

Regular Meeting
Owenton City Council
January 09, 2025
5:30pm at City Hall

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

Council members present: Larry Dale Perry, Jimmy Marston, Patty Sue Miller, Jill Dunavent, Leigh Hawkins, and James Abner. Also present: City Clerk Sherry Hamilton, City Attorney Mitzy Ford, Fire Chief Greg Estes, Asst Fire Chief Clay James, and Police Chief Clint Aldridge.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: David Lilly

Guests: David Lilly, Ann Carter, Jason Wainscott, and Marlene Wainscott.

Jason Wainscott spoke to the council regarding the recent Microbrewery Ordinance that the council passed. He asked what the intent of the ordinance was. Mayor Gaines assured Mr. Wainscott that the intent of the ordinance was to establish an ordinance within 60 days from the approved vote in November. Given the lack of information on how this would work in a moist, not wet area, the council passed the Ordinance to establish a baseline. The city is seeking clarification from ABC. The question on the sale of by the drink needs to be established if it can be allowed for a moist area. Mr. Wainscott asked that the city reconsider placing it only in industrial zones. He said the intent of vote in November was to place the microbrewery in the city to assist in revitalizing downtown. Mr. Wainscott was assured that the city is working with KLC to establish an accurate ordinance that provides what is needed to accommodate the operation of a microbrewery in the city limits. Ms. Ford will continue to work on the Ordinance as information is provided.

Council member Jill Dunavent asked if consideration had been given on shipment delivery and traffic control. Mr. Wainscott said for the size he was considering the deliveries would be no more than any other business in the city. Another consideration would be if the water supply in the city could accommodate the brewery. Mr. Wainscott was assured the city will continue to amend the ordinance as information becomes available.

December 12, 2024 Minutes. Patty Sue Miller made a motion to approve the regular December minutes. James Abner seconded.

January 03, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes Mayor Gaines informed council the minutes would need to amended to reflect Jill Dunavent was not present. Jimmy Marston made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Jill Dunavent seconded. Motion Carried.

December 2024 Financial Statement. James Abner made a motion to approve the December financial statement. Larry Dale Perry seconded. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Aldridge presented the December Police Report. December was a slow month for arrests. Officer Cammack graduated from the Police Academy on December 19th. Chief Aldridge is looking forward to having Officer Cammack on duty. Officer Camack will do some further training with Chief Aldridge and the Sheriff's Department. The department assisted the Chamber during the Christmas parade, everything seemed to go smoothly.

Fire Report: Chief Greg Estes presented the fire report. Classes for the firefighters have been set up for the year. They are required to do so many hours of training each year. Mr. Estes asked if during snow removal the workers be aware of where the fire hydrants are and keep them clear. Mr. Estes reminded the city that this was the year that the fire chief is to be elected. He told the council that the county had changed their operations from calendar year to fiscal year. The mayor said he would investigate if there was anything in place addressing this and discuss it at the next meeting. Mr. Estes asked the council to consider placing a \$20.00 fire fee on the yearly property taxes. Mayor Gaines said while he has strived to keep taxes low for the residents of the city during his term in office, the council would take it under consideration. The mayor asked if the Chief had heard any more on the proposed OSHA regulations. Assistant Chief James said it has been stalled because of the feedback against the measure.

Public Works: Mayor Gaines gave the public works report. Mayor Gaines said while there had been several complaints about the snow removal, he praised the guys on the work they did and the number of hours they put in to get the snow removed. This was the most snow the area has seen in several years. David Lilly said he didn't think the city would have to go to Northern Kentucky this month to pick up food.

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Mayor Gaines reported that it was time to reappoint council members to serve on the Water Board. The council appoints two board members and one community member to the waterboard as part of the agreement at the time of the water sale to Kentucky American Water. Currently Patty Sue Miller and Larry Dale Perry serve in this capacity. Jill Dunavent made a motion to reappoint Patty Su Miller and Larry Dale Perry to the waterboard. James Abner seconded. Motion Carried. Logan Fields currently serves as the community member. Larry Dale Perry made a motion to reappoint Mr. Fields to the waterboard. Patty Sue Miler seconded. Motion Carried.

2. Mayor Gaines spoke to the council regarding the need to establish boundary lines for the city. Currently there are conflicting maps showing the lines. Mayor Gaines and Ms. Hamilton met with Katie Jo Berkshire from NKADD to discuss putting bids out for an RFP. Ms. Berkshire was working on a proposal to have the survey done.
3. Mayor Gaines spoke on getting the boundary lines completed so the city could start working on a new comprehensive plan. Plans should be made about every five years. Once this is all completed and the city has a complete picture of where they are, work on updating planning and zoning can be completed.

City Attorney Report: Ms. Ford reported that she had received further information from Megan Griffith at KLC and would continue to work on amending the Ordinance regarding Microbreweries.

City Clerk Report: No Comments

Council Member Comments:

Larry Dale Perry: Mr. Perry reported that work on the water lines on Sweet Owen Road was continuing.

Jimmy Marston: No Comments

Leigh Hawkins: No Comments

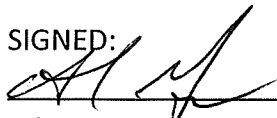
Jill Dunavent: No Comments

Patty Sue Miller: Ms. Miller reported that very soon Kentucky American Water would have kiosks at Dollar General Stores so residents could pay their bill there.

James Abner: No Comments

Having no further business, Mayor Gaines entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm. Jill Dunavent made the motion to adjourn. Patty Sue Miller seconded.

SIGNED:


Adam Gaines, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Hamilton, City Clerk