



# OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023 @ 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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

Tim Wright

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Andrew Craig  
Robert Lewis  
Kenny Mitchum  
Jessica Simpson & friend

**CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:**

Matt Balch, Attorney  
Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk  
Hope Davis, Media  
Jason Dobbins, Police Chief  
Tom Jarvinen, Attorney  
Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk  
Will Maynes, Maintenance  
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk  
Scott Worsham, Police Lieutenant

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

**SCOTT BAKER:** Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes for March 14 Work Session and March 14 Regular Session and Bank Balances as of March 28  
Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolution 23-003: Accepting Bid for HVAC Replacement at Fire Hall**

Several bids from local businesses were received. Bids all close; the agreement was to go with Durham Service Company, Inc. because of their exceptional customer service at City Hall, as we already have a contract with them here. They are always dependable and prompt to respond to any issue.

Motion to Approve Bid from Durham Service Company, Inc.: Terry Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution 23-003 passed, approving Durham Service Company, Inc.**

**Resolution 23-004: Recommendation from Abatement Board**

Andrew Craig, Vice-Chairman of Abatement Board presented recommendation to demolish trailer located at 440 Hill Road. Question was asked if the owners could have it removed to relieve the City of that financial burden? There are three owners, one of which was present, and she stated that she doesn't know where her mother is and that her sister, who is under the care of her father, is in another state. Matt asked if there were any orders prohibiting her sister from making decisions and she said not that she is aware of. It was recommended that we give the owner sixty (60) days to work on getting the trailer off the property before proceeding with action for the City to arrange removal. James Mann suggested that we modify the Ordinance to reflect that the owners have sixty (60) days to take care of removal and if no action in sixty (60) days, the City will proceed with removal process.

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

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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**Resolution 23-004 passed as modified**

Mayor Craig read letter from UPACE regarding Chief Dobbins completion of 240 hours of training. Much appreciation expressed for Chief Dobbins.

**Mayor Craig made Proclamation for Fair Housing Month in April.**

***Department Comments***

- a. Building Department – Lora Martin &/or Tim Gaines – Report Included
- b. Teresa Carpenter – Sewer Department & Business Licenses – Report Included
- c. Court – Brandy Wilson - Report Included
- d. Maintenance – C.T Locke, work on Fire Hall continues
- e. Public Works – Will Maynes – He and CT restocked storm shelters
- f. Police Department – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police – nothing at this time
- g. Fire Department - Shannon Drake, Fire Administrator (absent)

***Council Members Canvassed by Mayor Craig***

***Terry Mann*** – asked Will about patching roads and mentioned a couple that needed some work

***Scott Baker*** – nothing

***Larry Furlough*** - nothing

***James Mann*** – Suggested bringing in a special consultant to assist with the AMIC cyber-security requirements. The coverage has different levels according to how the questionnaire is completed. Mentioned lights for fire trucks.

***Members of Audience Canvassed by Mayor Craig***

Matt Balch, City Attorney, updated that Jake Roth is getting some information to help in the Water Authority resolution. Offered both he and Tom Jarvinen's assistance in completing the AMIC questionnaire. Added that there will need to be some changes in the Employee Handbook to verify that we are addressing issues as required. James Mann says that he is looking at two consulting companies for help. Matt also mentioned the current

situation going on in Huntsville with the shooting of two police officers. Chief Dobbins stated that our police department is offering assistance by covering in the Hampton Cove and Big Cove areas.

Kenny Mitchum, who has property on Hwy 431 that backs up to the proposed Ramsay Cove subdivision, spoke about the continuing issues he is having with flooding and water retainage in his backyard. States that his sewer has not worked properly since the site work began. He has been made numerous promises from several of the folks working there, Cameron, Cantrell, and Kelly, to mention a few, that the issues would be resolved, but nothing has been done to accomplish a resolution. Mayor Craig asked for his contact information and assures that a resolution will be found.

Robert Lewis, a member of the community has a political request that he would like some assistance with. Mayor Craig said that he can get on the agenda for a work session with the council.

Motion to Adjourn Terry Mann; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Absent	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
*Lora Martin, Assistant Clerk*  
*Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk*

