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## MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2021

### Council Members present:

1. Mayor Tony Craig
2. Tim Wright
3. James Mann
4. Terry Mann
5. Larry Furlough

### Staff present:

1. Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
2. Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk
3. Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
4. Scott Worsham, Lieutenant of Police
5. Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk
6. Tim Gaines, Town Administrator
7. Dan Kelly, Fire Chief

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Craig.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Wright.

Minutes from the December 15, 2020 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 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

Mayor surveyed the guests for points of discussion.

R. Patterson - No; Dan Kelly - No; Mr. Johnson – concerned about the removal of the cross road at Guthrey Lane. Mayor Craig explained to him that OCR had nothing to do with those changes and he should contact ALDOT.

M. Wilson – No; B. Wilson – No.

Old business was reviewed:

1. Server Room & Police Locker Room Complete
2. Christmas Parade – SUCCESS
3. Town Shirts have been ordered
4. TARCOG – updating town limit and zoning maps

## New Business:

1. Resolution No. 21-01-26 – Municipal Debris Removal Fund – after discussion, this resolution is DEAD – NOT PASSED. Suggestions made by Terry Mann and James Mann to put the \$ this would have cost into our own savings fund for such a time as needed. Larry and Tim agreed.
2. Ordinance No. 21-002 – Sewer Cut Off Valve Requirements for new builds and renovations – James asked who pays for the installation and it was indicated the builder.  
Motion to consider – Tim Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Mann. All in favor.  
Motion to adopt – Larry Furlough; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mann; All in favor.
3. Ordinance No. 21-003 – Construction Traffic Road Use and Repair - Larry asked who is responsible for keeping up with DVD – clerk's office.  
Motion to consider- Larry Furlough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wright; All in favor.  
Motion to adopt – Tim Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mann; All in favor.
4. Ordinance No. 21-004 – Rental/Lease Business License  
Motion to consider- Tim Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Mann; All in favor. Larry Furlough Abstained.  
Motion to adopt – Tim Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mann; All in favor. Larry Furlough Abstained.
5. Ordinance No. 21-005 – Short Term Lodging Business License  
Motion to consider- Larry Furlough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Mann; All in favor.  
Motion to adopt – Tim Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Mann; All in favor.
6. Resolution No. 21-01-26A – stating Tony Craig, Mayor and Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk are the approved signers for Building Loan Renewal at Cadence Bank – ALL IN FAVOR.
7. Firefighter Job Posting – James Mann: All council members were good with description for job ad – proceed.
8. Town Hall Computer Back Up Quote – James Mann: Lightwire provides our IT support and has provided as a courtesy backup for the 'Town' side of things until now. Up to 1 Terabyte is \$150/month for Town Business backup. Police Department back up 1 Terabyte is \$60/month for Police Department. PD is expected to have up to 4 Terabytes a month currently.  
Not to exceed \$300/month for Town Business  
Motion to approve – Tim Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann; All in favor.  
Not to exceed \$240/month Police Department  
Motion to approve – Larry Furlough; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wright; All in favor.
9. Faisal Alaji – Owens Cross Grocery – Liquor License  
James Mann states he has no problem since it will bring more tax revenue to OCR. All in favor for Municipal Clerk to create ordinance for allowing retail liquor sales for off premise consumption.

10. Greg Gowan – commercial property project to be at 9737 HWY 431 S. Intends for multiple Restaurant leases. Building will be 8875 sq. ft (50 x 175) with a pad of 65 x 190. Currently open floor plan; as spaces lease he will build walls and plumbing where restaurants want/need them.

Sewage concerns – currently has septic tank but wants to upgrade to sewer system. Requesting Owens Cross Roads to drill the line – building is big enough for up to 3 restaurants. Mayor Craig says research will have to be done to determine costs to run sewer to building. Council will have an answer by the next council meeting (February 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Chief Dobbins gave the December Report for the Police Department.

Traffic Citations: 52	Traffic Warnings: 42	Calls for Service: 187
Arrests: 8	Accidents: 2	Case Reports: 22

Chief Dobbins also shared that the PD was recently approved for the NAHSO (North Alabama Highway Safety Organization) Overtime grant. This is reimbursement for overtime worked for a specific area (between mile marker 314-324) between now and September 30 2021. The reimbursements will be sent monthly.

Teresa Carpenter: stated that Business License renewals are going well, however we do have several local businesses that have not yet renewed. All licenses not renewed by Jan 31 are late and will receive penalties. Sewer accounts that are 3 months or more will receive letters next week. This includes the severely late accounts that will receive the notice of sewer cut off and a copy of the new ordinance.

Larry Furlough asked about the new sewer project and Mayor stated it was moving forward.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tim Wright at 6:45; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Furlough; All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christie D. Eason, Municipal Clerk and Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk