



**OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Larry Furlough

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Matt Balch, City Attorney  
Hope Davis  
Jake Roth, City Engineer  
Mike Wilson

**CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:**

Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police  
Christie Eason, City Clerk  
C.T. Locke, Maintenance  
Bruce Swanson, Deputy Fire Chief  
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk  
Scott Worsham, Police Lieutenant

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

**COUNCILMAN TIM WRIGHT:** Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes January 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and Bank Balances as of January 24<sup>th</sup> – Christie Eason

Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Baker

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Jake Roth, City Engineer**

- Update on status of CDBG Project at Brockway Road**

The current CDBG sewer improvements project on Brockway Road is 85% complete. All customers affected have been tied back in, etc. Residents properties will be left better than found. Small paperwork issue but working with Grant Administrator. Planning for project completion in early March – weather dependent.

- Update on status of Waste Water Treatment Plant Project**

Waste Water Treatment Plant – good news, ADEM has officially moved into a grant agreement for design portion of the project. Late Spring to early summer before the construction \$ will be available.

Survey 100% complete. No wetlands on site. Geotechnical complete – expected to need deep foundation because of weight and sludge. Rock foundation ~ 15 feet deep – aggregate piers working on drawings for plant – Bill Thomas involved. Been in touch with suppliers. Goal to have design drawing within a month. Talking to different division of ADEM regarding requirements of new plant.

**Matt Balch, City Attorney**

Good job to Jake Roth dealing with the new WWTP and ADEM.

Initial presentation on things OCR has been dealing with OCR Water Authority. Constitution gives OCR Municipality the authority to contract into franchise agreements with private entities. No authority to anyone of streets, ROWS, etc. by a private corporation. Public utility or private enterprise – the consent of local authorities required. There is a provision for those who have a state franchise agreement. Franchise agreement cannot be entered into without ordinance; we have to hold up our end of agreement. Limitations to 3% annual gross.

Requesting from council & Mayor's office the permission to engage into discussions with the entity (OCR Water Authority) in regards to this. Time frame: expect communications to go out within 2 weeks.

James Mann thinks will benefit us to chase the franchise agreements, requirements for the business licenses, permits, personally. It will be good to figure out who we have franchise agreements with, who we don't have franchise agreements with and what we can do to get them going.

Matt – would direct us who would be appropriate to enter into franchise agreements with.

Terry Mann - why has this come up now?

Matt – there is a problem so we need to address it.

Terry Mann – ok, no problem.

Tim Wright - good with it.

Scott Baker - good with it

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

1. BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Lora Martin /Tim Gaines (absent) – monthly report attached
2. BUSINESS LICENSE & SEWER– Teresa Carpenter (absent) – monthly report attached, Very busy with business license renewals and past due sewer accounts.
3. COURT – Brandy Wilson/Polly Blalock (absent) – monthly report attached, able to get the new report completed for state
4. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Shannon Drake, Fire Administrator (absent)/Bruce Swanson, Deputy Chief - Monthly report attached, had kick off meeting, good turn out
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT- Christie Eason, City Clerk - Monthly report attached
6. MAINTENANCE – C.T Locke – track lighting added in foyer for Mayor photos
7. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police – commending Officer Wilson on apprehension of subject from break ins we've been having. Monthly report attached.
8. PUBLIC WORKS – Will Maynes (absent)

**Guests Canvassed by Mayor Craig** – nothing

**Matt Balch** – wanted to commend Brandy Wilson on her excellent job of completing and submitting new Court report. This is not an easy task. State court system has not made it easy on anyone. Many struggling.

**Council Members Canvassed by Mayor Craig**

**Terry Mann** – nothing

**Tim Wright** – nothing

**Scott Baker** – nothing

**Larry Furlough** – absent

**James Mann** – fire department – thanks to Shannon Drake and Bruce Swanson for hosting first meeting. It's an honor to have Bruce Swanson on board. Things are happening and moving along.

Will need to put some more \$ into the fire hall. C.T. Getting #'s together, approximate cost and length of time. Will present at next Council meeting. Trucks 6-8 weeks before they can be numbered and lettered. Three EMS volunteers ready, almost 4. Need people with certifications – volunteers. As city has grown we are getting our own FD going.

**Mayor** – James, Shannon, and Bruce are working good together. Agrees that it was a good meeting & turnout.

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

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Absent	James Mann Aye
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
*Christie Eason, City Clerk*  
*Lora Martin, Building Clerk*

APPROVED