

Owens Cross Roads
Town Council Meeting
Minutes from July 28, 2020

Council Members present:

1. Tim Wright
2. Mayor Tony Craig
3. Larry Furlough
4. James Mann
5. Scott Baker
6. Elizabeth Craig

Town Hall staff present:

1. Christie Eason, Town Clerk
2. Teresa Carpenter, Asst Town Clerk
3. Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk
4. Tim Gaines, Town Administrator
5. Scott Worsham, Lieutenant of Police
6. Polly Blalock, Municipal Judge
7. Officer Logan Johnson
8. Officer Jeff Graves
9. Officer Tyler Sistrunk

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tony Craig at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tim Wright.

Minutes from the May 26 meeting and current bank balances were presented by Christie Eason, Town Clerk. Larry Furlough made the motion to approve the minutes and bank balances. Tim Wright 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Mayor welcomed all guests.

Mayor Craig shared a story of the officers' (Johnson and Graves) life-saving events in the community. Then asked Lieutenant Scott Worsham to come forward to present Life-Saving awards to Office Johnson and Officer Graves. Their wives were also called forward for this presentation.

Mayor Craig reviewed old business as listed below.

1. The new Tahoe for Chief Dobbins was purchased following the previous Town Council meeting. It is currently at Sharp Communications having all the bells and whistles installed.
2. Bullet Proof Vests for the Police Officers have been ordered and should be delivered within the next week.
3. Website / Hope Davis – owenscrossroadsal.org ~ 85% complete, very close to training Clerks to update.

4. Intersection of Hidden Branch Road and Chestnut Cove has had the 4 way stop signs installed
5. PPE was purchased for Municipal Election

Mayor asked if anyone in attendance had anything to add or share.

Mayor called Hope Davis of Hope Davis Media forward to present the Website she is working on for the Town of Owens Cross Roads. All good responses were given by the Council members. Brandy Wilson asked if you can pay online for sewer or court from our website. The response from Hope Davis was yes. Teresa Carpenter added that we have repeatedly requested that sewer customers please notate their account or address when paying so there is no confusion on applying the payment to the correct account. James Mann suggested asking Gov't Portal to require account number before moving forward with payment.

New Business:

1. A Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, August 25th. Those running for office of Mayor are Tony Craig (current Mayor) and Yvonne Meier. A sample ballot was posted 7/24/20.
 - a. Election **Resolution Nos. 20-7-28A through 20-7-28E** for Council Members
 - i. Certifications of unopposed candidacy for all 5 places for council – Tim Wright motioned to adopt, Larry Furlough and Elizabeth Craig 2nd. All in favor.
 - b. **Resolution No. 20-7-28F** to appoint Election Officials and their salary – Larry Furlough motioned to adopt. Scott Baker 2nd. All in favor.
 - c. **Resolution No. 20-7-28G** to provide food for Election Officials – Tim Wright motioned to adopt. Elizabeth Craig 2nd. All in favor.
James Mann asked about \$ amount/limit for food – he was informed by Mayor that the food will be catered, and the town will only be charged for ingredients not labor. He was satisfied with that response.
 - d. **Resolution No. 20-7-28h** to pay the Town Clerk for Absentee activity – James Mann motioned to adopt. Scott Baker 2nd. All in favor.
2. **Resolution No. 20-7-28i** - Salary Step Up Schedule to be updated – James Mann motioned to adopt. Larr Furlough and Tim Wright 2nd. All in favor.
3. **Resolution No. 20-7-28j** - RSA ACT 2011 bring Tier I employees into regulation contribution rate – Tim Wright motioned to adopt. James Mann and Elizabeth Craig 2nd. All in favor.
4. **Resolution No. 20-7-28k** – RSA ACT 2019 – Providing Tier I benefits to Tier II employees – Scott Baker motioned to adopt. Tim Wright and James Mann 2nd. All in favor.
5. Andy Segal, Municipal Judge recently resigned. Polly Blalock has been appointed Municipal Court Judge by Mayor Tony Craig for the remainder of the term. Judge Polly Blacklock was brought forward and sworn into service by Mayor Craig.

6. **Ordinance No. 20-007** – Amendment of Ordinance 20-001 for General Commercial Building Permits – Motion to consider – Larry Furlough, 2nd – James Mann, All in favor. Motion to adopt – Tim Wright, 2nd Scott Baker, All in favor.
7. **Ordinance No. 20-006** – Speed limit regulation within Subdivisions – Motion to consider – James Mann, 2nd Elizabeth Craig, All in favor. Motion to adopt – Larry Furlough, 2nd – James Mann, All in favor. Antoinette Sisco-Williamson asked Mayor if speed limit signs would be posted throughout subdivisions. Mayor affirmed there would be updated or new speed limit signs posted.
8. **Resolution No. 20-7-28L** – Resolution assigning grant funds for recycling to SWDA – Motion to adopt – Tim Wright, 2nd – James Mann, All in favor.

Motion to adjourn – Larry Furlough. 2nd – Tim Wright and Elizabeth Craig, All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Eason, Town Clerk

Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Town Clerk