

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
April 28, 2026 | 12:00 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 Curtis Maglinger
Commissioner Sharon NeSmith
Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. 2026-2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION – City Manager Pagan, along with members of the staff, presented a budget presentation (copy attached). The 2026-2027 overall proposed budget is \$80,118,843. The budget contains five fund categories: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Enterprise Funds, and the Internal Service Funds. City Manager Pagan noted the major projects are already underway and were in the 2025-2026 budget.

City Manager Pagan stated the budget reflects growth, economic development, community needs, infrastructure and public safety. City Manager Pagan added that the 2026-2027 proposed budget reflects \$6M less than the 2025-2026 amended budget in the general fund. No proposed tax rate changes are requested, and a three percent (3%) cost of living increase has been proposed. Funds for an entry sign into Owensboro are included in the YCV budget. Daviess County Fiscal Court has agreed to contribute \$250,000 for the signs.

Commissioner Sanford would like to see the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area conducted city-wide. There was some discussion on tiny homes. Community Development Director Abby Shelton stated that OMPC is looking at the possibility of ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units).

Next year, the Finance Department plans to have an online searchable budget book for easy access. Angela Waninger, Director of Finance and Support Services, recognized Dane' Galloway, Deanna Glover and Carey Haynes for obtaining their certified Government Officers certification. The Human Resources Manager position is moving to the role of director.

Stephen Franklin, Public Works Director, said a new bus stop is being added at Carter Road and 2nd Street near the new Senior Center.

A study will be conducted for the intersection of 26th Street and Byers Avenue before seeking external funding sources for the project.

Dane' Galloway was recognized for her contributions since this is her last budget session. She plans to retire in the fall.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. by motion of Mayor Watson and seconded by Commissioner Sanford.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk