

Minutes for Owenton City Council

July 13, 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, and Clark Roberts, creating a Quorum. Absent Joyce New
Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, Fire Chief Greg Estes, Assistant Fire Chief Clay James, Police Chief Clint Aldridge, Public Works Timmy DeZarn, and City Attorney Mitzy Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Mitzy Ford

Guests: Gayle Parsons and Joyce DuVall

June 08, 2023, Minutes- Motion made by Clark Roberts to approve minutes. Seconded by Larry Dale Perry. Motion carried.

June 16, 2023 Minutes- Motion made by Larry Dale Perry to approve minutes. Seconded by Jimmy Marston. Motion Carried.

June Financial Statement- Motion made by Patty Sue Miller to approve financial statement. Seconded by Larry Dale Perry. Motion carried.

Police Report- Chief Aldridge gave the June report. He reported the department had logged 529 hours, written 36 citations, and made 14 arrests, 8 of which were felonies. Chief Aldridge also attended the KLC Summer Summit on ABC regulations and Code Enforcement. The department had patrolled Mayberry Days and Food Truck Friday in June. Officer Downey continues to progress through the Academy. He will complete his training in October.

Fire Report- Chief Estes and Assistant Chief James gave the June report. They gave a demonstration of the newly purchased SCBA equipment. They are pursuing a grant to purchase 8 more units and expect that to be awarded sometime in January 2024. Chief Estes mentioned to council to continue to think about implementing a \$20.00 fee on the property tax bill.

Public Works- Timmy DeZarn gave the June report. Mr. DeZarn reported that he and Mr. Cobb had painted arrows on the road around the old courthouse indicating that it is one way around the square. The brackets for the poles to post the one-way signs are in and they will be going up soon. They had posted 2-hour parking at the city parking lot as well. Mr. DeZarn had

monitored the square during Food Truck Friday and Mayberry Days. The city purchased plants to put at the city signs on the edge of town. Mr. Cobb had planted them and mulched around the signs, Mr. DeZarn had taken the extra mulch and spread along the side of the building under the plants there. Mr. DeZarn continues to do routine maintenance at city hall.

Old Business:

1. Since council received a copy of the 2022-2023 yearly financial audit from Maddox and Associates late in June, the financial statement was discussed this meeting. Council did not have any questions regarding the report.

New Business:

1. Council discussed option for 2023-2024 snow removal. Ms. Dunavent asked if bidding it out on an hourly basis would be an option. The mayor felt like the city would not get the best service with an hourly rate agreement. Council decided to advertise for sealed bids to do snow removal. It will be put out on the city webpage, police Facebook and county Facebook. Bids will be taken until August 14, 2023. The bids will be opened, and the contract will be awarded after the 14th.
2. City Attorney Mitzy Ford informed council that she had been in touch with KLC regarding implementing an Ordinance prohibiting businesses in the city limits from selling sexually oriented items. Upon the legal advice of KLC, Ms Ford will reach out to cities around Owenton and see what they have in place and prepare an ordinance for council to approve. Council felt like this needed to be complete before the next council meeting, even calling a special meeting if necessary.
3. Mayor Gaines asked that council adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and a possible legal issue for the city. Clark Roberts made a motion at 6:00pm to adjourn to executive session. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Motion Carried.

Clark Roberts made a motion to adjourn executive session at 6:17pm Larry Dale Perry seconded. Mayor Gaines announced that no action was taken on the personnel issue. Ms. Ford, City Attorney announced that the city would be pursuing collection of delinquent taxes on properties that persistently do not pay their property taxes.

City Attorney Report: No further comments

City Clerk Report: Ms. Hamilton reported that the fire department state aid report had been filed for 2022-2023. The fire department should be receiving the 2023-2024 allocation soon. Ms. Hamilton also reported that as of this meeting there were only eight property taxes for 2022 not paid. Liens have been filed on those properties.

Council Member Comments:

Larry Dale Perry: Mr. Perry commented on the Port-A- Pots at the fairgrounds. There were a lot of issues during the fair with them being turned over, inappropriate items being stuffed in

them, etc. The ones at the ball fields remain locked unless there is a game being played. Discussion was held on what the solution might be. Larry Dale Perry made a motion for the city to pay for the one at the playground through October at \$110.00 per month. Clark seconded. Motion Carried.

Jimmy Marston: No Comments

Joyce New: Absent

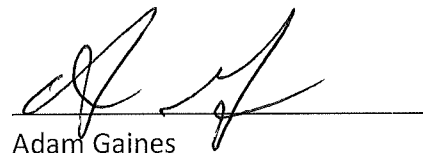
Jill Dunavent: Ms. Dunavent informed council that Ms Urie was still willing to have her art students participate in painting the crosswalks, project most likely to proceed in the spring. Kelsey Davis has applied for some funding for projects to specifically target Owenton and Owen County.

Patty Sue Miller: Ms. Miller asked if alcohol sales on Sunday were being monitored to make sure establishments aren't serving before 1:00pm. Mayor Gaines and Chief Aldridge said they would have a conversation with business owners to remind them of the Sunday sales regulations.

Clark Roberts: No Comments

Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clark Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm. Meeting Adjourned.

SIGNED:

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Adam Gaines
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry Hamilton