



OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Craig
 Andrew Craig
 Deb Buskirk
 Matt Balch, Attorney
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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
 Shannon Drake, Fire Chief

MAYOR CRAIG: CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm

TIM WRIGHT: Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes January 25th Regular Session, February 16th Work Session, and Bank Balances – Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Ordinance No. 22-004 Sewer Rate Increase - Commercial

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 Aye
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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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Ordinance No. 22-005 Sewer Rate Increase - Residential

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 Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Ordinance No. 22-006 Building Permit Rates

Motion to Consider: 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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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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Ordinance No. 22-007 Plan Review Fees - Commercial

Motion to Consider: Scott Baker; 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: 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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Ordinance No. 22-008 De-Annexation of CRA Property

Motion to Consider: Larry Furlough; 2nd Tim Wright

Terry Mann Nay	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Nay
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Adoption vote was taken but should not have been since the consideration vote was not unanimous.

Ordinance No. 22-009 De-Annexation of Harrelson

Motion to Consider: Scott Baker; 2nd Tim Wright

Terry Mann Nay	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Nay
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Adoption vote was taken but should not have been since the consideration vote was not unanimous.

Resolution No. 22-001 Revolving Line of Credit

Mayor stated for emergency use at a locked in rate.

James Mann thinks this should not be passed because the rate offered for this line of credit is an average rate; thinks that OCR should not incur more debt when OCR has just applied for grant/loan for Sewer Plant, and also need to build the Public Safety Building as soon as able.

Mayor asked if an unused line of credit is negative on our financial reports?

Mayor also stated that there would not be any draw on the line of credit without a Council vote.

No vote taken; tabled to find out more information.

Resolution No. 22-003 Public Works Employee Hiring

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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Alabama League of Municipalities Convention

May 2022 in Tuscaloosa.

Does anyone want to go as a delegate? James Mann volunteered. All council agreed to send James. Christie stated that she would make his reservations, etc.

Employees Canvassed by Mayor Craig

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- a. **Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk** – nothing
- b. **CT Locke Maintenance** - things going well; have shelves built in FD Pole Barn for storage of holiday décor, etc.
- c. **Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk** - been busy; closed 40 cases; entered 59 cases; 19 guilty cases; 12 cases dismissed; received \$8,425 in court costs & fines.
- d. **Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk** – nothing
- e. **Tim Gaines, Inspector** – nothing
- f. **Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk** – shared how many new building permits this year thus far & the value of those homes being built; shared new way of tracking building permits on spreadsheet; showed the difference in what collections would have been on the permit fees if we had already increased before tonight.
 - i. Christie commented that Jake Roth confirmed that there is no reason that any of the already approved subdivisions can't be charged the new building permit rate for any new permits purchased starting 2/23/22.

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police

- 227 Calls of Service; 51 Traffic Citations; 37 Warnings; 28 case reports; 3 arrests; 87 stops; 3 accidents
- New Police Tahoe was picked up this week. Will be road ready next week
- Hired new Police Officer Jason Bakker to replace Tyler Sistrunk. He starts 02-23-2022.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shannon Drake, Fire Chief

- Brush Truck is in shop for the Public Works employee's use;
- Thinks we are now #563, all of the Fire Department issues are not settled but hope that we're getting closer.

Matt Balch

- moving forward with Rec League Agreement as soon as proof is shown that NHRC has officially applied for nonprofit status
- in regards to Resolution 22-001 that was presented earlier in meeting – if we re-submit it for vote in the future make sure to add the line “any draws based on council vote, etc.” Balch believes that no draws could = no negative effects

Terry Mann asked how the meeting with the County went regarding the Rec center

Matt Balch responded that Attorney Jeff Rich (Mad Co Attorney) is comfortable with the wording on the contract; as stated earlier, the non-profit entity is being applied for NHRC (Jeff Vess is working with an attorney to accomplish this), have to have proof of application submitted before we can move forward with agreement. Balch and Jarvinen will make sure that the OCR Council reviews the contract before signing completed.

Tim Wright – nothing

Scott Baker – nothing

Larry Furlough – nothing

James Mann: Asked Shannon Drake if any closer to being ready to take calls? Trying to get things accomplished. Seems that requirements keep changing. Do have a YES from association. Stated that the Police Department is doing great. Had a need for their assistance this past weekend and it was a good experience.

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

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 6:31 pm.

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