The Town of Obion Mayor and Board of Councilmembers met in regular session Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7 pm at the Obion Community Center. This was a change in date due to the New Year’s holiday. In attendance was Mayor Rodney Underwood, Councilmembers: Patsy Barker, Glen Parnell, Robert Anderson, Terry Ledbetter, Gracie Ashley, and Amy Wherry.

Mark Parnell requested the Mayor and Board give himself 30 feet and Ms. Elizabeth Chamberlain 5 feet of an alley near West Obion Avenue and Twelfth Street. He stated that Mr. Gary Chamberlain had been deeded 25 feet of the alley some years prior.

Glen Parnell moved to request that Mark Parnell draw out plans on what he would like to see done and present them to the council. Patsy Barker seconded the motion and Mr. Mark Parnell was in agreement with that. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Mr. Tim Gibson requested a reduction in his bill. The bill was $933.57. Mayor Underwood explained to Mr. Gibson that we could not reduce the water charge but we could work with him on a payment arrangement.

Glen Parnell moved to allow Mr. Gibson to pay his water bill in three equal installments; he will also have to pay his current bill but will not be charged a late charge for the high bill. Motion seconded by Amy Wherry. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Patsy Barker moved to adopt the December 5, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Terry Ledbetter. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Robert Anderson moved to pay the accounts; seconded by Glen Parnell. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Ms. Amy Wherry gave a presentation of information gathered concerning the city’s website. Rogue Graphics quoted $3500.00 per year for website development. Twin Oaks in Martin, TN quoted a one-time charge of $2475.00 plus $1750.00 per year afterward for website development.

Terry Ledbetter moved to accept the quote from Twin Oaks; seconded by Glen Parnell. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Upon the recommendation of the police committee, chaired by Terry Ledbetter, Robert Anderson moved to give full- time officers a $2.00 per hour pay raise and to pay part-time officers $14.90 per hour; seconded by Glen Parnell. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Robert Anderson moved to hire Larry Farley and David Jones as part-time police officers at $14.90 per hour; seconded by Patsy Barker. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Patsy Barker moved to advertise to sell the 1996 Jeep; seconded by Glen Parnell. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Terry Ledbetter moved to lease the Dairy Hut building for one year at $350.00 per month to David and Paula Gordon; seconded by Robert Anderson. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Patsy Barker moved to close city hall on January 16, 2017 for MLK holiday; seconded by Glen Parnell. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

Robert Anderson moved to adjourn; seconded by Gracie Ashley. Roll call:

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| Patsy Barker | AYE |
| Glen Parnell | AYE |
| Robert Anderson | AYE |
| Terry Ledbetter | AYE |
| Gracie Ashley | AYE |
| Amy Wherry | AYE |
| Rodney Underwood | AYE |

MAYOR’S REPORT

* Informed the Council that the snow plow was torn up.
* Reported that we had one theft of services from a resident that had been disconnected for nonpayment. The resident has been charged with theft of services.
* Reported that we had two residences which were disconnected for nonpayment. The people living in these residences have been bringing in water from elsewhere for use, thus using the sewer system without paying for it (flushing toilets, bathing, etc.). Mayor Underwood is going to get more information concerning this issue.

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, OFFICERS

* Terry Ledbetter, police committee chairman, advised the mayor and council that the committee recommended a $2.00 per hour raise in pay for the two full- time officers and to pay the part- time officers $14.90 per hour. This was recommended to make the town more competitive with surrounding police departments and give the town the ability to hire and retain quality personnel.
* Richard Pollock, police chief, reported the Dyer County Humane Society will not come to town to catch stray dogs. He is contacting Diamonds in the Ruff and Wags and Whiskers to see if this is a service they can provide.
* Glen Parnell requested to form an annexation committee. Mayor Underwood appointed Glen Parnell as the chair and volunteered to serve himself on the committee. Mayor Underwood asked for volunteers to serve and did not get a response.