



OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Tom Jarvinen, Atty @ Law
Hope Davis, Media
OCR Homemakers Club

CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
Scott Worsham, Lieutenant
CT Locke, Maintenance
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk

MAYOR CRAIG: CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm

TIM WRIGHT: Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes August 26th Council Meeting, September 14th Council Work Session, September 21st Council Work Session, and Bank Balances – Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk

Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; 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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Welcomed Everyone – Mayor Tony Craig

Greeted the Owens Cross Roads Homemakers Club and read the “Alabama Homemakers & Community Week” Proclamation for October 4 – 8, 2021 – Mayor Tony Craig

Read the NICU Awareness Day Proclamation September 30, 2021 – Mayor Tony Craig

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ordinance No. 21-30

Motion to Consider: Tim Wright; 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 Approve: 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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2. Ordinance No. 21-031: Building Permit Refund
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 Approve: 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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3. Ordinance No. 21-032: Annexation of Maple Property
Motion to Consider: 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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Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 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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4. Ordinance No. 21-033: Annexation of Maple Property
Motion to Consider: 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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Motion to Approve: 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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5. Ordinance No. 21-034: Ordinance to Merge OCRRC with NHRC - **TABLED**

Scott Baker says nothing to say except that may need to delay merger until end of fall baseball.

Terry Mann asks if we are within legal rights to make the decision/vote on this merger. Mayor Tony Craig attempted to explain. Tom Jarvinen, City Attorney, stated that property is in OCR Jurisdiction, so at legal stand point, City dictates what happens. It was clarified by the Clerk that the City pays utilities and insurance for the property.

Merger would allow New Hope to manage recreation program. Community member asked if OCR would be able to participate in NH decisions about OCR fields, etc. Community member asked about what or what not they would pay. Community member also asked if County contributes any money to the OCR facility. James Mann explained how each recreation center currently runs. Tom Jarvinen feels that we should have a formal document



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from both NHRC and OCRRC to make legal for both sides. Community members in attendance stated they didn't want the merger and that the history of OCRR should continue.

Tom Jarvinen says we aren't trying to take anything away but trying to provide a greater product. He does feel that a signed agreement from both sides is crucial. He suggests tabling the subject and moving it to the October meeting. He will review the current ordinance for merger and correct wording, etc. Community member requested copy of ordinance. The clerk can email to anyone who needs it. Elizabeth Craig questioned why there are only a husband and wife team as board members. Another community member says they were turned away by NH. Jason Keel says that proposal Jeffrey Vess presented here was not what he presented to his board members and feels that this agreement is shady. It was stated that NHRC won't do a name change to include OCRR because they have so much invested in branding already. Nicole Keel stated that they don't think it's a bad idea, but the way that it was handled makes them angry. Elizabeth stressed the importance of working together for the benefit of the children. Community member suggested to add to the board. Mayor Craig said we would table the ordinance until we can get something worked out together. A community member asked who would vote on this change, the people of OCR or just a small group. Tom Jarvinen says that the City Council would vote on this after hearing from the people. Susan Lee stated that she has volunteered to help, before the Keels, but was denied. Mayor Craig stated that his door is always open to anyone, at any time, to discuss.

Road Repairs: Larry Furlough brought up that Christian Road by the Post Office needs repair, Terry Mann said that several roads are needing work. Jason Dobbins mentioned Hill Road, also. T. Mann is looking into costs.

Concerned Citizen: Community member, Kevin Cook, lives on Old 431 at Brockway and is concerned about water flooding in several yards during most recent rain storm. Believes that drainage ditch is issue. Presented pictures and video to Council. Scott Baker stated that the issue should get better when Gingerwood is complete and that there is also a great deal of water coming from Old 431. In two years, this has happened numerous times. Mayor will be in touch with him regarding problem.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT- Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk

Resolution 21-16 presented to change Scanning Clerk, part-time contract position, to Assistant Clerk, full-time position, with commitment to continue scanning at 15 hours per week:

Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; 2nd - Tony Craig

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Resolution 21-17 presented update Employee Manual:

Motion to Approve: Tony Craig; 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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Resolution 21-18 presented 2022 OCR Budget:

Motion to Approve: James 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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2. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police

- 434 Calls of Service; 80 Traffic Stops; 49 Traffic Citations; 30 Warnings; 170 Community Checks; a few DUIs and Drug Arrests.
- Stated that Raven is in season (heat) and will be fixed in a few weeks. She’s making an average of 2 drug arrests per week.
- Officer Wilson is in his fifth week at NE Alabama Law Enforcement, with an anticipated graduation of December 2. He has passed his physical training.
- The Tahoe on order has been built, but is sitting on a lot in Texas waiting on a chip to be installed.

OPEN FLOOR TO INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES & OTHER ATTENDEES

Christie Eason – nothing; Scott Worsham – nothing; Lora Martin – nothing; CT Locke – nothing; Hope – nothing; TM – nothing; Elizabeth/Andrew Craig – nothing; Tom Jarvinen – nothing; BW – nothing.

OPEN FLOOR TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tim Wright – nothing; Scott Baker – nothing; Larry Furlough – nothing;

Terry Mann – Bristol Creek requested speed bumps a couple of months ago. Pricing for three is \$1500. Mayor Craig questioned if HOA should do this, but it was stated that since the City takes care of the roads, the City should take care of this. Motion was made for up to four. Tim Gaines asked if repair to entrance to Bristol Creek would be on State. There was further discussion wondering if we should go ahead and get a bid on this. Mayor stated that Terry could look into this.

James Mann – City Celebration is this Saturday October 2nd, 3-7 pm. There will be numerous activities and giveaways. Bring a chair or blanket.



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Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Larry Furlough; 2nd by Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:56 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted by Christie D. Eason, Municipal Clerk
and Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk*



**OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Larry Furlough
Scott Baker
Tim Wright
Terry Mann
James Mann

ATTENDED BY PHONE:

Tony Craig, Mayor

TOWN HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
Shannon Drake, Chief of Fire

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk: CALL TO ORDER @ 5:31 pm

Christie handed meeting off to Larry Furlough to lead.

Larry asked Christie to present Playground Proposal on behalf of Teresa Carpenter.

Larry and Christie brought up issue of sewer bore that needs to happen across HWY 431. Do we need to wait on playground project and focus on the sewer project? Larry has spoken to Bill Thomas at length about project. B. Thomas says that we should get this done as soon as possible. This plan will go dormant – it will deteriorate, it's obsolete. Upfront, off top of head is ~\$300K to take it down Wilson Mann, then add in bore costs. Bill Thomas is working on official number estimates.

Christie presented:

Current budget status & proposed budget FY 22 – no changes requested.

Larry asked Do we have Cyber Insurance? Harassment Insurance?

Christie presented:

Updated Employee Manual

- a) 17 1/2 vs 25 vs 30 hrs. on part-time. What are the minimum hours to receive holiday pay?
- b) Add retirement benefits to employee manual.
- c) Add Reviews in September to employee manual.
- d) Add 15.12 – Drug Test – these will be done randomly & yearly.

James motioned to adjourn. Larry, 2nd. All in favor.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:20 pm.



Respectfully Submitted by Christie D. Eason, Municipal Clerk