

Regular Meeting
Owenton City Council
March 14, 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, Jimmy Marston, Jill Dunavent, and Patty Sue Miller. Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, Timmy DeZarn, Chief of Police Clint Aldridge, and Fire Chief Greg Estes. Absent, City Attorney Mitzy Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Anita Sipple

Guests: Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, and Katie Jo Kirkpatrick.

Mayor Gaines recognized Katie Jo Kirkpatrick from NKADD to present the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Kirkpatrick spoke to the council about the fact that the plan overall encompasses all the Northern Kentucky regions and is online for anyone that wishes to read the whole document. The printed document that the council received focuses on Owen County and Owenton. Ms. Kirkpatrick and her team were charged with putting together a plan to “mitigate” if needed all services in the event of a disaster. They met with community leaders in the region, 24 meetings in all. Ms. Kirkpatrick said that this plan includes guidelines for all individuals in the region, specifically those that might not speak English as their first language. The resolution to adopt the plan was scheduled on the agenda in new business. Mayor Gaines requested it be moved for adoption here, so Ms. Kirkpatrick did not have to stay any longer since she had a long drive back to Northern Kentucky.

Upon the reading of Resolution 2024-03. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to adopt the resolution. Clark Roberts seconded. The resolution required a roll-call vote.

Larry Dale Perry	Aye	Against	0
Jimmy Marston	Aye	Abstained	0
Joyce New	Aye		
Jill Dunavent	Aye		
Patty Sue Miller	Aye		
Clark Roberts	Aye		

Resolution passed.

February 08, 2024 Minutes. Clark Roberts made a motion to approve the February minutes. Seconded by Patty Sue Miller. Motion carried.

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

Police Report: Chief Clint Aldridge presented the February police report. Chief reported he had been working on code enforcement. It seems that the one letter and then citing the property owner was helping get properties cleaned up. Chief reported that Billy Cammack, the new officer that the city has hired had completed the first phase required to complete the hiring process and was scheduled to do phase two on March 20, 2024. He did not foresee any reason Mr. Cammack would not pass these tests. Chief Aldridge had received an email on the F150 Cruiser. It is scheduled for the assembly line on March 15, 2024. There is no timeline given for completion. He reported that Officer McIntosh had completed the requirement for the quarterly incentive. Officer McIntosh donated a gift card to a family experiencing a tragic loss. He also volunteered at a food drive organized by a local church to distribute food to families struggling to make ends meet. Officers volunteering in the community allows families and individuals to see them in a different, hopefully more positive light.

Fire Report: Chief Greg Estes gave the Fire Report. He reported that the Grant for the air packs had been completed and turned in. Chief Estes reminded everyone to be mindful of outside burning. They fought two huge grassfires and were fortunate to get them out before any structures became involved. Mayor Gaines informed council that the legislature recognized Chief Estes on the floor for his being named Volunteer Firefighter of the year. It was a very exciting experience. Chief Estes also said he received in the mail a letter informing him that Governor Beshear had named him a Kentucky Colonel.

Public Works: Timmy DeZarn gave the February report. He had repaired the ceiling at old city hall. He and Mr. Cobb went to northern Kentucky to get the food for Meeting the Needs. Mr. DeZarn drove the city streets to confirm the streets and mileage of the streets. This is a list that will be sent to NKADD. Once NKADD receives the list, they will send a resolution for the council to pass that establishes the city streets. There is a question on Duke Ave. Is it a private drive or a city street? David Lilly suggested contacting Larry Karsner. He believes Mr. Karsner has a map showing this information. Once the council passes the resolution and sends it to NKADD, they will provide the information to the transportation department. The speed limit and children at play signs have been put up on Kelly Court. The salt spreader is off the Chevy 2500 and the Christmas lights are in the garage out of the weather.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

1. Mayor Gaines asked for a vote to enter Executive Session. Clark Roberts made a motion to enter Executive Session at 5:49pm. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made at 6:26pm by Clark Roberts to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Larry Dale Perry. Upon exiting Executive Session, Jill Dunavent made a motion to approve the new police contract with two changes. Clark Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

City Attorney Report: Absent

City Clerk Report: No Comment

Council Member Comments:

Larry Dale Perry: Mr. Perry commented that he had been approached about installing speed bumps on East Adair. The request came after a truck had run into a utility pole causing the pole lines to come down. Mayor Gaines informed the council that East Adair is a state highway, and the city can not install speed dumps on a state highway. Mr. Perry also commented that he had seen the Blessing Box at the firehouse being used by several individuals.

Jimmy Marston: No Comments

Joyce New: Ms. New commented that there is dirt coming up on West Perry between the sidewalk and the road. Mayor Gaines asked Jimmy Marston if he would look at the area to see what was going on.

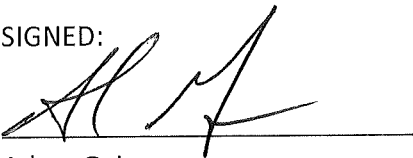
Jill Dunavent: Ms. Dunavent informed the council that the Rebel Outreach Day would be May 4, 2024 this year. If the council knew of any specific areas that needed attention to let her or T.J. Wesselman know. Mr. Wesselman has asked to be on the April agenda. Ms. Dunavent informed council of the Food Truck Friday dates for this year. They are: May 17, June 14, August 09, September 06. There are some good bands lined up and at least two trucks for each date. Ms. Dunavent asked Mayor Gaines if he had any more complaints about speeding on Kelly Court. He said he had not. She also asked about the study the state was going to do on the Traffic Island. He said he had not heard anything else from the state.

Patty Sue Miller: No Comments

Clark Roberts: Mr. Roberts commented that the city signs needed some fresh paint. Ms. Dunavent said that could be put on the list for Rebel Outreach. Mr. Roberts asked about the trees in the planters on the square. The council discussed taking them out of the planters and possibly planting them at the firehouse. Discussion was held about asking Pat Beverly to get and plant flowers in the planters this year. Mr. Roberts asked if the city was still looking at sidewalk repairs/replacements. Mayor Gaines said the city is looking for a Grant to assist with the cost. Mr. Roberts said that since Kasey Towles was selling some of her properties, maybe the city could talk about obtaining the lot by Bowling Insurance and making it a park.

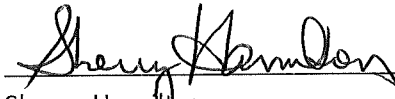
Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm. Clark Roberts made the motion to adjourn. Jill Dunavent Seconded. Motion Carried.

SIGNED:

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Adam Gaines
Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sherry Hamilton', written over a horizontal line.

Sherry Hamilton
City Clerk