



# OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tony Craig, Mayor  
 Scott Baker  
 Elizabeth Craig  
 Claude Lang  
 Terry Mann

**ABSENT:**

James Mann

**CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:**

Tommy Bush, Lawn Maintenance  
 Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk  
 Christie Eason, City Clerk  
 Lora Martin, Building Clerk  
 Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk  
 Scott Worsham, Police Lieutenant

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Dan Arvidson, citizen  
 Katie Arvidson, citizen  
 Craig Buskirk, citizen  
 Deborah Buskirk, citizen  
 Allison Callahan, citizen  
 Clark Darty, citizen  
 Jason Denenny, citizen  
 Andrew Craig, citizen  
 Hope Davis, Media  
 Justin Kearns, citizen  
 Ritchie Whorton, State Representative  
 Michael Wilson, citizen

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

**PASTOR DANIELA PEELE, CHAPLAIN:** Invocation

**TERRY MANN:** Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes for April 30<sup>th</sup> Work and Regular Session and Bank Balances as of May 14, 2024 presented by Christie Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer

**Motion to Approve: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Baker**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Minutes & Bank Balances APPROVED**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Ordinance No. 24-005: Rezoning of Property on G Carpenter Road**

Mayor Craig explained that he wished to table and continue (until May 21 or May 28) Ordinance No 24-005 until the City Attorneys had the opportunity to review.

**Motion to Table: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Baker**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Ordinance No. 24-005: Tabled**

Mayor Tony Craig  
 Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police

Christie D. Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer  
 Shannon Drake, Fire Administrator

**Motion to Continue to May 28<sup>th</sup>: Scott Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Craig**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Ordinance No. 24-005: Continued to May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**2. Resolution No. 24-015: Approval of MWPP Report**

Christie Eason, City Clerk explained

**Motion to Adopt: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Baker**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Resolution No. 24-015: Adopted – Unanimous**

**3. Resolution No. 24-016: Owen Road Project**

Christie Eason, City Clerk explained, Jake Roth of RGS Civil Design expanded

**Motion to Adopt: Scott Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Craig**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Resolution No. 24-016: Adopted – Unanimous**

**4. Resolution No. 24-017: Owens Cross Roads Community Partner**

Christie Eason, City Clerk explained

**Motion to Adopt: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Craig**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Resolution No. 24-017: Adopted – Unanimous**

**Department Comments**

- a. Building Department: Lora Martin/Tim Gaines (Absent) – nothing
- b. Business License & Sewer Department: Teresa Carpenter – updated status of sewer accounts – 57 critically past due accounts = ~\$14k, accounts will receive 3 letters then put on list for cut off
- c. Court: Brandy Wilson/Polly Blalock (absent) – preparing for court this week
- d. Fire Department: Shannon Drake, Fire Chief/Bruce Swanson, Deputy Chief - absent
- e. Local Government & Finances: Christie Eason, City Clerk – Alabama League of Municipalities Conference this week
- f. Maintenance/Trash: C.T Locke (absent)
- g. Police Department: Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police/Scott Worsham, Lieutenant – requesting on behalf of the Police Reserves to apply for a 501c3 for the Reserves, then open their own separate bank account that would require 2 signatures. Requesting City Clerk to still manage it financially, and to include 2 elected officers from Reserves to be signers as well. Christie Eason, City Clerk, stated this should be a Resolution.

**Resolution 24-018: Police Reserves Non-Profit Application for 501c3 & Bank Account**

**5. Resolution No. 24-018: Police Reserves Non-Profit Application for 501c3 & Bank Account  
Motion to Adopt: Scott Baker; 2<sup>nd</sup> Claude Lang**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Abstained	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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**Resolution No. 24-018: Adopted**

*Guests canvassed by Mayor Craig*

**Jason Denenny** – the City of New Hope offers a scholarship to a boy and girl graduating from New Hope High School each year and think this would be a great practice for the City of Owens Cross Roads to adopt. He is willing to do some research. **Representative Ritchie Whorton** was in the audience and was very interested in supporting this and would like more information.

Brenda Pore – citizen from Gingerwood Estates very thankful for the approval of Owen Road Project.

Jake Roth, RGS Civil Design – working on multiple road projects with our contractor - getting ready to start on round 2; working on grant application for sidewalk repair in front of school.

*Council Members Canvassed by Mayor Craig*

**Terry Mann** – status of new WWTP project?

**Jake Roth, RGS Civil Design** – received 1 bid for the project that was over the grant budget. Have contacted ADEM for additional help with funds whether that be additional grant money or possibly a loan. Also working with the contractor who bid the project on some value engineering. Expectation is a 24 month build construction timeline.

**Elizabeth Craig** – nothing

**Scott Baker** - nothing

**Claude Lang** - nothing

**James Mann** – absent

**Mayor Craig** – nothing

**Motion to Adjourn: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth Craig**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Absent
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christie Eason, City Clerk and Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk*