

Regular Meeting
Owenton City Council
November 13, 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: Interim Clerk Elishia Chamberlain and Clerk Anna Kemper

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Councilman Logan Fields

Thursday October 31, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes Council Woman Patty Sue Miller motioned to approve the Special Meeting Minutes. Councilman James Abner seconded, and the motion carried with all in approval.

August, September, October Financial Report Discussion

Elishia Chamberlain updated Council on current efforts to enter all transactions into accounting software as she and Ms. Kemper work to identify remaining debits and ach transactions for which no invoice or notice was received. Ms. Chamberlain is willing to meet with Council members regarding city finances prior to her last day on the 21st of November. Next Council Meeting Council should have all three financial reports as well as reconciliations.

Reports

Police—Chief Aldridge provided an update for the department. Halloween and Trick or Treat activities were had with no issues.

Fire—Both Chief Greg Estes and Deputy Chief Clay James provided the report for the fire department. The department was awarded an AFG grant. The need for fire jackets was discussed and Council Member Larry Dale Perry motioned to fund this with a second from Councilman James Abner seconding; the motion passed with voice approval. The need to move the fire dept funds into their own account, and the need to open a donation based account through their independent board was discussed. It was agreed that to remain compliant this needs to occur.

Public Works—Timmy Dezarn updated Council on maintenance and repair activities with city assets and city owned trucks. He encouraged council to participate in a cleanup day to help decorate flowerpots in the downtown commercial district.

Old Business

A. Opioid Abatement Funds—Mayor Leigh Hawkins notified Council that Lindsay McNally with Three Rivers Health District has requested consideration of funding the recovery center as requested in July. The amount requested is \$10,000 as discussed before. James Abner motioned to fund this request for Opioid Abatement Funds, Jill Dunavent seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

New Business

There being no New Business, the meeting progressed to appointed official reports.

City Attorney—Ms. Ford updated Council on the scheduled closing for the building sale will occur on November 21st.

City Clerk—Ms. Chamberlain provided updates on efforts to finalize her activities prior to her last day. She will be available to meet with Council Members through her last day on November 21st.

Council Member Comments—Council discussed the Christmas Tree and bringing in ornaments. Jill asked questions once again about the drainage issue a property owner has been experiencing due to photographs being dropped off at the City Building. The cause and effect of the drainage problem were reviewed. The Mayor will be revisiting the property and from there the City will work to put this issue to rest.

Having no further business, Mayor Hawkins entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. Patty Sue Miller motioned to adjourn and Jill Dunavent seconded.

SIGNED:

Leight Hawkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna Kemper, City Clerk