

Regular Meeting
Owenton City Council
September 12, 2024
5:30pm at City Hall

City Clerk Sherry Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. In the absence of Mayor Gaines, Jimmy Marston made a motion to appoint Larry Dale Perry as Mayor Pro Temp for the meeting. Joyce New seconded. Motion carried.

Council members present: Larry Dale Perry, Joyce New, Jimmy Marston, Jill Dunavent, and Patty Sue Miller. Absent: Mayor Adam Gaines, and Clark Roberts. Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, Deputy Clerk Anita Sipple, City Attorney Mitzy Ford, Fire Chief Greg Estes, and Police Chief Clint Aldridge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Anita Sipple

Guests: Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, James Abner, and Christian Dempsey.

Larry Dale Perry called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Jill Dunavent made the motion. Patty Sue Miller seconded. Motion Carried.

August 08, 2024 Minutes. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to approve the regular August minutes. Joyce New seconded. Motion Carried.

August 27, 2024 Special Minutes. Jill Dunavent made a motion to approve the special August minutes. Joyce New seconded. Motion Carried.

August 2024 Financial Statement. Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve the August financial statement. Patty Sue Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Aldridge presented the August report. Chief Aldridge reported that the month had been slow, since the department is down to one officer until Officer Cammack completes the Academy. Chief Aldridge had been working on nuisance letters. The 127 yard sale went pretty well. The Dodge Cruiser is still at the dealership awaiting approval from the corporation to replace the motor. Chief worked a couple of special details including the parade for the young man injured in the accident in July welcoming him home from the hospital.

Fire Report: Chief Greg Estes presented the fire report. Chief Estes reported that the commemoration for the anniversary of 911 went well. The department holds one every year as close to the date as possible. 2026 will be 25 years and the department is planning a special

event for that year. The department has not had any calls from the ARC recently, which they take as a good sign that there has been work to improve the ventilation. Chief Estes reported that he had lined up volunteers to do traffic control for the Homecoming parade and Sweet Owen Day. Chief Estes reported that Search & Rescue will be having a Fish Fry on September 28 to raise money.

Public Works: Timmy DeZarn gave the public works report. Mr. DeZarn reported that he and Mr. Cobb had spent a considerable amount of time watering the flowers. They went to Northern Kentucky and picked up food for Meeting the Needs. Mr. Cobb and Mr. DeZarn filled some ditches on Beck Street to stop water running on to Main. Tree limbs were cut back on West Perry, weeds at Old City Hall were removed, and the city parking lot was weeded.

Old Business:

1. The second reading of Ordinance 791 Swimming Pools. Jill Dunavent made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Patty Sue Miller seconded. Motion Carried.
2. Ordinance 793-Opt In Medical Cannabis was given a second reading. Joyce New made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Jimmy Marston seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. City Clerk, Sherry Hamilton reported to the council that Emergency Management, Larry Karsner had presented the city with a quote to replace the siren on Cull Road that was not working. The quote was \$22, 990.64. Mr. Karsner was asking the city to approve \$15,000.00 of that amount. He had received a grant that could pay for some of the cost. This quote was considerably less than had been quoted last year. Jimmy Marston made a motion to allocate \$15,000.00 to the project. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion carried.

City Attorney Report: Ms. Ford stated that she was disappointed in the decision to opt-in to Medical Cannabis. She felt like there was not enough information yet on how it would be regulated and how the policing would be affected.

City Clerk Report: Ms. Hamilton reported that the copier contract was up in October. The city received two bids. After discussion with the mayor, it was decided to stay with Duplicator Sales because they would lock the price in for the 5 year contract. The other company would not. Ms. Hamilton reported that the property tax bills will be mailed on September 30th. Ms. Hamilton read a thank you card from Ziggy's Physical Therapy for the Spring Grant that they received which helped them purchase the new sign for their building.

Council Member Comments:

Larry Dale Perry: Mr. Perry commented that Food Truck Friday was very good despite the weather.

Jimmy Marston: No Comment

Joyce New: Ms. New said she had been approached about removing the electrical outlets on the sidewalks in town since they are not working. Ms. Hamilton said she would check with the mayor. Ms. New asked if the parking place in front of the Christian church on Main Street could be designated as a handicap spot. There would have to be approval from the state to do that since Main Street is a state road. Ms. New asked if the city could contract with a shredding company to come to the city and residences bring personal documents to be shredded. Ms. Dunavent said the library has done that before.


Jill Dunavent: Ms. Dunavent asked where the process was in getting the No Engine Braking signs put up. Ms. Hamilton said the signs are here, but the ground was too hard to drive the posts right now. She reported that there were some issues with getting the document with the stencils to Ms. Young for the sidewalk project. They are working on a solution. Ms. Dunavent asked if the paint had been ordered. Ms. Hamilton stated she had not received anything with the quote. Ms. Dunavent was going to ask Ms. Urie to resend the quote.

Patty Sue Miller: No Comment


Clark Roberts: Absent

Having no further business, Mayor Pro-Temp Larry Dale Perry entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Jimmy Marston made the motion to adjourn. Patty Sue Miller seconded.

SIGNED:


Adam Gaines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Hamilton, City Clerk