block of W. Parrish Avenue (State Highway 81) containing 121.605 acres and desires to annex the property. City Manager Pagan explained that this is the property referred to as the Massie property, which the City acquired a few months ago to serve as an industrial park/site. The City will continue planning development of the property, such as an entrance and utilities, to get the site pad ready for development.

6.B. Ordinance 2-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2300-2500 BLOCK OF PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 34.798 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The City owns property located at 2300-2500 block of Pleasant Valley Road containing a total of 34.798 acres and desires to annex the property. City Manager Pagan stated that the Pantle property was purchased by the City last year and is being annexed in preparation for future development.

6.C. Ordinance 3-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF OWENSBORO CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF DAVIESS ADJOINING THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY, BEING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3230 WAREHOUSE ROAD CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 1.014 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF ADDISON MILES, LLC was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Addison Miles, LLC owns property located at 3230 Warehouse Road containing a total of 1.014 acres and desires to have the property annexed. City Manager Pagan explained

that the owner of this property intends to develop smaller industrial units for rent. There will be a standard annexation incentive agreement.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 2-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT THROUGH THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL ENABLE THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE OVERTIME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DURING SPECIFIC MOBILIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY; NO CASH MATCH BEING REQUIRED BY THE CITY was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith.

The Owensboro Police Department intends to apply for a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Highway Safety Grant application through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for an amount of \$50,000.00, to fund fuel and overtime hours of officers of the department to enforce traffic laws during specific mobilizations.

7.B. Municipal Order 3-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY CONTAINING 0.093 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 2745 WEST PARRISH AVENUE was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford.

Rajesal Properties, LLC owns real property located at 2745 West Parrish Avenue in Owensboro, Daviess County, Kentucky and now desires to sell a portion of that real property containing 0.093 acres. The City of Owensboro seeks to acquire said property for use as right-of-way for a turn lane made necessary by development in the area.

City Manager Pagan stated that with the various projects in the area such as Publix, it's apparent that the intersection of West Parrish Avenue and Carter Road needs additional capacity. Carter Road north of Parrish is a city street, while Carter Road south of Parrish is a state route. The order approves a small property purchase to serve as an additional lane on southbound Carter Road immediately north of Parrish. The new lane will increase capacity and lessen the stacking of vehicles on Carter. The purchase price is \$25,000 and the goal is to complete the project this construction season.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

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

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

- **Kristopher H. Collins** – Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Lucas M. Hardy** - Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Anthony R. Williams** - Police Lieutenant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Kaalab S. Bratcher** - Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Benjamin E. Fleury** - Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Derek W. Griffith** - Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Joseph R. Jones** - Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 9, 2026
- **Tiffany R. Kruse** - Telecommunicator with the Police Department, effective February 10, 2026
- **Ethan T. Board** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective February 17, 2026

8.B. City Manager Comments – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Watson announced that, with support from Senator McConnell, the Owensboro Family YMCA has secured \$6.6 million in federal funding for a new childcare facility.

Members of the Commission expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Public Works staff and first responders during the recent winter storm. Commissioner Maglinger suggested reevaluation of the snow removal process.

Commissioner Sanford commented on the new development occurring on the west side.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Human Relations Commission (HRC) board member Glenda Wright (711 Jed Place) expressed concerns regarding how the HRC handles citizen complaints. She stated that, if the law cannot be upheld, the position of Executive Director should be eliminated.

Jim Grise (2335 Pleasant Valley Road) requested that the City take his property and surrounding properties into consideration during the development of the newly purchased property on Pleasant Valley Road.

11. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Watson to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m., Commissioner Maglinger seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk