

Special Meeting
Owenton City Council
September 18, 2023
4:00pm at City Hall

Mayor Adam Gaines presiding.

Council members present: Larry Dale Perry, Jill Dunavent, Jimmy Marston, and Joyce New. Clark Roberts and Patty Sue Miller were absent. Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, Public Works Timmy DeZarn and City Attorney Mitzzy Ford. Mayor Adam Gaines called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Adam Gaines

Guests: Gayle Parsons and David Lilly

August 10, 2023, Regular Minutes-Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Motion Carried.

August 17, 2023, Special Minutes-Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve the August 17, 2023 special meeting minutes. Joyce New seconded. Motion Carried.

August 2023 Financial Statement-Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve the financial statement for August 2023. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Chief Aldridge was not able to attend the meeting, council was given the monthly report to review.

Fire Report: No Report.

Public Works: Timmy DeZarn presented the report to council. He reported that he had trimmed tree limbs around the city that were hanging out in the streets and Christmas lights are on the trailer ready to be hung in November. Mr. DeZarn has weeded the A.C. Sparrow parking lot and the city signs. Due to the lack of rain, he has also watered the flowerpots in town. Mr. DeZarn worked Food Truck Friday and Sweet Owen Day. He continues to report violation of the nuisance ordinance.

Old Business: None

New Business:

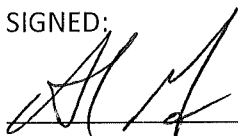
Held the first reading of Ordinance 785-2023 Property Tax. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve the ordinance. Jimmy Marston seconded. Ordinance will be voted on with second reading.

Held the first reading of Ordinance 786-revoking the property tax forgiveness for new businesses. Mayor Gaines gave the council some information regarding why the property tax forgiveness ordinance/resolution should be revoked. Most businesses lease the facilities and don't pay property tax. The ordinance had not attracted/kept new businesses in the city. The city will honor the three current businesses that are receiving the tax break. Jill Dunavent made a motion to approve the ordinance. Joyce New seconded. Ordinance will be voted on with second reading.

Mayor Gaines asked the council to consider increasing the amount of funds that had been approved to purchase a truck for the public works department. He explained that the county had purchased a new truck and they were selling the old one. The truck they are selling is very well equipped and maintained, newer than the city had previously discussed buying. The mayor said he didn't want to give a new price for a used truck. He said he would call and see what the government contract for a new truck similar to this one would cost so he would know what a reasonable cost for the truck would be. Jimmy Marston made a motion to give the mayor the authority to bid on this truck if the price was less than a new truck. Larry Dale seconded. Motion Carried.

Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:31pm. Jill Dunavent made the motion to adjourn. Larry Dale Perry Seconded. Motion Carried.

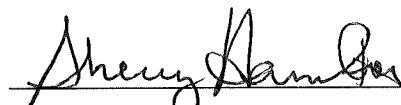
SIGNED:



Adam Gaines

Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Hamilton

City Clerk