

OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2026 | 5:00 PM (CT) 6:00 PM (ET)
Owensboro City Hall
101 E. 4th Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson

2. ROLL CALL - City Clerk Beth Davis

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE – Commissioner Jeff Sanford

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Watson presented the *National Suicide Prevention Month* Proclamation to Dr. Wanda Figueroa, President and CEO of RiverValley Behavioral Health.

4.B. Mayor Watson presented the *National Recovery Month* Proclamation to Dr. Wanda Figueroa, President and CEO of RiverValley Behavioral Health.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated August 18, 2026 were approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford; motion carried.

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

- **Civil Service Commission** – Appoint Angelia Whitehead to a three-year term effective September 1, 2026.

6. ORDINANCES – 2nd READING

6.A. Ordinance 17-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-2026 TO REVISE BEGINNING FUND BALANCES, CARRY OVER APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND RE-BUDGET FUNDS was unanimously approved by roll call vote upon motion of Mayor Watson and second from Commissioner Maglinger.

Budget amendment #1 for fiscal year 2026-2027 to revise beginning fund balances, carry over appropriations for all outstanding encumbrances, capital projects and re-budget funds.

7. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

7.A. Ordinance 18-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AT THE RATE OF 25.60 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, 28.44 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND 30.30 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF VEHICLES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND APPORTIONMENT OF SAME was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Board of Commissioners has heretofore determined that a tax rate of 25.60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property and a tax rate of 28.44 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of personal property, and a tax rate of 30.30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of vehicles will be necessary to help meet the anticipated expenditures of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. City Manager Pagan explained the ordinance is setting three (3) different property tax rates for the year. The largest by revenue and most well-known is the tax on real property or real estate. There is no change proposed to the real estate rate from last year, with the rate remaining at 25.6 cents per \$100 of valuation. With this rate, a property assessed at \$100,000 would pay 256 in property tax to the City. No change is proposed to the vehicle rate, remaining at 30.3 cents per \$100, the same rate it's been for many years. Personal property has a proposed rate of 28.44 cents, down from 30.91 cents per \$100 last year; the personal property rate is calculated from a formula based on the real property rate.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 28-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO AND DAVIESS COUNTY FISCAL COURT FUNDING A JUVENILE DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM FOR FOUR (4) YEARS was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner NeSmith; motion carried.

The City and County wish to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that the City and County will each provide funding for the Juvenile Drug and Mental Health Court Program in the amount of \$75,000.00 annually for the next four (4) years through December 31, 2030. City Manager Pagan added that the agreement extends the Juvenile Drug and Mental Health Court Program for an additional four (4) years, from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030. As in the expiring agreement for both the City and County, contributions will remain at \$75,000 per year, and Daviess County Public Schools will administer the program, structurally there is no change in the program or the cost to the City.

8.B. Municipal Order 29-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO TO TRANSFER A 0.022 MILE SECTION OF HAYDEN ROAD TO

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DEED FOR THE CONVEYANCE was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford; motion carried.

The City of Owensboro currently maintains a 0.022 mile section of Hayden Road and now agrees to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's request through its Transportation Cabinet to transfer this section to the State. City Manager Pagan further explained that the City was approached by the Kentucky State Transportation Cabinet requesting that the State take over maintenance of a small portion of Hayden Road, near its intersection with Fairview Drive and KY Hwy 603 (map attached). The State is taking over Hayden Road to the east of the City section; therefore, it makes sense for the same entity to be responsible for the street east of the intersection.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The following personnel appointments were approved with motion by Mayor Watson and second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn; motion carried.

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

- **Bradley W. Young-** Road Worker with the Public Works Street Department, effective September 8, 2026.

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

- **Deanna K. Glover-** Budget Manager with the Finance Department, effective September 8, 2026.
- **Carey M. Haynes-** Finance Manager with the Finance Department, effective September 8, 2026.

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

- **Dustin T. Beck-** Recreation Supervisor with the Parks Department, effective September 6, 2026.
- **Linda N. Canales-** Telecommunicator with Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch, effective September 22, 2026.
- **Teresa M. Jarrett-** Transit Dispatcher with the Public Works Transit Department, effective September 22, 2026.

- **Stephanie A. Stephenson-** Telecommunicator with Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch, effective September 22, 2026.

9.B. City Manager Comments – City Manager Pagan acknowledged Carey Haynes, Deanna Glover and Dane’ Galloway for recently receiving their Certified Public Finance Officer designation. Angela Waninger, Finance Director, also commented on their accomplishment.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Board of Commissioners mentioned the events they recently attended and mentioned several upcoming events.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Anita Jackson & Bill Harris (Owensboro) introduced their newly formed organization “Operation Housing Veterans”. They presented information on the 501(c)(3) (info sheet attached). They asked the City to partner with them to help provide a secure veterans safety net. They want to purchase a 30-bed facility and plan to request CDBG or discretionary funds to help. They introduced members of their board in attendance.

Jeff Kuegel (Tamarack Road) spoke about the possible future of Elmer Smith Station.

Rene Kuegel (Tamarack Road) spoke about the recent community Q&A regarding a data center. They plan to host another one on September 20th at 4pm. She requested regulations be placed on a future power plant and data center.

Tatum Helm (1122 Booth Avenue) mentioned opioid settlement funds use and lights out on the pier behind the Convention Center. She also spoke against a data center.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned unanimously at 5:49 p.m. with motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk