

Regular Meeting  
Owenton City Council  
February 08, 2024  
5:30pm at City Hall

Mayor Adam Gaines called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Council members present: Larry Dale Perry, Joyce New, Clark Roberts, and Patty Sue Miller. Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, City Attorney Mitzy Ford, Chief of Police Clint Aldridge, Fire Chief Greg Estes, and Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Hearn. Council member Jill Dunavent was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** Sherry Hamilton

**Guests:** Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, Ann Carter, Sarah Paige Wood, Ashley Badar, and Tiffany Montague.

Mayor Gaines turned the meeting over to Sarah Paige Wood from the Owen County Drug Coalition. Ms. Wood gave each council member a handout showing proposed signs to be placed at the Owen County Park. She recognized Tiffany Montague with the coalition and Ashley Badar, with Three Rivers, who had come in support of putting the signs at the park. She informed council that she had spoken to Fiscal Court about putting these up at the park to bring awareness to available services that are in place in Owen County. She was presenting the signs to council for feedback on the design, if they thought other things needed to be added, too big, too small, etc. Council members were very impressed with the design and thought it was a great idea to hang them. It was suggested to add the city logo to the signs. Ms. Wood said the Coalition would be paying for the signs but would need assistance with hanging them. Mayor Gaines said he did not see an issue with the city assisting with hanging the signs. The mayor thanked Ms. Wood for the work she does with the Coalition.

**January 11, 2024 Minutes.** Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve the January minutes. Seconded by Jimmy Marston. Motion carried.

**January 2024 Financial Statement.** Patty Sue Miller made a motion to approve the January financial statement. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Motion carried.

**Police Report:** Chief Clint Aldridge presented the January Police Report. He reported that he had spent several hours in January on nuisance violations. There are a few properties that continue to violate the nuisance ordinance. While the city tries to work with property owners, the ordinance states that the owner can be cited for non-compliance. Due to the amount of

time spent on property owners that continue to violate the ordinance the city will be issuing one letter of notice to clean up the property and then will cite the owner in court as per the ordinance. Chief Aldridge reported that he and Mayor Gaines had conducted interviews for the open police position. They have conditionally offered the position to Mr. Billy Cammack. Mr. Cammack will need to pass the physical, psychological evaluation, polygraph, and the POPS test. He reported he feels confident Mr. Cammack will fulfill all the requirements. Chief Aldridge wanted to give praise to the fire department for the work they did on the Ford Street structure fire. Even though the house was a total loss they still worked to contain the fire.

**Fire Report:** Chief Greg Estes gave the Fire Report. Chief Estes reported the Grant for the SCBA packs has been filed. Chief Estes spoke to the council about the need for an emergency fund to assist fire fighters when they are injured on duty. He suggested the city set aside \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 for emergency responders. This fund could also possibly be used to assist families when they have a total loss. Mayor Gaines said the city would have to contact KLC, but since the city operates on taxpayer generated funds, he was not sure the funds could be spent on individuals.

**Public Works:** Timmy DeZarn gave the January report on public works. Mr. DeZarn reported that the weather until this week had not allowed much outside work to be done. He had been taking pictures for the nuisance letters, performed maintenance on the city hall building and repaired some signs. He reported the electricity at the old city hall building had been repaired. He informed council the Christmas Lights would be put in the building when the salt bins are taken out of the truck.

**Old Business:**

1. Mayor Gaines gave an additional report on the electric at the old city hall building stating that the electrician had rewired the upstairs.
2. Mayor Gaines gave an update on the 2014 Charger. He reported the vehicle had sold on GovDeals.com for \$2051.99.

**New Business:**

1. No New Business.

**City Attorney Report:** Ms. Ford reported all is good.

**City Clerk Report:** Ms. Hamilton reported that the city had collected about \$187,000.00 in property tax. That is about two-thirds of the bills.

**Council Member Comments:**

**Larry Dale Perry:** Mr. Perry asked about the streetlights by First Baptist Church. He had been told they were not working. Mayor Gaines said he believed they had been reported to Kentucky Utilities.

**Jimmy Marston:** No Comments

**Joyce New:** No Comments

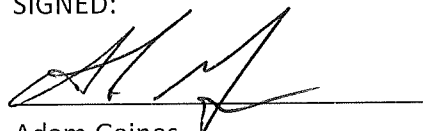
**Jill Dunavent:** Absent

**Patty Sue Miller:** No Comments

**Clark Roberts:** No Comments

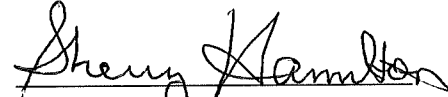
Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. Clark Roberts made the motion to adjourn. Jimmy Marston Seconded. Motion Carried.

SIGNED:



Adam Gaines  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Hamilton  
City Clerk