

## Minutes for Owenton City Council

May 11, 2023

5:30pm at City Hall

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Adam Gaines at 5:30pm.

Council members present were Larry Dale Perry, Patty Sue Miller, Jill Dunavent, Jimmy Marston, Joyce New and Clark Roberts, creating a Quorum.

Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, Assistant Fire Chief Greg Estes, Police Chief Clint Aldridge, Public Works Timmy DeZarn, and City Attorney Mitzy Ford.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation :** Mayor Adam Gaines

**Guests:** David Lilly, Gayle Parsons, Brandi Gaines, Kathy Sanders, Jessy Sanders, and Kelsey Davis.

Mayor Gaines recognized Kelsey Davis to give a presentation on community development for the city. Miss Davis had interned last summer with CEDIK. They targeted three rural communities (2 in Kentucky, 1 in Tennessee) to help improve their community with short-, mid- and long-term projects. Some projects were simple and cost effective such as painting crosswalks and murals on buildings. Others required more financial input and time.

Miss Davis gave suggestions on how to get started with a project. She said community input is essential for these projects to work. Miss Davis said there are grants available for projects and CEDIK can provide interns and resources to work with cities. She suggested start applying now for future projects.

Mayor Gaines presented the winner of the 2023 Spring Grant. The city had 11 applications for the grant. The applications were sent to an outside source for judging. The judge said it was a very difficult decision as there were many very good ideas presented. The \$1000.00 award was given to Carpenter Lane Coffee Company.

**April 13, 2023 Minutes-** Motion made by Larry Dale Perry to approve minutes. Seconded by Jimmy Marston. Motion carried.

**April Financial Statement**-Motion made Clark Roberts to approve financial statement. Seconded by Patty Sue Miller. Motion carried.

**Police Report**-Chief Aldridge gave the police report for April. He reported that as the weather has gotten warmer, activity has increased for the department. The milage for April was up due to several hospital transports and taking arrestees to the jail because there was no jailer on duty. Officer Cody Downey will start the Academy May 14, 2023. He will report Sunday evening May 13 2023.

**Fire Report**-Chief Greg Estes gave the April police report. He reported that the city fire truck, 9822 failed the pump test preformed in March. They took bids to fix the truck and Fire Specialty would be performing the repairs for around \$3500.00. The hoses on the fire trucks had been inspected and they are good. Chief Estes Presented council with an estimate on the cost of new equipment for fire fighters in the amount of \$81, 010.00. The department is applying for a grant to pay for this equipment. They are sending a recruit to fire school. The County Fire Department is paying the \$200.00 cost of the school.

**Public Works**-Timmy DeZarn gave the April report. The curb at Carpenter Lane Coffee Shop has been painted to stop vehicles parking too close to the intersection. He had made a trip to Burlington to get the signs the city had ordered to replace old and missing ones. Mr. DeZarn has replaced 9 Stop signs but is waiting on the hardware to do street signs. Mr. DeZarn removed the gravel from the sidewalk across from City Hall that had washed down from Rose Court. Mr. Cobb has cleaned the trash around the building at city hall. Mr. Cobb and Mr. DeZarn worked on West Seminary in front of the church. They dug a ditch to help with water runoff from the parking lot above the street and tried to cold patch the street. The ditch helped with the runoff but there is still water bypassing the ditch and running down the side of the street. The city had KY American test to see if it was chlorinated, it was not so they are not sure where it is coming from. They don't think the cold patch will hold until the water issue is addressed.

Mr. DeZarn made two trips to Mt. Zion this week to get food for Meeting the Needs. Saturday May 6, 2023 he helped Rebels Outreach with projects in the city and county. They applied fresh paint to the curbs in town, replaced screens for a resident, and pulled weeds and mulched. Mr. Cobb and Mr. DeZarn striped the leased parking lot with 6 parking spaces.

**Old Business:**

1. Second Reading of Ordinance 779-Adopting the Personnel Handbook. Motion made by Larry Dale Perry to . Seconded by Clark Roberts. Motion Carried.

