



# OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tony Craig, Mayor  
Larry Furlough  
James Mann  
Terry Mann

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Scott Baker  
Tim Wright

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Andrea Allen  
Deborah Buskirk  
Andrew Craig  
Elizabeth Craig  
Sara James, TARCOG  
Donna Lyonnais  
Joshua Pfeifer  
Brenda Poe  
Karl & Evamarie Young

**CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:**

Jason Dobbins, Police Chief  
Christie Eason, City Clerk  
Tim Gaines, Building Inspector  
Jeff Graves, K-9 Police Officer  
Tom Jarvinen, City Attorney  
C.T. Locke, Maintenance  
Lora Martin, Building Dept Clerk  
Will Maynes, Public Works  
Bruce Swanson, Deputy Chief Fire Dept  
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk

**MAYOR CRAIG: CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 pm**

**MAYOR CRAIG: Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting Minutes October 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and Bank Balances as of November 1<sup>st</sup> – Christie Eason

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Minutes & Bank Balances APPROVED – Unanimous**

**Guests Addressed:**

**Donna Lyonnais**, Gingerwood Estates – 100 Hidden Branch Road -September 2019 the roads began deteriorating after Hyde Homes started working on new homes, driveway was damaged, city came out and had it fixed to be usable. Now all homes completed for Hyde. Pleading for road repairs.

**Brenda Pore**, Gingerwood Estates – 137 Chestnut Cove – great neighborhood, horrible roads, several roads damaged, horrible entrance from Hwy 431 to Owens, not wide enough, etc. Huge potholes. Appreciate response by Police Force and City.

**Joshua Pfeifer**, Gingerwood Estates – 104 Wyatt Circle – feels the previous two ladies shared all information that needed to be shared.

**Karl & Evamarie Young**, Gingerwood Estates – 120 Hidden Branch Road – city & police always respond and are helpful, thank you for that. Now is time to repair roads.

**Deborah Buskirk**, Gingerwood Estates – 109 Chestnut Cove – others explained situation well. Homes are done, streets have caused the roads to become unsafe.

Mayor Craig stated that they understand the issue and that the city is working on this and will get it going.

How long? Within 2 weeks to a month.

Christie stated that we will send letters to residents upon decision and with timing of repairs.

**Andrea Allen** – Richard Brannum Circle – nothing to share

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolution No. 22-035 – Agreement for Madison County Dispatch**

Motion to Approve: James Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution No. 22-035 - APPROVED – Unanimous**

**Resolution No. 22-036 – Ratification for Signed Agreement for Campbell and Mance Resources (Ramsey Cove Subdivision)**

Motion to Approve: Terry Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution No. 22-036 - APPROVED – Unanimous**

**Resolution No. 22-037 – Agreement for TARCOG – Comprehensive Plan for City of Owens Cross Roads – Sara James Present**

**Sara** – TARCOG serves 5 counties and 46 municipalities. Recently updated the City limit and zoning maps. Last comprehensive plan that we can get our hands on is 1977. Needs updated. Also, will have updated maps to manholes/sewer, etc. Two-part contract. Not to Exceed \$15K, heavily discounted due to grants, comprehensive plans are typically set for 15 years – check every 3-4 years to make sure staying on track – infrastructure moving forward, possibly a 2006 update in City Hall somewhere, haven’t found a copy yet.

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2<sup>nd</sup> James Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution No. 22-037 - APPROVED – Unanimous**

**Ordinance No. 22-029 – Audio Video Communications for Court**

**Tom Jarvinen, Attorney for City** gave the background on video communications in courts – started during COVID, has been extended several times, suggests adding municipal courts – can be done prior to signature.

Motion to Approve: James Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution No. 22-035 - APPROVED – Unanimous**

**Department Comments**

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT- Christie Eason, City Clerk
  - Passed out Mayor and Council Handbooks with receipt of acknowledgement forms
  - Board of Abatement has been established, organizational meeting set for Nov 7
  - Board of Adjustments need 2 supernumerary members, suggests Bo Hill and Peggy Harris, council agreed
  - City has been contacted regarding a Cannabis dispensary at 9639 Highway 431 South, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. Is it far enough away from Redemption? We will have CT or Jason Dobbins measure distance. What if church decided to have a daycare? New information presented at last clerk conference. No sales tax revenue for city. Will send information to council members. Matter tabled for now.
    - a. Building Department – Lora Martin & Tim Gaines – reviewed monthly report; welcome packets ready and being handed out; New building code went into effect 10/1/2022
    - b. Court – Brandy Wilson – court report; Judge Polly Blalock - absent
    - c. Maintenance – C.T Locke – nothing – just busy
    - d. Public Works – Will Maynes - nothing
    - e. Sewer Department & Business Licenses – Teresa Carpenter – absent
  
2. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police – monthly report presented.
  
3. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Shannon Drake, Fire Administrator (absent): Bruce Swanson – Deputy Fire Chief here, started EMS calls, still getting things in line, etc.

**Council Members Canvassed by Mayor Craig**

**Terry Mann** –very aware of the road issues in Gingerwood and we have already had meetings about this, and walked the area. It takes time to plan and work it all through. Please understand that Owens Road and Highway 431 S is a State problem and who knows how long that will take.

**Tim Wright** – absent

**Scott Baker** – absent

**Larry Furlough** – nothing

**James Mann** – reported for FD that EMS calls started. 167 hours per week with only 3 people working. Trying to get more help.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by James Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Christie Eason, City Clerk*

*Lora Martin, Building Department Clerk*

APPROVED