

Regular Meeting  
Owenton City Council  
June 13, 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, City Attorney Mitzy Ford, Assistant Fire Chief Clay James, Public Works Timmy DeZarn, and Police Chief Clint Aldridge.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** Adam Gaines

**Guests:** Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, Paul Maddox, Ann Carter, Shadow Aldridge, Chris Cammack, Maddie Land, Rodney Cammack, Brittany Cammack, Angie Stewart, and James Abner.

Mayor Gaines swore the city's newest officer, Billy Cammack in. Mr. Cammack will begin service on Monday June 17, 2024. He will be riding along with either Chief Aldridge or Officer McIntosh until he starts the academy on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Maddox, Maddox and Associates presented the 2023-2024 Audit report to the council. Mr. Maddox stated the audit contains two reports, one on financial status and the other looks at internal controls. Both reports were very good, finding no issues. He stated the city was in very good standing with no debit and sufficient cash on hand. The city should be pleased with where they are at this time.

**May 09, 2024 Minutes.** Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve the May minutes. Seconded by Joyce New. Motion carried.

**May 2024 Financial Statement.** Patty Sue Miller made a motion to approve the May financial statement. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion carried.

**Police Report:** Chief Aldridge presented the May report. Chief Aldridge informed council that the Tahoe Cruiser is ready for Mr. Cammack when he begins work. May was very busy with nuisance letters and citations. Mr. Cammack's uniforms are ordered, just waiting on Kentucky Uniform. Mr. Cammack's academy date has been moved up again to July 7<sup>th</sup>, meaning he will be graduating in December. L&W Electronics is buying back the two police computers we currently have, and the department will be leasing three computers and related equipment

from L&W. This will allow the equipment to be updated as needed and we will not have to purchase new equipment.

**Fire Report:** Assistant Chief Clay James presented the fire report. The department had 10 runs in May. The department participated in Landing Zone training in May. The first fish fry held at the firehouse to benefit the county fire department was a huge success.

**Public Works:** Mr. DeZarn presented the report for May. Mr. DeZarn and Mr. Cobb made the food run for Meeting the Needs. Mr. Cobb repaired the potholes on several streets. Mr. DeZarn straightened several street signs that were leaning. The sidewalk on South Madison has been repaired. Nuisance letters on swimming pools, tall grass, and trash have taken quite a bit of time in May. Mr. DeZarn has begun watering the flowers on the square due to lack of rain. The mayor reminded everyone that the coming weekend was very busy for the city. Food truck Friday is this Friday and Mayberry Days is Saturday. The mayor requested that the streets be cleaned and the city look the best as possible.

**Old Business:**

1. The council was given a brief update on the crosswalk project. The area has been repaved thanks to a donation from Kentucky American Water. The stencils for the project have proven to be a little difficult to get printed. Young's Screenprinting is scheduled to print them. When the stencils are ready, a day to paint the crosswalk will be scheduled. The paint will be the same paint that is used for Pickleball Courts.

**New Business:**

1. The first reading of Ordinance 788 2024-2025 Budget was held. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to accept the budget. Jill Dunavent seconded. The budget will be voted on at the second reading scheduled for June 20, 2024.
2. The first reading of Ordinance 789 Title VI Program Plan was held. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Larry Dale Perry seconded. The Ordinance will be voted on at the second reading scheduled for June 20, 2024.

**City Attorney Report:** Ms Ford reported that the property on Gayle Ave is scheduled to be sold on the courthouse steps August 16, 2024 at noon. The city is hoping the property brings enough to clear the liens the city has on the property.

**City Clerk Report:** No Comment

**Council Member Comments:**

**Larry Dale Perry:** Mr. Perry said the streetlight on East Adair is still not working. He reported it to KU.

**Jimmy Marston:** Mr. Marston said he had been asked about the drain issue on Kelly Court that flooded recently causing some water to back up into a residence. Mayor Gaines said that had been reported to our insurance carrier and it had been determined the issue was due to leaves from neighboring yards stopping up the drain and city was not liable for the damages.

**Joyce New:** No Comment

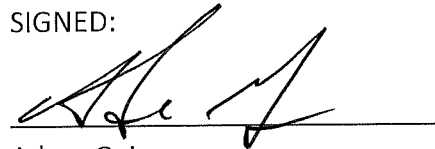
**Jill Dunavent:** Ms. Dunavent reported that Food Truck Friday is Friday and the line up of vendors and music looks exciting. Mr. Perry asked if the one that had to be canceled would be rescheduled. She said no it would not, they just could not get the vendors or the music to settle on a new date. Ms. Dunavent said she would be glad to assist with watering the flowers, just let her know. Ms. New also said she would help.

**Patty Sue Miller:** No Comments

**Clark Roberts:** Mr. Roberts reported there had been a sewer smell in town. Mr. Perry said Kentucky American Water had been informed and they were looking into it. Mr. Roberts said he had received several calls on the swimming pool's requirement that pools be fenced. He asked if Ms. Hamilton or Ms. Sipple would have a list of vendors that are qualified to install the fencing. Ms. Sipple said Mills Fencing was the one that she knew for sure. Mayor Gaines reported that there is an option that can be put on the top of the pool if it has a gate that is locked and fully encloses the pool. That option would satisfy the requirement for a fence.

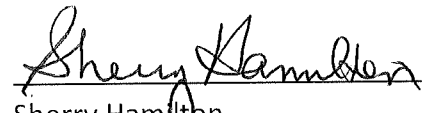
Having no further business, Mayor Adam Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. Clark Roberts made the motion to adjourn. Larry Dale Perry Seconded.

SIGNED:



Adam Gaines  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Sherry Hamilton  
City Clerk