**New Business:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance 780-Replacing Ordinance 751-Salary Guideline. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to adopt the handbook. Seconded by Larry Dale Perry. Council will vote in June with the second reading.
2. First Reading of Ordinance 781-2023-2024 Budget. Clark Roberts made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded by Jill Dunavent. Council will vote in June with the second reading.

Mayor Gaines took a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential legal action against the city.

Clark Roberts made a motion to enter executive session at 6:16pm. Seconded by Larry Dale Perry.

Clark Roberts made a motion to exit executive session at 6:48pm. Seconded by Joyce New. Upon exiting executive session, a motion was made by Jill Dunavent to appoint Kyle Jacobs to the County Appeals Board. Seconded by Clark Roberts. Motion carried.

**City Attorney Report:** Ms Ford reported delinquent tax letters informing residents that liens would be placed on the properties had been given to Ms. Sipple to mail. Otherwise, things were quiet.

**City Clerk Report:** Nothing

**Council Member Comments:**

**Larry Dale Perry:** Mr. Perry reported that the Water Board meeting was productive. Jeremy Dempsey has been placed in charge of the board for the water company. Mr. Dempsey would like to handle as many situation locally as possible so they can be done in a timely fashion. The water company is in the process of replacing the sewer lines on West Adair as the current ones have collapsed. Mayor Gaines reported that the company intends to cold patch where they had to dig and then in December 2024 replace the water main on that street as well at which time, they will repave the street.

Mr. Perry reported that there are individuals going the wrong way on North Thomas. There needs to be arrows painted on the street and signage.

Mr. Perry commented that there were about 100 students and adult volunteers that participated in RebeloutReach on Saturday May 6, 2023. He felt like the city should do a resolution to acknowledge their work. Mr. Roberts asked about the resolution for Teegan Moore. Ms. Hamilton said she had never received the information that should go on the resolution.

**Jimmy Marston:** No Comment

**Joyce New:** Ms. New reported the Hero Banners are scheduled to be put up on Wednesday at 4:40pm. She asked about taking the pansies out of the pots and replacing them with summer flowers. The person that they get the flowers from may not be able or have the time to plant them. Several council members said they would help plant them. There was discussion on the trees that are in the pots. The trees there now are getting too big for the pots and will need to be replaced. Council discussed planting them at the park or somewhere in the city or sale them to an individual and purchase something else for the pots. No decision was made. Council thought they would be ok for this year.

**Jill Dunavent:** Ms. Dunavent asked if the city still had crosswalks. Mayor Gaines said we do. Ms. Dunavent wanted to know if the city could maybe look about painting them with designs such as one of the projects Ms. Davis had done in another city. The mayor said could but the crosswalks on the main streets are on state highways and they cannot be painted with designs. However, the one on North Thomas is on city streets and we can absolutely come up with a design for them.

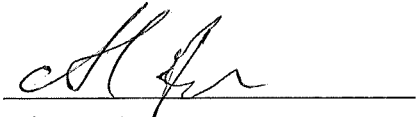
**Patty Sue Miller:** Ms. Miller reported that several people had commented on the condition of the Carter Building during Food Truck Friday. Mayor Gaines said that the city is aware of the condition and was investigating solutions.

**Clark Roberts:** Mr. Roberts said most of his comments had been addressed: striping the crosswalks, arrows indicating one way, and putting the flowers in the pots. He did commend the work that was done on the budget for this year.

**Mayor Gaines:** The mayor asked if council had time to discuss further the idea of painting the crosswalks. It would be a cost-effective way to enhance the appearance of the city. The council all believed that it was a good idea. The mayor charged the council with bringing back to the June meeting three ideas for the design, contacting Ms. Davis about what kind of paint other cities had used so it would last in heavy traffic, and ideas on who would take charge of seeing the project through. Ms. Dunavent said she would contact Ms. Davis about ideas for the project and if she might be willing to oversee the project.

Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clark Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 7:14pm. Joyce New seconded.

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Adam Gaines  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry Hamilton