

Tony Craig, Mayor
Elizabeth Craig, Councilmember, Place 1
Scott Baker, Councilmember, Place 2
Claude Lang, Councilmember, Place 3
Terry Mann, Councilmember, Place 4
James Mann, Councilmember, Place 5



Christie Eason, City Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Police Chief
Shannon Drake, Fire Chief
Matt Balch, City Attorney
Tom Jarvinen, City Attorney
Jake Roth, City Engineer

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Baker, Mayor Pro Tempore

1. INVOCATION

Offered by: Pastor Paddy Flanagan, Pastor of Owens Cross Roads Church of Christ

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Councilmember Terry Mann

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- a. Minutes of the Work Meeting and Regular Meeting of the City Council held on July 23, 2024.

Sponsor: Christie Eason, City Clerk **Presented by:** Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk

4. APPROVAL OF THE BANK BALANCES

- a. Bank Balances as of August 11, 2024.

Sponsor: Christie Eason, City Clerk **Presented by:** Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk

Motion to approve Minutes and Bank Balances by: Claude Lang **2nd:** Terry Mann

Tony Craig - Absent

Claude Lane - Yea

James Mann - Yea

Elizabeth Craig - Absent

Scott Baker - Yea

Terry Mann - Yea

5. MAYOR: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS - none

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Special Guest:** New Business Project presented by Chris Guyette. Proposing a battery recycling facility for electric vehicle batteries. State of the art shredding. Planning to begin with 2 buildings in close proximity. Product will be recycled or refurbished. Will possibility be adding commercial storage/warehousing space. Buildings will have to be 25 – 30 feet tall to accommodate required equipment. Recycled materials will be shipped away. Overall layout of plan will not extend to the existing treeline at the back of the property. 18 wheel trucks in and out and they are prepared to make modifications/improvements to the road as needed. Project to be completed in 3 phases. A dunk tank to be on premises for fire exhaustion. Implementation of a closed water system. The EPA has been contacted regarding the project. The project plans will be presented to the Planning Commission on September 9, 2024.

7. ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR ADOPTION - none

8. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION - none

9. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC COMMENT

10. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

- a. **Building and Planning Department**
Lora Martin & Tim Gaines
- b. **Business Licenses**
Teresa Carpenter – working on updating the Business License fees for categories to be more in line with comparable cities
- c. **Fire Department**
Shannon Drake (absent) & Bruce Swanson – finished up firefighter class; all participants passed.
- d. **Local Government**
Christie Eason (absent)
- e. **Municipal Court**
Brandy Wilson - nothing
- f. **Police Department**
Jason Dobbins & Scott Worsham – Scott reported the new fuel tank has been installed; old tank is gone; electronic tracking of fuel use will be installed next and will record employee #, vehicle #, hose #, etc to keep track of who uses the fuel and how much. ADEM does not require registration.
- g. **Sewer Department**
Teresa Carpenter – software update coming Aug 24 & 25 then the new penalty scale will be able to take effect after Aug 29.

11. CITY ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jake Roth – absent; Teresa Carpenter shared information regarding Jake's insight after a phone call he had with Travis Kilgore from ALDOT regarding a grant application to assist in refurbishing the sidewalks on Wilson Mann Road. Mr Kilgore suggested increasing the scope of the work because ALDOT is more likely to award the grant money if the bid amount is higher. Mr Kilgore said his recommendation would be to remove the existing sidewalks, widen the new sidewalks to 5 feet, add handrails and storm drains. After Jake spoke with Mr. Kilgore, he said the matching amount required from the City would increase from approximately \$20K to possibly \$40K. ALDOT is requesting that the Council pass a resolution that needs to be included with the application.

12. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Matt Balch said his office would assist in locating information on exactly how much property the City has in order to widen the sidewalks.

13. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Terry Mann – questioned why he did not have prior knowledge about the sidewalk grant application
Elizabeth Craig - absent
Scott Baker - nothing
Claude Lang - nothing
James Mann - nothing

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by: Claude Lang

2nd: James Mann

Tony Craig - Absent

Claude Lane - Yea

James Mann - Yea

Elizabeth Craig - Absent

Scott Baker - Yea

Terry Mann – Yea

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Carpenter

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CITY OF OWENS CROSS ROADS MEETING DATES & OTHER INTERESTS

City Council Meetings: 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

- August 27, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- October 22, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 26, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- December 17, 2024
- January 7, 2025

Planning Commission Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

- September 9, 2024
- October 7, 2024
- November 18, 2024
- December 9, 2024
- January 13, 2025

Board of Adjustment Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

- August 20, 2024
- September 17, 2024
- October 15, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- December 3, 2024

Special Events:

- October 31 - Halloween Drive Thru @ 5:00 p.m.
- November 5 - Presidential Election
- December 14 – Christmas Parade @ 2:00 p.m.

Municipal Court

- August 15, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
- September 5, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
- September 19, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
- October 3, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
- October 17, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
- November 7, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
- November 21, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.
- December 5, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
- December 19, 2024 @ 1:00 p.m.

Alive @ 25: 4:00 p.m.

- August 22, 2024
- September 26, 2024
- October 24, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- January 30, 2025

Defensive Driving School: 5:00 p.m.

- September 12, 2024
- October 10, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- December 11, 2024

Non-Emergency Offices Closed

- September 2, 2024 - Labor Day
- October 14 – Columbus Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 28 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- November 29 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 24 – Christmas Eve
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- January 1 – New Year's Day