



**OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Craig, Mayor
Elizabeth Craig
Larry Furlough
James Mann
Terry Mann

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Baker

GUESTS PRESENT:

Hope Davis

CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk
Lora Martin, Building Clerk
Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Police Chief

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Craig @ 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Terry Mann

Meeting Minutes & Bank Balances: Christie Eason, City Clerk (absent)

- Meeting Minutes for August 1 Work Session and August 1 Regular Session
- Bank Balances as of August 7, 2023 – Teresa Carpenter

Motion to Approve: Larry Furlough; 2nd Elizabeth Craig

Terry Mann Aye	Elizabeth Craig Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Minutes and Bank Balances APPROVED

AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution 23-022: 1 Year Agreement for Website Support with Hope Davis Media

Though tabled during work session, Council Member James Mann wanted it on camera addressing why this is being reviewed and questioned. Council Member Elizabeth Craig is asking for an ‘out’ clause to be added to the contract. Hope explained that the cost will increase if ‘out’ clause is added. Council Member James Mann questioned why this contract was being reviewed and not any others. Mayor Craig stated that all contracts are being reviewed. Again, much discussion. No decision made and will consult with attorneys regarding contract.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

1. BUILDING DEPARTMENT – Lora Martin - nothing / Tim Gaines (absent)
2. BUSINESS LICENSE & SEWER DEPARTMENT – Teresa Carpenter – continuing to audit customer deposits; sent out 44 letters last week for delinquent accounts and many have caught up.
3. COURT – Brandy Wilson / Polly Blalock (absent) – Brandy, just being famous – had an article printed on AL.com regarding new subdivision issues near her home
4. FIRE DEPARTMENT – Shannon Drake, Fire Administrator (absent)
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Christie Eason, City Clerk (absent)
6. MAINTENANCE – C.T. Locke (absent)
7. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police – Training on RMS Evidence Software

WELCOME GUESTS & OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS – Mayor Craig – None

OPEN FLOOR TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Terry Mann, Place 4 – Wondered if we are still supposed to “stay in our lane” regarding questions about specific departments and aren’t we supposed to discuss issues with council member over department prior to bringing up in meeting
- Elizabeth Craig, Place 1 – Asked who is responsible for sidewalks; Terry will check on this area
- Scott Baker, Place 3 – Absent
- Larry Furlough, Place 2 – Flag pole status – will check with Christie
- James Mann, Place 5 – Discussion about contracts continued; Hope discussed her contract conditions if ‘out clause’ is added, cost will increase for services. We are already receiving a significant discount.

Chief Dobbins asked James about old server and recycle method for old equipment. James will find out.

Motion to Adjourn: Larry; 2nd Terry. All in agreement.

Terry Mann Aye	Elizabeth Craig Aye	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk & Lora Martin, Building Clerk