



OWENS CROSS ROADS

ALABAMA

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MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Craig, Mayor
 Terry Mann
 Tim Wright
 Scott Baker
 Larry Furlough
 James Mann

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TOWN HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Clerk
 Teresa Carpenter, Asst Clerk
 Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
 Scott Worsham, Lieutenant
 Tim Gaines, Administrator
 Jeff Graves, Officer

**** This Council Meeting was broadcast live and in its entirety on the Owens Cross Roads AL facebook page**

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Wright.

Minutes from the February 23, 2021 Council meeting and the current bank balances were presented by Christie Eason, Clerk. Tim Wright made the motion to approve the minutes and bank balances. Larry Furlough 2nd the motion. Terry Mann – Aye; Tim Wright – Aye; Scott Baker – Aye; Mayor Craig – Aye; Larry Furlough – Aye; James Mann – Aye

Mayor surveyed the guests for points of discussion.

Diane Nicholson Miller - talked about drainage issues on Dudley Lane and poor condition of ditches on Hamer Road. She said that the county came out in early March; did work on the opposite side of the road from her property but nothing they did helped with the flooding issues on her side of the road. Scott Baker confirmed that water was over Dudley Lane during the recent flooding.

A resident from Bristol Creek subdivision was present to report that the builder/developer responsible for the construction has not installed the street lights that were planned and promised for the final phase, Winstead Circle. Mayor Craig suggested the resident have the Bristol Creek HOA contact the builder/developer

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Craig welcomed Daniel Martin of New Hope Telephone Co-op to take the floor for a presentation by his staff regarding the upcoming discontinuation of television service previously provided by NHTC. Christy Nelson, Marketing Manager for NHTC, narrated a slide presentation outlining suggestions and options available for customers to still have television services in their homes.

2. Chief Dobbins presented Lieutenant Scott Worsham with a plaque in honor of his 15 years of service to Owens Cross Roads.
3. Tim Wright addressed issues of flooding that have been occurring on Craft Craig Road since the Richmond Subdivision construction has been in progress. He said the builder has failed to correct the flooding issues but has promised to make more corrections before heavy rains forecasted for this week arrive. Tim Wright questioned if we could halt construction until the flooding issues have been resolved. A resident present inquired as to where the water run-off is supposed to go. Mayor Craig stated that the water should drain into the deep ditches along Hwy 431 and into Tarlkin Branch that runs into the Flint River. James Mann did not recommend halting construction until the builder/developer have had appropriate opportunities to resolve the issues. Larry Furlough stated that he did not know of a solution; raising the height of Craft Craig Road would only push the water in yards in the area. Scott Baker stated that he believes there is proper elevation there to fix the problems and did not recommend halting construction at this point because it could cause additional flooding issues. Terry Mann said as long as the builder/developer is making attempts to correct the flooding issues they should be allowed to continue to try to correct the problem. Elizabeth Craig spoke up from the audience and detailed her struggle to leave her home on Hamer Road during the recent flooding and said she had even more difficulty returning home a short time later when the water had risen even more. She stated that she believes this flooding was compounded because of the construction of Richmond Subdivision. Questions arose regarding whether Richmond construction was using Craft Craig Road; James Mann said he believes that they are using Craft Craig for a construction entrance and that is possibly what is causing the flooding issues.

4. Ordinance 21-013 – Annexation of Jerry and Barbara Glenn’s Property
Motion to Consider: Larry Furlough 2nd: Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Motion to Adopt: Tim Wright; 2nd: Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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5. Ordinance 21-014 – Regulation of Rights of Way
Motion to Consider: Tim Wright 2nd: James Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Motion to Adopt: Larry Furlough; 2nd: James Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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6. Ordinance 21-015 – Animal Regulations
Motion to Consider: Tim Wright 2nd: Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Abstained
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Motion to Adopt: Tim Wright ; 2nd: Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Abstained
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7. Resolution 21-02-23 Changing Employee Benefit Healthcare Insurance Carrier from United HealthCare to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama

Motion to Accept: James Mann ; 2nd: Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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8. Resolution 21-02-23A Authorizing Immediate Pay Increase for Employees

Motion to Accept: Larry Furlough ; 2nd: Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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9. Resolution 21-02-23B Authorizing A De Minimis Fund To Be Distributed By The Mayor

Motion to Accept: Tim Wright ; 2nd: Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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10. Mayor Craig announced there will be a League of Municipalities Convention held in Huntsville, AL May 12 through 15 and asked for Council Representation for May 13 and 14. James Mann and Terry Mann volunteered to fill those responsibilities.

11. The traffic light trip switch located on the westbound lane of Wilson Mann Road at the intersection of US Hwy 431 South requires repair. Repair cannot be made until an expanse of pavement measuring approximately 89 feet by 50 feet has been properly replaced/repared. Cost will be covered by the gas tax fund.

Motion to Accept: Terry Mann ; 2nd: Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tim Gaines had nothing to report
2. Chief Jason Dobbins gave the February Report for the Police Department:
 Calls for service 317 Traffic stops 82
 Case reports 17 Arrest 8
 Written warnings 22 Written citations 54
3. Lieutenant Scott Worsham reported on the potential for severe weather forecasted for Thursday March 25 which could potentially bring 2 to 3" of rain.

Terry Mann, Tim Wright and James Mann complimented the work efforts of Town Hall Staff in accomplishing several tasks that had been previously thought to be impossible.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Larry Furlough at 6:50; 2nd by James Mann; Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Respectfully submitted by:

Christie Eason, Clerk

Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk