

Minutes for Owenton City Council
August 10, 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, Police Chief Clint Aldridge, and City Attorney Mitzy Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: David Lilly

Guests: Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, Christian Dempsey, Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Hearn, and Joyce DuVall

July 13, 2023, Minutes- Motion made by Larry Dale Perry to approve minutes. Seconded by Jimmy Marson. Motion carried.

August 03, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes- Motion made by Patty Sue Miller to approve minutes. Seconded by Jill Dunavent. Motion Carried.

July Financial Statement- Motion made by Larry Dale Perry to approve financial statement. Seconded by Clark Roberts. Motion carried.

Police Report- Chief Aldridge gave the July report. Chief Aldridge reported the department had given out 50 citations in July with 20 arrests, 10 of which were felonies. The department made 5 drug arrests, 3 involving fentanyl. Chief Aldridge reported that he had attended a seminar sponsored by KLC on Code Enforcement and ABC License. The seminar was very informative.

Fire Report- Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Hearn gave the July fire report. The department made 14 runs in July. The department continued to have trainings for volunteers with 3 in the month of July.

Public Works- Christian Dempsey, who interned for the city this summer gave the July report. He reported that the Christmas lights have been painted and replacement bulbs have been put in where necessary. Mr. DeZarn had went to pick up food for Meeting the Needs, checked the drains on various streets for clogs, and they did general maintenance around city hall in July. The parking lot sign for the city parking lot has been painted and will be taken to Rhonda Young to get the City Logo and information on the sign.

Mayor Gaines thanked Christian for the work he had done for the city this summer. He also thanked Brunali Patel, who was not present. The two have been through boxes of past records and organized them so it is easier to find records when the city gets requests.

Old Business:

1. Council had the second reading of Ordinance 782-Sexually Oriented Businesses. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Joyce New. Motion carried. City Clerk, Sherry Hamilton, asked the council to approve writing a summary of the Ordinance for publication since the ordinance was 20 pages long and would be cost prohibitive to send the whole ordinance. City Attorney, Mitzy Ford would prepare the summary. It will be stated that the full ordinance will be available at city hall. Jill Dunavent made a motion to approve the summary. Joyce New seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Council had the first reading of Ordinance 783-Amending Ordinance 747-Sale of Alcohol to include Sunday Sales. This was necessary due to the 2019 amendment having a clerical error. Clark Roberts made a motion to approve the ordinance. Jill Dunavent seconded. Ordinance will be approved at second reading.
2. Council had the first reading of Ordinance 784-Amending Ordinance 772-Alcohol Regulatory Fees. City Clerk, Sherry Hamilton presented the council with a spreadsheet showing the activity from July 2022 to July 2023. At 1% the city had not collected funds from the local businesses. After some discussion the Mayor advised raising the fee to 5% as the city had not collected any funds with 1%. Clark Roberts made a motion to approve the ordinance with the 5% regulatory fee. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Ordinance will be approved at second reading.

City Attorney Report: Ms. Ford reported that the city was in the process of filing paperwork on three properties that were delinquent on property taxes (more than 3 years).

City Clerk Report: No Report.

Council Member Comments:

Larry Dale Perry: No Comments

Jimmy Marston: No Comments

Joyce New: No Comments

Jill Dunavent: Ms. Dunavent reported she had noticed that several sidewalks needed repair. Mayor Gaines said that the city has been trying to get information on funding to assist with sidewalks. The sidewalks on the main streets should be state maintained. The city will

continue to work on getting assistance. Ms. Dunavent asked about the striping at the traffic island. Mayor Gaines informed the council that the maintenance contract had expired, and bids were being taken for the current year. When the contract is awarded, the striping should be taken care of. Ms. Dunavent asked about the possibility of a camera being installed to see if there are significant issues at the island. Mayor Gaines said he would look in the possibility. Ms. Dunavent also asked about on street parking on Sunset Dr. Mayor Gaines said he would ask his officers to patrol the area.

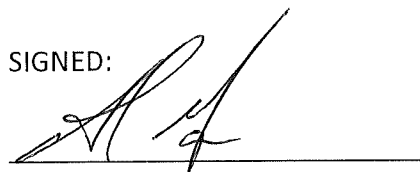
Patty Sue Miller: Ms. Miller commented that the A.C. Sparrow parking lot needed weed eating, or some weed control be applied. Mayor Gaines said he would inform Mr. DeZarn.

Clark Roberts: Mr. Roberts asked if the city had obtained any information on the property between Sparrow's Laundry Mat and Ms. Segretto's parking lot that the city might own. Ms. Hamilton informed him that there had not been any response from the surveyor that had inquired about the property lines. Mr. Roberts asked if a surveyor could be contacted to see where the lines should be and if the city owns the strip of property there. Mr. Roberts asked if maintenance could cut back the tree limbs at the corner of E Adair and Main St. Mr. Roberts said he noticed that the curbs on the side of the streets were looking bad with debris, wondered if the city could scrap up the debris. Mayor Gaines said he would have maintenance check out both of those issues. Mr. Roberts asked that as fall is approaching, did the council want to change the flowers in the pots on the square to something for fall. Clark Roberts and Joyce New will get some ideas.

Mayor Gaines told council he had been approached by a resident on Kelly Court with a petition from the residence there regarding the traffic speed on the street. There are many children that play in the street and the residence would like to see something in place to slow traffic. Mayor Gaines suggested speed dumps on the street. Jill Dunavent said she would like to see officers do more patrols in the area. She also said that with school starting it would be a little better during the day. After some discussion a motion was made by Clark Roberts to place two sets of low impact speed dumps on the street, one at the start and another halfway down temporarily to see if they improved the situation. Seconded by Jimmy Marston. Motion Carried.

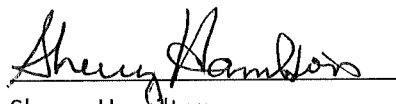
Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm. Larry Dale Perry Seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

SIGNED:



Adam Gaines
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Hamilton
City Clerk