



# OWENS CROSS ROADS CITY COUNCIL

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Owens Cross Roads Court Room | 9032 Highway 431 S.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tony Craig, Mayor  
 Elizabeth Craig  
 Claude Lang  
 James Mann  
 Terry Mann

**ABSENT:**

Scott Baker

**CITY HALL STAFF PRESENT:**

Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk  
 Jason Dobbins, Police Chief  
 Christie Eason, City Clerk  
 Lora Martin, Building Clerk  
 Scott Worsham, Police Lieutenant

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Matthew Balch, City Attorney  
 Jason Denenny, citizen  
 Hope Davis, Media

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

**PASTOR PADDY FLANAGAN, CHAPLAIN:** Invocation

**TERRY MANN:** Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Minutes for May 14<sup>th</sup> Work and Regular Session and Bank Balances as of May 28, 2024 presented by Christie Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer

**Motion to Approve: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Mann**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Resolution No. 24-019: Granting Additional Paid Holiday FY 2024**

Christie Eason, City Clerk explained

**Motion to Adopt: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> James Mann**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Yea
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**Resolution No. 24-019: Adopted – Unanimous**

**2. Resolution No. 24-020: Adoption of Meeting Schedule FY 2025**

Christie Eason, City Clerk explained

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

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Yea
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**Resolution No. 24-020: Adopted – Unanimous**

Mayor Tony Craig  
 Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police

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

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

**Christie Eason, City Clerk** explained. **Jason Denenny, Planning Commission Chairman** explained.

**James Mann, Councilman** – what does Town Center mean? Christie and Jason Denenny explained. Why weren't all property owners between Wilson Mann, Old Hwy 431, G Carpenter; and Hwy 431 notified.

**Lora Martin, Building Department Clerk**, stated that we followed the procedures set forth by the Code of Alabama which is to notify adjacent property owners.

**James Mann, Councilman** felt a precedence had been set in 2018-2019 and should be kept and continued. Clerks explained that they weren't in employment at that time and that they were following the Code of Alabama guidelines.

**Matt Balch, City Attorney**, asked to go into Executive Session.

**Executive Session invoked at 6:10 p.m.**  
**Resumed Regular Session at 6:42 p.m.**

**Christie Eason** explained "motion to consider".

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

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

**James Mann, Councilman**, stated he is abstaining due to advice preciously received.

**Department Comments**

- a. Building Department: Lora Martin/Tim Gaines (Absent) – nothing
- b. Business License & Sewer Department: Teresa Carpenter – sewer collections going well – about ½ of 57 paid in full; reminders sent out.
- c. Court: Brandy Wilson/Polly Blalock – absent
- d. Fire Department: Shannon Drake, Fire Chief/Bruce Swanson, Deputy Chief - absent
- e. Local Government & Finances: Christie Eason, City Clerk – nothing
- f. Maintenance/Trash: C.T Locke - absent
- g. Police Department: Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police/Scott Worsham, Lieutenant – many thanks to community volunteers, Reserve Police Department, and OCR Police Department who worked the search for missing person over the weekend. Commending Sergeant Jase Bakker for his leadership and good work on the missing persons case.

**Guests canvassed by Mayor Craig**

**Jason Denenny** – nothing

**Matt Balch, City Attorney** – Madison District Court Judge father, Ronald Hoke Smith passed away. Condolences from the City.

*Council Members Canvassed by Mayor Craig*

- Terry Mann* – nothing
- Elizabeth Craig* – nothing
- Scott Baker* - absent
- Claude Lang* - nothing
- James Mann* - nothing
- Mayor Craig* – nothing

**Motion to Adjourn: Claude Lang; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Mann**

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Absent	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Yea
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47 p.m.

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

APPROVED