

**OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 5, 2026 | 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 Curtis Maglinger

Commissioner Sharon NeSmith

Commissioner Jeff Sanford

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Mayor Tom Watson

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. The Burns Middle School Cheer Team was recognized and given the Mayor’s Award of Distinction for winning the National Championship.

4.B. Mayor Watson presented the *Drinking Water Week* Proclamation to staff of OMU.

4.C. Mayor Watson presented the *National Police Week* Proclamation to officers of OPD.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated April 21 and April 28, 2026, were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

5.B. The following board appointment was approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

- **Owensboro Historic Preservation Board** – Reappoint Aaron Kizer to a three-year term effective May 19, 2026

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 8-2026 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 END OF HUNTERS RIDGE AND SUMMER VALLEY LANE (HUNTERS RIDGE SUBDIVISION – PHASE III) CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 55.578 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF HUNTERS RIDGE ESTATES, LLC was unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Mayor Watson and second from Commissioner Sanford.

Annexation request from Hunters Ridge Estates, LLC for property located at end of Hunters Ridge and Summer Valley Lane (Hunters Ridge Subdivision - Phase III) containing 55.578 acres. There will be an annexation incentive agreement. City Manager Pagan stated the consensual annexation is an expansion of the Hunter's Ridge subdivision and the existing homes are in the city.

**6.B.** Ordinance 8-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF LAGOON LANE TO BERTOLLI WAY was unanimously approved on second reading by roll call vote with motion by Commissioner NeSmith and second from Commissioner Maglinger.

Mizkan, Inc. operates a food processing facility within the City containing approximately 56 acres and they have started an extensive expansion and the creation of additional full-time jobs. Mizkan, Inc. has requested that Lagoon Lane, which will serve as the new entrance for shipping and receiving to serve their facility, be renamed to Bertolli Way. City Manager Pagan explained that last year, Mizkan announced a large investment and expansion of their local facility. As part of that project, the company plans to use Lagoon Lane for some access to their property, in addition to Ragu Drive. Lagoon is immediately east of their property and is the former bypass. The company asked if the City would consider renaming Lagoon Lane to Bertolli Way.

## 7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

**7.A.** Municipal Order 15-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH HUNTERS RIDGE ESTATES, LLC PROVIDING FOR THE CONSENSUAL ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED PROPERTY LOCATED IN DAVIESS COUNTY AT THE END OF HUNTERS RIDGE AND SUMMER VALLEY LANE (HUNTERS RIDGE SUBDIVISION – PHASE III), CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 55.578 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL REIMBURSE HUNTERS RIDGE ESTATES, LLC ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THE TOTAL AD VALOREM (EXCLUDING SCHOOL TAX), NET PROFITS, AND GENERAL FUND OCCUPATIONAL TAX REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE PROPERTY OVER DESIGNATED FIVE (5) YEAR PERIODS, was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Maglinger.

The order authorizes an incentive agreement with Hunters Ridge Estates, LLC for annexation of property located at the end of Hunters Ridge and Summer Valley Lane (Hunters Ridge Subdivision - Phase III). City Manager Pagan said this is the City's standard five (5) year incremental tax rebate annexation.

**7.B.** Municipal Order 16-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE 2026-2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

The Citizens Advisory Committee has recommended that the Owensboro Board of Commissioners accept the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds in order to continue to address the need for housing and community development in the community. City Manager Pagan stated the Citizens Advisory Group on Community Development recently approved the City of Owensboro's 2026–2027 Annual Action Plan, which focuses on addressing affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and economic development. It has a targeted emphasis on the Monarch NRSA where low-income households, aging housing, and cost burden housing are significant challenges. Using \$566,249 in CDBG and \$281,750 in HOME funds, the City will continue to support housing rehabilitation, new construction, down payment assistance, commercial façade improvements, and infrastructure upgrades, leveraging additional local and private investment to strengthen neighborhoods, increase homeownership, and promote long-term community stability.

**7.C.** Municipal Order 17-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE COMMUNITY CATALYST GRANT PROGRAMS TARGETED FOR THE MONARCH NEIGHBORHOOD REVITATLIZATION STRATEGY AREA, WITH THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND TO OTHER ELIGIBLE AREAS was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

The Community Catalyst Grant Programs (CCGP) targeted for the Monarch Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area were presented and discussed at a previous Board of Commissioners meeting. The Owensboro Board of Commissioners supports the local funding of the Community Catalyst Grant Programs through the annual budget process in order to continue to address the need for housing, economic and community development in the city. Other eligible areas within the incorporated boundaries of the city may be considered for the CCGP, provided funding is available and all guidelines are met. City Manager Pagan explained in addition to the various federally funded programs included in the Annual Action Plan the Board of Commissioners approved, the City has enhanced available options by offering locally funded programs. They have been used to improve the condition of housing in the current NRSA. This order approves continuing the CCGP in the Monarch area.

At the budget meeting last week, there was discussion about expanding the CCGP beyond the target area. This order allows the programs to expand outside the target area if and when the Board of Commissioners choose to provide funding to do so. It provides regulatory approval to expand the programs, but no funding is attached at this time, so expanding the programs beyond the target area will require future funding for that purpose.

**7.D.** Municipal Order 18-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR AN OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (OJJDP) FY25 OPIOID AFFECTED YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FUNDS TO BE DISBURSED TO VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA MID-STATES, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA MID-STATES, INC. CONCERNING THE FUNDS was unanimously approved on one reading with a motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford.

Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc. desires to apply for funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide services for youth and families impacted by opioid and other substance use disorders. The City of Owensboro will act as a conduit for obtaining the funds from DOJ and disbursing them to Volunteers of America Mid-States, Inc. (VOA) for its use in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding concerning said matter. City Manager Pagan stated the order approves a grant application on behalf of Freedom House Owensboro, the VOA facility soon to open on Frederica Street. The application is for up to \$750,000 over three (3) years to serve approximately 105 youth and 55 families, including pregnant and postpartum women, by delivering coordinated prevention, intervention, and treatment services for those impacted by opioid and other substance use disorders across the community. The City is a pass-through for the grant application, with no obligation or commitment related to the project.

## **8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**8.A.** The following personnel appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn. City Manager Pagan stated that Trason Campbell had completed the necessary post-offer requirements.

### **NEW HIRE:**

- **Trason L. Campbell** – Probationary, full-time, non-civil service appointment to Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective May 18, 2026, *contingent upon successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements*

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

- **Steven W. Casey** – Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective May 17, 2026
- **Chad M. Gilbert** – Police Sergeant with the Police Department, effective May 17, 2026

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

- **Stetson P. Brown** – Maintenance Equipment Operator with the Public Works Street Department, effective May 4, 2026
- **Scott R. Johnson** – Firefighter with the Fire Department, effective May 8, 2026
- **Jarrod L. Gray** – Road Worker with the Public Works Street Department, effective May 17, 2026

**8.B.** City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan recognized City Clerk Beth Davis during Municipal Clerks Week (May 5-8).

**9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Members of the Commission discussed the events they recently attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn mentioned complaints from Neighborhood Alliance meetings about cars speeding, specifically on Martin Way.

**11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

Charles Bongiovanni (2403 Bittel Road) discussed actions taking place in his neighborhood including drivers running stop signs, loud noise from modified mufflers and music, and litter. He requested the City install a park type trash can in the area and he would take care of the trash.

Glenda Wright (711 Jed Place) complained about lack of bus shelters, homelessness (she requested a one-year task force be established and she would run it), and the amounts budgeted for certain agencies.

**12.** There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:48pm by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk