



OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Craig, Mayor
Tim Wright
Terry Mann
Larry Furlough

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Scott Baker
James Mann

GUESTS PRESENT:

Hope Davis, Media
Elizabeth Craig
Andrew Craig
Jason Keel
Nicole Keel
Will Pursley
Sharon Groce
Steve Beard
Stanley Walls
Jeff Vess
Michael Wilson

CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk
Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk
CT Locke, Maintenance
Tim Gaines, Inspector
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
Logan Johnson, Police Officer

MAYOR CRAIG: CALL TO ORDER @ 6:01 pm

TIM WRIGHT: Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes December 14th Regular Session, January 11th Work Session, January 18th Work Session and Bank Balances – Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2nd – Terry Mann & Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Mayor Tony Craig canvassed employees and guests in attendance.

Jason Keel - had nothing but stated that Nicole has keys to Rec.

Nicole Keel - wanted to know why Mayor Craig never got in touch with them to talk before any of this Rec Center merger talk happened. Mayor stated that he didn't remember telling them that but he obviously forgot. Mayor also said that contacting someone for a meeting goes both ways. She could have contacted City Hall to schedule a meeting with Mayor.

Stanley Walls – will anything ever be done about water standing by his house. He has contacted Jake Roth on a few occasions but he has been unable to take care of it. S. Walls thinks water is standing bc the natural drainage has stopped and that the problem would be solved with a 1-foot deep ditch cut through. Mayor stated that he will contact Jake Roth and get an update on status.

AGENDA ITEMS

Ordinance No. 22-001 Severe Weather Tax Exempt

Motion to Consider: Terry Mann; 2nd Tim Wright

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

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Ordinance No. 22-002 Adding Penalties to Junk Ordinance

Motion to Consider: Tim Wright; 2nd Larry Furlough

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

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Ordinance No. 22-003 No Trespassing Signs under Old Big Cove Road Bridge

Motion to Consider: Larry Furlough; 2nd Tim Wright

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

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Ordinance No. 21-004 – Commercial Sewer Rates - typo discovered, **TABLED** until next month.

Resolution No. 22-001 Revolving Line of Credit

Terry Mann asked purpose. Mayor stated for emergency use at a locked in rate.

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2nd - Tim Wright

Terry Mann Nay	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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DID NOT PASS

Resolution No. 22-002 Add Lora Martin signature authority to bank accounts

Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; 2nd – Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Job Posting for Public Works Laborer – Terry Mann

No benefits; max set hours.

Tim Wright – who would they report to? Terry and Mayor both stated that Christie Eason would be their supervisor.

Tim Wright – who would do the interviewing? Christie stated that she would in addition to adding Jason Dobbins as well as a couple of council members.

Mayor asked if they wanted to put it for a motion?

Motion to Approve: Terry Mann; 2nd – Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Brush Truck Refurbish

Terry Mann stated that they would accept a donated OCR fire department brush truck and put a new motor in it, use it for street maintenance to work with the County and other maintenance needs. Expense to refurbish truck not to exceed \$21K. New truck would exceed \$50K. Larry Furlough asks are we not going to use a Brush Truck any longer? Not at this time. Refurbishing the existing brush truck for the purpose of brush truck would be ineffective cost wise, motor would be constantly burnt out.

Motion to Approve: Terry Mann; 2nd – Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Y & S Proposal

Proposal to repave area at Old Hwy 431 bridge near Garland Elders property. Stated this bridge also needs the guard rail replaces. Paving won't affect the guard rail.

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2nd – Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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Owens Cross Roads, Owens Cross Roads Recreation Center and New Hope Recreation Center Merger Contract (see attached)

This is not the final version of the contract. This is the version being presented to County Commissioner Craig Hill, County Attorney Jeff Rich, NHRC Jeff Vess, etc. Mayor Craig, OCR attorneys Jarvinen & Balch, and Councilman Scott Baker will meet with the above listed on Wednesday, January 26th to discuss the proposed contract.

Terry Mann asked if the council would see the contract again after the County reviews and requests changes? Mayor Craig said yes, after they are done with their review and changes, the Council will review and vote.

De-Annexation Request by City of Huntsville – TABLED – not ready for vote

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

a. Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk

- i. School Choice Week – requesting \$1000 donation to go towards Owens Cross Roads School playground update
- ii. New Hope High School Cheerleaders – requesting \$500 donation to go towards their fund raiser

b. CT Locke Maintenance

- i. pole barn enclosure completed, locks added, other finishing details work in progress;
- ii. new City Welcome signs are in – need to stabilize with a steel or wooden frame; Christie working on permission from property owners for placement

c. Teresa Carpenter

- i. business license renewals were mailed out and some are already coming back in; over 80 (so far) were not delivered. USPS didn't seem to think it was that big deal.

Hope Davis asked will there be an extension on the deadline since a lot of people didn't receive their renewals? Mayor said yes, extension to mid-February.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police

- 212 Calls of Service; 47 Traffic Citations; 26 Warnings; 28 case reports; 9 arrests; 71 stops
- New Police Vehicle still in Texas waiting on computer chip; considered going to the new Ford Police Vehicles but our outfitter said it would be a nightmare to exchange all the parts for the Ford.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shannon Drake, Fire Chief

- Out sick – departmental report attached

OPEN FLOOR TO OTHER INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES & OTHER ATTENDEES

No one had anything

OPEN FLOOR TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terry Mann - nothing

Tim Wright – congrats on Sewer Grant!

Larry Furlough – nothing.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Tim Wright; 2nd by Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Absent
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:36 pm.

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