OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
October 6, 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 Sharon NeSmith

4. RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS – The following were recognized on their retirements. All were in attendance and accepted a *Certificate of Outstanding Service* following an informational presentation highlighting their contributions and accomplishments.

- Michele Puckett, Payroll Administrator, effective 9/30/2026
- Dane' Galloway, Deputy Finance Director, effective 10/31/2026
- Amanda Rogers, Parks & Recreation Director, effective 10/31/2026

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A. Mayor Watson presented a “Green Dot Community” proclamation to Ronda Howard with New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services.

5.B. City Attorney Mark Pfeifer gave a presentation of recommendations for regulations of e-bikes and scooters (attached). The goals of the ordinance change are to improve rider and pedestrian safety; enforcement efficiency; and balance the use of the vehicles with driver safety. The e-bikes and scooters would be classified into three (3) classes based on equipment and speed; address riding on sidewalks and streets; use of helmets; use in city parks; and enforcement actions.

5.C. Tim Ross, Public Events Director, gave a brief recap of the airshow (attached).

6. BUSINESS

6.A. Minutes dated September 15, 2026 were approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn; motion carried.

6.B. The following board appointments were unanimously approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Sanford:

- **Dugan Best Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Janie Fenwick to a two-year term effective October 4, 2026

- **Dogwood Azalea Neighborhood Alliance** – Reappoint Mona Hamilton to a two-year term effective October 15, 2026

  Owensboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Appoint Andy Sutton to a two-year term effective November 2, 2026

7. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

7.A. Ordinance 19-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE CITY OF OWENSBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHAPTER 1000, SUBCHAPTER 1004, PAY CHART ENTITLED "FULL-TIME PAY GRADE RANGES", THEREBY CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE POSITION OF "RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT" TO "DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION" was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The City desires to change the title of the position of "Recreation Superintendent" to "Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation," with no change to the position's duties, pay classification, or reporting structure. Therefore, it is necessary to amend Chapter 1000, Subchapter 1004, Pay Chart "Full-Time Pay Grade Ranges," and the associated Parks and Recreation Department organizational chart. City Manager Nate Pagan stated that a deputy director is the equivalent position in other departments, and this is simply renaming the position with no changes to responsibilities or salary.

7.B. Ordinance 20-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2 OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF LOOSE LEAVES AND USE OF CONTAINERS AT APARTMENT COMPLEXES WITH TEN (10) OR MORE UNITS was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The Sanitation Department has requested the municipal code be amended to provide flexibility in establishing the beginning date of the loose-leaf collection season and the use of containers at apartment complexes with ten (10) or more units. The leaf season change will allow the Sanitation Department to better align leaf collection efforts with the peak period of fallen leaves. The change related to sanitation collection at apartment complexes of ten (10) or more units will allow more flexibility with container use upon the approval of the sanitation manager. City Manager Pagan said the amended language provides flexibility to the start date for leaf collection and container use at apartment complexes with ten (10) or more units.

7.C. Ordinance 21-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN WEST 18TH STREET AND WEST 19TH STREET BEHIND 1801-1819 FREDERICA STREET IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Ryan McDaniel has petitioned the City of Owensboro to close an alley right-of-way located between West 18th Street and West 19th Street behind 1801-1819 Frederica Street. All adjoining and abutting property owners have given written and notarized consent to the closing of said alley right-of-way. Petitioners understand and agree to retain public utility easements over the alley. Map attached.

7.D. Ordinance 22-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF GROUP HOUSING AND FACILITIES IN OWENSBORO was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

The City of Owensboro Board of Commissioners has received public input expressing concern over the location of certain categories of group housing and other facilities within the city limits and desires to obtain data related to these types of group housing and facilities to determine the accuracy of public input. The Board of Commissioners desires the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission to review the zoning ordinance to determine whether changes are needed to address the concerns raised by citizens. The Board of Commissioners believes it is appropriate to pause applications with regard to these categories of group housing and facilities while the Planning Commission conducts its review. City Manager Pagan explained that the temporary moratorium approved last year has expired and based on feedback from residents a six (6) month moratorium is needed to determine how to best deal with such property uses. It will not impact existing shelters, only prevent the consideration of new ones.

8. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

8.A. Municipal Order 32-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE CITY OF OWENSBORO'S ONE-THIRD (1/3) INTEREST IN PROPERTY CONTAINING 11.369 ACRES AND LOCATED AT 4200 AIRPARK DRIVE; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND DEED TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY TO CLARK DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 82.083(4) was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Maglinger; motion carried.

The City of Owensboro owns a one-third (1/3) interest in the 11.369 acres of real property located at 4200 Airpark Drive, Owensboro, Kentucky, which is jointly owned with the Economic Development Properties, Inc. (EDP). Clark Distributing Company, Inc. wishes to purchase the acreage and build on the property in furtherance of development of the City. City Manager Pagan stated the sale furthers the growth of Clark Distributing with easier access for their trucks. The sales price is $40,000 per acre. Dave Mansky, COO with Clark Distributing, thanked the Board of Commissioners and the City for their support. He also announced that Clark's former facility will be used by the Green River Community Food Warehouse for a temperature-controlled warehouse to store refrigerated food to support local pantries and kitchens.

8.B. Municipal Order 33-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CRITICAL RESOURCES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOTAL COST OF $32,136.00 TO PURCHASE NETWORK SOFTWARE AND ARMORED VEHICLE MOUNTED CAMERAS; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner NeSmith; motion carried.

The Owensboro Police Department desires to apply for funds ($32,136.00) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to purchase network-attached storage to assist with investigation storage of electronic files and vehicle mounted cameras for the Lenco Bearcat to improve help with situational awareness and incident documenting.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

9.A. The Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2026 was presented by Finance Director Angela Waninger (attached). Motion was made by Mayor Watson to file the report for audit; Commissioner NeSmith seconded and it passed unanimously.

9.B. The following personnel appointments were approved with motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner Sanford; motion carried.

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

- **Matthew Shouse-** Refuse Truck Driver with the Sanitation Department, effective October 19, 2026, *contingent on successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements*.

- **Katrina Staples-** Refuse Truck Driver with the Sanitation Department, effective October 19, 2026, *contingent on successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements*.

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

- **Tina Lynch-** Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation with the Parks Department effective October 11, 2026.

- **Steven Miller-** Driver Engineer with the Fire Department effective October 18, 2026.

9.C. City Manager Comments – None.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Board of Commissioners mentioned the events they recently attended and commended the city staff for their success and hard work on the 2026 Air Show.

11. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Sheila Crowe (2624 W. 6th Street) spoke on behalf of the Northwest Neighborhood Alliance about the effect of having St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter located within the neighborhood. Residents are concerned about property protection, personal safety, and the inability to let children play in the parks. She requested the City to help find a more suitable location for the shelter outside of their alliance and asked for an ordinance not to allow shelters in poverty-stricken areas.

Rene Kuegel (Owensboro) suggested a data center noise would conflict with the City's noise ordinance and asked that any future data centers abide by the ordinance.

DeMarcus Curry (2711 Cravens Ave.) invited the community to the upcoming Youth Empowerment Summit at the Daviess County Public Library.

12. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned unanimously at 6:14 p.m. with motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Commissioner Maglinger.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk