

Regular Meeting Minutes
Owenton City Council
December 11, 2025
5:30 pm at City Hall

Mayor Leigh Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council members present: Larry Dale Perry, Jimmy Marston, Patty Sue Miller, Jill Dunavent, Logan Fields, James Abner, and Mayor Leigh Hawkins. Also present: City Attorney Mitzy Ford, City Clerk Anna Kemper and Deputy Clerk Mallory McClure.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Councilwoman Patty Sue Miller

Thursday, November 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes - Councilman James Abner motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilman Larry Dale Perry seconded, and the motion carried with all in approval.

Guests: Alan Greene spoke about concerns/improvements he has for the city. He noted the parking lines on W. Seminary Street and directional arrows being added to the courthouse square and some side streets. He mentioned Livestreaming council meetings on FB Live. A reference was made to the installation of lights on our buildings downtown like the way Madison, IN, has for their city. Another point of interest was moving the farmers' market closer to downtown.

2025 August, September, October & November Financial Report Discussion:

Councilman Larry Dale Perry motioned to approve the financial statements, and councilman James Abner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Reports:

Police—Chief Aldridge went over the police department's monthly report to council. Officer Billy Cammack, after attending a training which included evidence room policies, has suggested to council a need for expansion of the department's evidence room. A request was made for more space for evidence and LED lighting. He also listed items for disposal. Larry Dale Perry

made a motion to make these items surplus for disposal purposes. James Abner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The proper steps for disposing of these items will be taken by the police department.

Fire—Chief Greg Estes provided the report for the fire department. Chief Estes and Joey Moore helped hang the Christmas lights for the city. He also acknowledged that Mayor Hawkins, Councilman Perry, Chief Alridge and Officer Blackwell attended the fire department Christmas dinner.

Public Works—The City Clerk gave Timmy Dezarn's report for public works in his absence. Mr. Dezarn installed a traffic sign on Roland Avenue. He also prepared the flowerpots in town for council members to decorate. He also prepared the Christmas lights for the fire department to hang. Mr. Dezarn and Officer Cammack worked on installing motion-sensor lights for the police department.

Old Business

There being no Old Business, the meeting progressed to New Business.

New Business

Councilman Jimmy Marston made a motion for approval of employee incentive pay. Councilman Larry Dale Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

City Attorney—Ms. Ford updated Council that she sent letters on the city's behalf to the leasees to give 30-day prior notice of the sale of 102 N Main Street building. This allowed them time to remove all property from the building.

City Clerk—Anna Kemper reported that the transition from Broadline to Spectrum for internet service has been difficult and has caused delays since the internet has been unavailable or intermittent for many days at a time which has affected phone service as well as since the phone system is internet based. Also, a list of the CDs that the city possesses was provided to council as requested.

Council Member Comments—Mayor Hawkins informed council that the city was awarded a certificate from the Sons of the American Revolution for our American Flag at the City Hall building meeting their criteria. Councilwoman Miller inquired about the timesheets for Jack Miller in reference to the snow removal/maintenance contract. Councilwoman, Jill Dunavent, created a post for the city's Facebook page reminding citizens to move their cars for the

snowplows during the winter months. Councilman James Abner suggested the city shop banks for higher interest rates for the city's CDs. Larry Dale Perry added that the credit union cannot service municipal businesses and that we previously had CDS in multiple financial institutions. The Bob Osborne Christmas Light contest for the city will be judged in December. Councilman Abner made a motion to award monetary prizes to the winners. Councilwoman Dunavent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The awards are as follows:

Residential: 1st Place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd Place \$50 and Business winner \$100.

Councilman Logan Fields inquired about an Insurance Premium Tax, regarding the funding that goes to the county. Mayor Hawkins has researched this tax and had information about its use. She informed council that this funding was used by the county that also served the city residents. The city residents benefit from the ambulance service, 911 responses, and emergency management.

Having no further business, Mayor Hawkins entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. James Abner motioned to adjourn, and Logan Fields seconded.

SIGNED:

Leight Hawkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Kemper, City Clerk