



OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022@ 5:30 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Andrew Craig
Elizabeth Craig
Ritchie Whorton

CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk
Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
Scott Worsham, Lieutenant
Logan Johnson, Police Officer

MAYOR CRAIG: CALL TO ORDER @ 5:29 pm

Tim Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Craig welcomed attendees and stated the reason for the called SPECIAL SESSION – to re-vote once again on the de-annexation requests presented by CRA Properties and Mr./Mrs. Harrelson.

Christie Eason explained both of the De-annexation Ordinances 22-008 & 22-009 were presented at Regular Council on February 22nd. The consider vote was 4/2 - not unanimous, therefore they did not pass for approval. According to AG opinion 2004-053 a special session can be called for a re-vote with a 24-hour notice.

James Mann questioned if the vote still had to be unanimous. **Christie Eason** responded no it doesn't. just a majority.

James Mann questioned if OCR had received a signed agreement from Huntsville for pumping our sewage to their system.

Mayor Craig stated not yet, but expecting one any day, still talking to them.

- 1) Requesting guaranteed rate for twenty (20) years
- 2) Requesting contract for twenty (20) years
- 3) Requesting two to three (2-3) year notice of cancellation of contract

Ritchie Whorton heard from Shane Davis, Huntsville, that the sewer rate for pumping to Huntsville won't be more than 4.83 per 1000 gal (lowest residential rate). Ritchie agrees he doesn't want to de-annex. He doesn't want to be Huntsville. Huntsville is coming whether we like it or not.

Terry Mann wanted to make sure does it have to unanimous? **Christie Eason** No it doesn't. Just majority.

James Mann requested to make sure it is stated in the minutes that Huntsville came at us with a threat – a bully tactic that if we didn't de-annex these properties they would cut us off from using their sewer. He wants them to guarantee rates, years, etc.

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Ordinance No. 22-008 De-Annexation of CRA Property

Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; 2nd - Scott Baker

Terry Mann Nay	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Nay
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Ordinance No. 22-009 De-Annexation of Harrelson

Motion to Consider: Tim Wright; 2nd Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Nay	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Nay
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Motion to adjourn: Tim Wright; 2nd Larry Furlough, All in Favor.

MAYOR CRAIG ADJOURNED MEETING AT 5:36 pm.

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

See attached documentation for information presented to council members during meeting.