

# COMMUNITY

## Owingsville City Council begins process of moving forward with new electric, gas franchise agreements

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**Owingsville City Council members review paperwork Monday evening related to the creation of electrical and natural gas service franchises to homes and businesses in Owingsville. These franchises are renewed every ten years.**

Mayor Hunt said the fees for those actions had not been evaluated “for a long time.” He proposed to increase the water meter installation fee from \$750 for a ¾ inch residential line to \$1250, and increase the cost of the sewer tap on fee from current costs of \$400 for residential gravity fee and \$1000 for residential grinder pump fees to the cost of material and labor.

Council member Karen Ratliff said she could not vote for a fee increase following increases in water and sewer service fees last year until she knew the cost of installing a new meter. Mayor Hunt found that new meters cost \$985 from their local supplier, Utility Solutions.

Council members agreed to alter the amendment to reflect the fee increase from current rates to the cost of new equipment plus labor. A second reading of the amendment will be held

at next month’s meeting.

Mayor Hunt wanted to remind everyone that the city has an election sign ordinance already in place, and for the upcoming Primary Election on May 12, no election signs are allowed to be posted in the city limits prior to April 4 (45 days prior to the election) and must be taken down by May 27 (15 days after the election).

The City of Owingsville had \$142,000 in alcohol sales during the month of November 2025, and it collected \$6619 in regulatory fees. Its regulatory fee account to date has \$106,000.

Hunt also provided updates on new businesses coming to Owingsville, including the Fresh Spin Laudromat (Miller Plaza), Seouful Skin (Miller Plaza), Ace Auto Parts (Water Street), Owingsville Barber Co. (South Court Street), Juniper Recovery (old Owingsville Manor building, open house Jan. 22), and

the Salt Mine Café (South Court Street), which opened last year. He also noted that he heard that Hazel Hills residential drug treatment center might be reopening.

Hunt also reported that the Owingsville Fire Department recently took possession of their new fire truck, a 4000 gallon tanker, and he praised the Department for bringing the residential blaze of an historic home on Suddith Street under control.

Prior to the end of the meeting, Council member Jackie Anderson said he had been asked by a concerned citizen if the Police Department’s members wore body cameras. He said the citizen was concerned in light of recent events in Minnesota. Chief John Sutherland was present at the meeting, and he responded that they did not wear cameras, largely due to the \$5000 a month needed for storage of camera footage. Sutherland said with the town’s call volume, he did not think body cameras were necessary.

Anderson also said he had heard complaints about the crosswalk sign located at the corner of West Main and Cecil Street. Mayor Hunt said because Main Street is a state highway, regulations require all signs be placed at a height of nine feet.

### Events cont. from pg. 1

events for 2026 has just been released:

April – Easter Egg Hunt at McClain Pallet Shop, date TBD

May 16 – 5-K Run, sponsored by Los Tres Agaves

May 22 - Special Propane Price Day

June 6 – Preston First Church of God Car Show, 2 – 7 p.m. at The Store

June 27 – 28 – Vendor Fair at The Store

July 18 – Veterans Program to honor Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan vet-

erans, with the Ky. Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and special guests

July 25 – Movie Night

August 1 – Preston First Church of God Car Show, at The Store, 2 to 7 p.m.

August – Rube Blevins Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, date TBD

September 9 – 12 – Downhome Gospel Singing

September 18 – 20 – Abundant Life Gospel Church Revival, 7 p.m. nightly, with 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service

October 3 – 5-K Run, sponsored by Los Tres

Agaves

October 14 – 19 – Preston Court Days

October 24 – Preston First Church of God Car Show, at The Store, 1 to 6 p.m.

December 16 – Robin Tolle Piano Recital and Carriage Rides, Owings-

ville First Church of God, 7 p.m.

December – The Store will host Preston Christmas Lights and Homemade Holiday Shopping, up to 25 local/in-county vendors, held two weekends before Christmas

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Rowan County elected Officials and their staffs, have earned our respect, trust, and appreciation.

They are still telling stories, we are told by our readers, but every word of these ads is provably true.

What will your excuse be to the Rowan County Taxpayers when the right person finally reads these ads?

Will a Senior United States District Court Judge order the Rowan County Fiscal Court and Row-

an County Attorney “Taxpayers” to pay **MILLION\$** for knowingly utilizing a false affidavit in its defense of a federal lawsuit it could have won legitimately? The aggravating factor (**legal term**) is the multitude of public reminders the Fiscal Court and County Attorney ignored, or failed to face, considering the devastating damages they inflicted, and failed to make restitution.

Both the Lower Court, and 6th Circuit, believed the content of the affidavit, as evidenced in their explanations of their rulings. Did 3 high powered Lexington (Fayette County) Attorneys lie with no apparent motive, or did one Morehead (Rowan County) Attorney lie with obvious motives?

It is our belief that the fraud committed will toll the statue of limitations in this matter.

**\*\$1,185,000.00 CASH REWARD**

A bonus will be added too, if you bring us the proof of what we know is the truth.

Do **Most** people realize that **ATTORNEY (C)** accurately described the Fiscal Court’s reason for denying our Variance as POLITICS/PAYBACK?

“Would you let someone build a fence on your property?”

-- (Their property, but 10 feet of our front lawn)

Fiscal Court

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Which the county has **NEVER** “mowed, weeded, or maintained” (or 90% of the rest of the properties, as well).

Do **Most** people realize that **COUNTY ATTORNEY** **NOW DENIES** saying “POLITICS & PAYBACK”?

When County Attorney denies saying Politics and Payback, and having signed an affidavit to that effect, do **Most** people realize that Lexington **Attorney (D)** put in **WRITING** that Attorney (A) confirmed that **COUNTY ATTORNEY** made the statement that **HE** **NOW DENIES** making?

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**false testimony**

\* For U.S.District Court admissable evidence of

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