

Regular Meeting  
Owenton City Council  
December 12, 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, Jimmy Marston, Patty Sue Miller, and Clark Roberts (late). Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, City Attorney Mitzy Ford, Timmy DeZarn, Fire Chief Greg Estes, Asst Fire Chief Clay James, and Police Chief Clint Aldridge.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** Patty Sue Miller

**Guests:** Gayle Parsons, David Lilly, James Abner, Ann Carter, Jase Smith, Terry Gentry, Shadoe Aldridge, Correy Eimer, Alan Greene, Cortney Silman, Alex Silman, and Karmyn Gaines.

Mayor Gaines recognized Correy Eimer from the Northern Kentucky Area Development District. Mr. Eimer presented information to the council and guests about NKADD and what they do. NKADD serves eight northern counties. They offer services from aging and disabilities to workforce development. NKADD strives to connect citizens, communities and stakeholders to provide information and resources to improve communication and citizens wellbeing. They also have grants to assist communities in getting resources to implement projects.

Mayor Gaines then swore in new council member James Abner, who will begin serving on council in January. Mayor Gaines also swore in the members of council that are already serving to begin their new terms in January.

**November 14, 2024 Minutes.** Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve the regular November minutes. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Motion Carried.

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

**Police Report:** Chief Aldridge presented the November report. Chief Aldridge reported that Officer Cammack was on duty during Thanksgiving week, and he would graduate on December 19, 2024. Officer Cammack was doing well at the academy and had been appointed class leader. Chief Aldridge was looking forward to having the second officer to cover shifts.

**Fire Report:** Chief Greg Estes presented the fire report. Chief Estes reported that the coat and pants that had been ordered with the \$3500.00 grant had been received. The 2025 state aid funds have been deposited into the fire account as well. Chief Estes reported that Search & Rescue had received \$28000.00 from the Division of Emergency Management. These funds will assist in purchasing battery operated rescue cutters and spreader for extractions.

Mayor Gaines thanked Chief Estes and the Jr Fire Fighters for the work they did on getting the Christmas Lights put up. The mayor asked the council to approve giving a donation to Search and Rescue for the work done to get the lights up. Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve \$500.00 donation. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works:** Timmy DeZarn gave the public works report. Mr. DeZarn reported that he had assisted Ms Sipple with getting the Business License Renewal letters and the quarterly 1.5 letters ready to mail. He continues to check and clear drains in problem areas. He worked on getting Christmas decorations out at city hall. The city is still working on nuisances.

Mayor Gaines thanked Joyce and Brian New for getting the trees set out in the flowerpots.

#### Old Business:

1. Council held the second reading of Ordinance 794-amending the Employee Handbook to include guidelines on employee use of Medical Marijuana and add Veterans' day as a paid holiday. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve the ordinance. Patty Sue Miller seconded. Motion Carried.

#### New Business:

1. Mayor Gaines asked council to approve the employee incentive for 2024. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to approve \$250.00 incentive for the employees. Joyce New seconded. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Gaines informed council that the second part of the OSHA inspection had been done and one of the results was that the Battery Charger and the Concrete Saw had to be removed from the garage or install an eye wash center. It has been determined that the battery charger was not city property and was returned to the owner. The city would either need to run water to the garage or surplus the saw. It was determined to surplus the saw was the best option. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to surplus the saw. Joyce New seconded. Motion Carried.
3. Mayor Gaines informed the council that he, Ms Ford, and Ms Hamilton had met with representatives from NKADD to discuss the cities options on Microbreweries. Ms Ford had reached out to KLC for advice and direction on how to proceed. She was informed that the city had 60 days from the date of the election pass an ordinance to regulate Microbreweries. Mayor Gaines asked that given the complexity of implementing how to proceed, the council go into an executive session to discuss options. Jill Dunavent made a motion at 6:02 to go into executive session. Larry Dale Perry Seconded.

Jill Dunavent made a motion to come out of the executive session with no action taken at 6:28. Patty Sue Miller Seconded. Motion Carried.

**City Attorney Report:** Ms. Ford reported that she would continue to work on getting the Ordinance regarding Microbrewery ready for the special meeting.

**City Clerk Report:** No Comments

**Council Member Comments:**

**Larry Dale Perry:** No Comments

**Jimmy Marston:** No Comments

**Joyce New:** Ms. New had no comments other than it had been a good four years serving on the council and she was thankful for the opportunity.

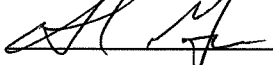
**Jill Dunavent:** Ms Dunavent said she had received inquiries regarding closing the city streets on Halloween. It seemed like the traffic was not paying attention to the children and their families that were out that night. Some individuals had expressed that they felt it was a safety issue. Mayor Gaines explained that some of the streets they were concerned about were state roads (Roland Ave, Seminary, Main Street) and the city could not close them. He said the city could see about if something could be done on city streets.

**Patty Sue Miller:** No Comment

**Clark Roberts:**

Having no further business, Mayor Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Joyce New made the motion to adjourn. Larry Dale Perry seconded.

SIGNED:

  
Adam Gaines, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sherry Hamilton, City Clerk