



**MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FOR THE TOWN OF CROSS ROADS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION:
IN PERSON at 1401 FM 424, CROSS ROADS, TEXAS 76227
OR
VIRTUALLY by Zoom Meeting**

1. Call to Order – **6:00 P.M.**
2. Roll Call: **Mayor Tompkins; Council Members Housewright, Meek, King, and Zuczek. Council Member Paus was absent.**
3. Invocation – **Bishop Ken Taylor, Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
4. Pledge of Allegiance – **T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Mayor**
5. Citizens Input (Items on the agenda and not on the agenda)
 - **Edward Butker with Open Infra – fiber optic infrastructure**
6. Council Members' announcements and updates
 - **Housewright – Founder's Day and upcoming Movie Night in the Park**
 - **King – Founder's Day**
 - **Zuczek – Founder's Day**
 - **Meek – Founder's Day**
7. Mayor's announcements and updates.
 - **Founder's Day overview; PD's new vehicle; Mayors' Meetings; sales tax up 4.8%; The Brass Tap opening soon; Movie in the Park; Town looking for volunteers for Boards**
8. Updates; Discussion of the Same.
 - a. Town Administrator Announcements and Updates – **Kristi Gilbert – Founder's Day Follow-up; attendance details**
 - b. Financial Reports – **Kristi Gilbert – revenues over expenses**
 - c. Building Permits and Development – **Rodney Patterson & Kristi Gilbert – development for 9 residential lots if reviews are passed**
 - d. Law Enforcement – **Shaun Short – monthly PD report and upcoming National Night Out**
 - e. Fire Department – **Paul Rust – monthly report and hiring of new Assistant Chief**
 - f. Committee Reports – **MDD, Parks, Connectivity Committee, Historical Committee, Roads Committee No committee reports.**

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Consider approval of the August 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.
10. Consider approval of the August 2023 Financials.
11. Consider approval of a resolution adopting a pay plan for the 2024 Fiscal Year for Town employees.
12. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article 8.10 Curfew Hours for Minors by repealing the Town's Juvenile Curfew Ordinance in response to House Bill 1819 effective September 1, 2023.
13. Consider approval of an ordinance amending the Town of Cross Roads Master Fee Schedule.
14. Consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County and the Town of Cross Roads for engineering and construction of Fishtrap Road East from FM 424 to Dr. Sanders Road.
15. Consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Denton County and the Town of Cross Roads for engineering and construction of Mosely Road from US 380 to Tipps Road.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Housewright;
Second by King;
Passed unanimously.**

REGULAR SESSION

16. Discuss and consider action on a request from Sami Ibrahim, on behalf of Modern Pyramid Inc., appealing the Building Official's denial of a sign permit in accordance with Section 4.05.011 of the Town of Cross Roads Code of Ordinances and requesting a variance from the sign regulations to allow for a Freestanding Business sign to be 22' in height where the maximum height per ordinance is 18' for an existing pole sign.

Motion to approve with the following contingencies:

- a. Sign only allowed for two (2) years;
- b. Must add a four (4) foot masonry base that is approved by Code

Made by Meek;

Second by Zuczek;

Passed unanimously.

17. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, discuss and consider an application by 720 & 380 LTD. to change the zoning from A-Agriculture to C-2 Commercial for a 1.76 acre parcel located just to the East of 11911 US 380, Cross Roads, Denton County, Texas. (2023-0807-04ZC)

Mayor Tompkins opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 P.M.

- Town Administrator Gilbert gave Staff briefing.

Mayor Tompkins closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 P.M.

**Motion to approve the change in zoning made by Housewright;
Second by Meek;
Passed unanimously.**

18. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, discuss and consider an application by Ramon Aranda on behalf of property owner Margarito Espinoza to change the zoning from A-Agricultural to C-2 Commercial 2 for 1.63 acres of land generally located south of 8801 US 380, Cross Roads, Denton County, Texas. (2023-0807-02ZC)

Mayor Tompkins opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 P.M.

- **Town Administrator Gilbert gave Staff briefing.**
- **Ramon Aranda, Applicant, was available for questioning.**

Mayor Tompkins closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M.

**Motion to approve the change in zoning from A-Agricultural to C-2 Commercial made by Zuczek;
Second by King;
Passed unanimously.**

19. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, discuss, and consider items related to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget.

Mayor Tompkins opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 P.M.

- **Town Administrator Gilbert gave Staff briefing.**

Mayor Tompkins closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 P.M.

**Motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget as presented made by Meek;
Second by Housewright;
Passed unanimously.**

20. Discuss and consider a recommendation by the Parks Board on a proposed restroom facility design.

**Motion to add a urinal to one of the bathrooms made by King;
Second by Meek;
Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the bathroom design made by Meek;
Second by Housewright;
Passed unanimously.**

- ~~21. Discuss and consider a resolution of appointments to the Municipal Development District, Parks and Recreation Board and Planning and Zoning Commission and discuss Town Boards and Committee composition.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. The Town Council may convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, annotated, Chapter 551, Subchapter D for the following:

- a. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney - Contemplated or Pending litigation James Edland v. Town of Cross Roads, Texas, Case No. 22-0056-362 and Mitchell Clay v. Chad Wayne Jones, the City of Krugerville and the Town of Cross Roads, Case No. 22-8528-431.
- b. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Project Alpha, Project Bravo and Project Charlie
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel – Police Chief Performance Evaluation Follow Up
- d. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Planning and Zoning Commission and Municipal Development District board appointments

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:08 P.M.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:21 P.M.

23. Take action as may be necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to appoint the following to the Parks and Recreation Board

a. Eric Martinez to Alternate Seat 2

b. Vickie Hill to Alternate Seat 1

Made by Housewright;

Second by King;

Passed unanimously.

Motion to retain the following to the Municipal Development District

a. Ron King to Seat 2

b. John Knox to Seat 4

Made by Meek;

Second by Zuczek;

Passed unanimously.

Tabled Planning and Zoning appointment to the next meeting.

ADJOURN – 8:23 P.M.



T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr.



Donna Butler, Town Secretary