

**OWENBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Special Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026 | 5:00 PM**  
Owensboro City Hall & Via Video Teleconference  
101 E. 4th Street  
Owensboro, Kentucky

**1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson**

Mayor Watson explained that since it is a special meeting, state statute does not allow broad discussion there could be no elected official comment, city manager comment or open public forum.

**2. ROLL CALL – City Clerk Beth Davis**

Present:

Mayor Tom Watson (via video teleconference)

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

Commissioner Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

**3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Tom Watson**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4.A.** Firefighter Heath Devine and Lieutenant Rob Alvey were recognized for their upcoming retirements, effective February 28, 2026.

**4.B.** Chief James Howard presented the 2025 Owensboro Fire Department Annual Report (attached).

**4.C.** The project list was distributed (attached).

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.A.** Minutes dated February 3, 2026, 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 from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn:

- **Owensboro-Daviess County Board of Ethics** – Reappoint Russ Wilkey as a joint city-county appointment to a three-year term effective March 1, 2026

- **Midtown East Neighborhood Alliance** - Appoint John Madison to a two-year term effective February 17, 2026

## 6. ORDINANCES – 2nd 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 unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Commissioner NeSmith.

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 annexation is the first step in preparing the site 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 unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

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 unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Commissioner Maglinger.

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. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

**7.A.** Ordinance 4-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE OWENSBORO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Owensboro Human Relations Commission (OHRC) was created by ordinance in 1972 and last updated in 2001. The proposed amendments will ensure the OHRC remains compliant with state law, updates membership qualifications and terms, and defines current operating procedures. City Manager Pagan explained that the Owensboro Human Relations Commission (HRC) was created in 1972 in accordance with authorizing state statutes and the ordinance has not been updated since 2001. The proposed changes are not substantial and are largely clarifications and clean-up. Changes include the following:

- Changing references of appointed members from commission members to board members to match language used with other organizations.
- Reducing the maximum number of board members from 15 down to 12. The HRC board is larger than almost every other board for the various organizations we've created.
- Staggering the new terms of board appointments.
- Requiring that board members must be a resident of the community for 1-year prior to appointment and remain a community resident for the duration of their term.
- Clarify that the HRC is authorized to refer complaints to appropriate agencies, which is their long-standing practice.
- And finally, clarifying that the HRC may, but is not required to, conduct investigations into complaints they receive. That is what the ordinance says now, so the responsibilities of the HRC are not changing, only adding clarifying language.

The changes were made in consultation with the chair and vice chair of the board and the executive director of the organization.

## 8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**8.A.** Municipal Order 4-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,444.85, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR RANGE AND DUTY RIFLES AND PISTOLS; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford.

The Owensboro Police Department seeks to purchase ammunition to be used in range and duty rifles and pistols through the Law Enforcement Protection Program grant awarded by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. No match is required.

**8.B.** Municipal Order 5-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ADDISON MILES, LLC PROVIDING FOR THE CONSENSUAL ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY LOCATED IN DAVIESS COUNTY AT 3230 WAREHOUSE DRIVE CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 1.703 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL REIMBURSE ADDISON MILES, LLC ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE TOTAL AD VALOREM (EXCLUDING SCHOOL TAX), GENERAL FUND NET PROFITS, AND GENERAL FUND OCCUPATIONAL TAX REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE PROPERTY OVER A DESIGNATED FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Maglinger.

The order authorizes an incentive agreement with Addison Miles, LLC for annexation of property located at 3230 Warehouse Road.

## 9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

**9.A.** The financial report for the period ending January 31, 2026 was presented by Director of Finance & Support Services Angela Waninger (attached). Motion was made by Mayor Watson to file the report for audit, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith and carried unanimously.

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

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

- **Victor D. Beard** – Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective March 2, 2026

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

- **Bryce Y. Garrett** – Fire Driver/Engineer with the Fire Department, effective February 22, 2026
- **Michael B. Shepherd** – Bus Driver with the Public Works Transit Department, effective February 22, 2026

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

- **Mariano R. McKenzie** – Laborer/Maintenance Helper with the Public Works Grounds Department, effective February 17, 2026
- **Joshua M. Bennett** – Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 23, 2026
- **John W. Preston** – Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective February 23, 2026

**10.** 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.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk