

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
Bruce Swanson, Fire Chief
Matt Balch, City Attorney
Tom Jarvinen, City Attorney
Jake Roth, City Engineer

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	CITY STAFF PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:
Scott Baker Elizabeth Craig Tony Craig, Mayor Claude Lang James Mann – arrived late (6:07 p.m.) Terry Mann	Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk Jason Dobbins, Police Chief Christie Eason, City Clerk Tim Gaines, Residential Inspector Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk	

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tony Craig @ 6:00 P.M.

1. **INVOCATION** – Pastor Daniela Peele, Cross Roads Church
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by: Councilman Terry Mann
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) & BANK BALANCES**
 - a. City Council Minutes of the Work Meeting held April 22, 2025
 - b. City Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 22, 2025
 - c. Bank Balances as of May 6, 2025

Sponsor & Presenter: Christie Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer

Motion to Approve Minutes and Bank Balances: Scott Baker; 2nd Claude Lang

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 Motion Carried

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS** –
 - a. **56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week: May 4-10, 2025**
Christie Eason, City Clerk explained; Mayor read the proclamation.
 - b. **National Police Week: May 11-17, 2025**
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police explained & shared data regarding training hours, arrests, service calls, etc over the last year; Mayor read the proclamation.
2. **ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR ADOPTION** – None

***** Councilman James Mann arrived late: 6:07 p.m.*****

3. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION

a. RESOLUTION No. 25-014: AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH CIVIC PLUS FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Sponsor & Presenter: Christie Eason, City Clerk

Christie explained 3 companies were requested to present proposals, two presented their proposals. Civic Plus was the best plus a great reputation across multiple municipalities in Alabama.

Councilman James Mann requested to table the resolution because he was not consulted and not everyone was given a chance to bid. Stated that this project should have been put out for bid.

b. RESOLUTION No. 25-015: AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH BUILDING & EARTH FOR SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION & GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING EVALUATION

Sponsor: Jake Roth, City Engineer **Presenter:** Mayor Craig

Christie reviewed the resolution; Mayor expanded on the contract and what is involved – sink holes around the downtown area including the ball fields, major dip in front of the Fire Hall, etc.

Motion to Approve RESOLUTION No. 25-015: Claude Lang; 2nd Elizabeth Craig

Terry Mann Yea	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann Yea
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MOTION PASSED - RESOLUTION No. 25-015 ADOPTED

4. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

a. Building and Planning Department

Lora Martin – absent

Tim Gaines – addressed an issue with boring under the road by someone who was unqualified which has caused the need for a metal casing so that sewer can be ran; requesting the council to work with the Clerks to make sure we have an ordinance in place that can protect the city against unqualified people doing this work.

b. Business Licenses

Teresa Carpenter – nothing

c. Fire Department

Bruce Swanson – nothing

David Whitman - nothing

d. Local Government

Christie Eason – campaign packets available; League conference next week.

e. Municipal Court

Brandy Wilson – nothing

f. Police Department

Jason Dobbins – nothing

Scott Worsham - absent

g. Sewer Department

Teresa Carpenter – always working on collections

5. CITY ENGINEER COMMENTS

Jake Roth - absent

6. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Matt Balch - absent

Tom Jarvinen - absent

7. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Terry Mann, Councilman, Place 4 – nothing

Elizabeth Craig, Councilwoman, Place 1 - nothing

Scott Baker, Mayor Pro Tempore & Councilman, Place 3 – nothing

Tony Craig, Mayor – nothing

Claude Lang, Councilman, Place 2 – nothing

James Mann, Councilman, Place 5 – asked Christie Eason, City Clerk, what the status is on the Facebook Video Back up process? Christie explained that she had looked into how to do it and asked around about it, however she had also found out that the Alabama Department of Archives state it is NOT required. Councilman Mann accused her of not doing her job and lying about researching. Claimed that City Clerk Eason was being underhanded and sneaking along with the Mayor. Councilman Terry Mann stated that he would like to keep the videos because he can refer back to them. Councilman James Mann stated that “WE” deserve to have the access and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hiding stuff by not keeping them available. He would rather put the money into reserving the videos and not the website.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Mayor Tony Craig; 2nd by Claude Lang

Terry Mann No vote	Elizabeth Craig Yea	Scott Baker Yea	Mayor Tony Craig Yea	Claude Lang Yea	James Mann No vote
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Motion Carried – Meeting Adjourned at 6:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: *Christie Eason, City Clerk/Treasurer & Teresa Carpenter, Revenue Clerk*
