OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
November 3, 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 – Mayor Pro Tem Bob Glenn

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Mayor Pro Tem Glenn, on behalf of Mayor Watson, presented the “Children's Grief Awareness Month” proclamation to members of Tucker’s Treehouse.

4.B. Commissioner Sanford, on behalf of Mayor Watson, presented a “National Care at Home Month and National Hospice and Palliative Care Week” proclamation to members of Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Kentucky.

5. BUSINESS

5.A. Minutes dated October 20, 2026 were approved by motion of Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford; motion carried.

6. ORDINANCES – 1st READING

6.A. Ordinance 23-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OLD HENDERSON ROAD LOCATED BETWEEN CARTER ROAD AND MCFARLAND AVENUE ADJACENT TO 1366 CARTER ROAD, 2715 W. PARRISH AVENUE AND 2737 W. PARRISH AVENUE IN THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY” was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

Rajesal LLC has petitioned the City of Owensboro to close the street right-of-way of Old Henderson Road located between Carter Road and McFarland Avenue adjacent to 1366 Carter Road, 2715 W. Parrish Avenue and 2737 W. Parrish Avenue. All adjacent property owners have consented to the closure. City Manager explained that earlier in the year the purchase of a small piece of property for a turning lane on Carter Road at its intersection with West Parrish Avenue was approved. This ordinance is related to the same project and closes a short section of Old Henderson Road. The adjoining property owners have provided their consent for the closure. Map attached.

6.B. Ordinance 24-2026 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 1651 PARRISH PLAZA DRIVE CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 6.083 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE REQUEST OF 5BS, LLC was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

5BS, LLC, owns property located at 1651 Parrish Plaza Drive (6.083 acres) and has requested annexation of said property. City Manager Pagan further described the annexed property has a plan for the site as an apartment complex with 44 units, an investment estimated to cost $11.6 million. He will get back to the Board of Commissioners with the suggested cost of the housing.

6.C. Ordinance 25-2026 entitled AN ORDINANCE CREATING ARTICLE VII WITHIN CHAPTER 25 OF THE OWENSBORO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ELECTRIC BICYCLES, SCOOTERS AND SIMILAR VEHICLES was introduced and publicly read on first reading.

There has been a noticeable increase in the use of electric bicycles, scooters and similar vehicles on the streets and sidewalks of the City of Owensboro, and the current Code of Municipal Ordinances does not address the use of such vehicles. Therefore, a need to properly regulate their use in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicle drivers is needed. The Board of Commissioners desires to create a new article in chapter 25 of the Owensboro Municipal Code to address the use of electric bicycles, scooters and similar vehicles on streets, sidewalks, and in the City's parks, and provide penalties for violations of the ordinance. City Attorney Pfeifer explained the proposed regulations for electric bikes, scooters and similar vehicles, as outlined in the ordinance. Commissioner Maglinger shared calls he has received in which constituents are requesting approval for Class 2 bikes on the Greenbelt due to physical limitations. City Attorney Pfeifer stated the Class 1 recommendation for the Greenbelt came from the Parks Department and Police, however, it can be revisited in the future.

7. MUNICIPAL ORDERS

7.A. Municipal Order 35-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR THE FY2026 PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM THROUGH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $76,338.05, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE A CRIME LITE ALTERNATE LIGHT SOURCE AND FUMING CHAMBER; NO MATCH REQUIRED FROM THE CITY was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Glenn; motion carried.

The Owensboro Police Department requests grant funds through the FY2026 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program through the Bureau of Justice

Assistance in the amount of $76,338.05, the proceeds of which will be utilized by the City of Owensboro Police Department to purchase a Crime Lite Alternate Light Source and Fuming Chamber; no match is required from the City.

7.B. Municipal Order 36-2026 entitled A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE HUNDREDS, LLC, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL PAY THE THREE HUNDREDS, LLC AN INCENTIVE PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT BUILT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 316 WEST THIRD STREET was approved on one reading with motion from Mayor Watson and a second by Commissioner Sanford; motion carried.

The Three Hundreds, LLC owns property located at 316 West Third Street and intends to develop the Property by building eight (8) residential units, which will have substantial benefit to the citizens of Owensboro. The City desires to provide an incentive to develop the Property. City Manager Pagan added that the developers are renovating the building, and the project will feature residential units added to downtown. A similar incentive was completed for other projects over the years; however, the incentive amount has been increased to account for inflationary costs over time.

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

8.A. The following personnel appointments were approved with motion by Mayor Watson and second by Commissioner NeSmith; motion carried.

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

- **Christopher A. Rogers -** Laborer Maintenance Helper with the Street Department, effective November 16, 2026, *contingent on successful completion of all post-offer, pre-employment requirements.*

- **Brian B. Saville Jr. -** Bus Driver with the Transit Department effective November 8, 2026.

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

- **David J. Hernandez -** Crew Leader with the Parks Department effective November 15, 2026.

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

Jeremy S. Mulligan - Police Officer with the Police Department effective November 3, 2026.

8.B. City Manager Comments – None.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Board of Commissioners mentioned the events they recently attended.

10. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Cliff Carlock (9140 Hwy 405, Maceo) spoke regarding the moratorium, about political corruption, veterans and assorted topics.

Rene Kuegel (Owensboro) mentioned attending an event with Dr. Ryan Hall discussing the AI world and suggested others watch it.

Jamie Sowders (Owensboro) requested an update on the responsible bidder's ordinance.

11. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned unanimously at 5:32 p.m. with motion of Mayor Watson and a second from Mayor Pro Tem Glenn.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk