

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 30, 2007  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Oxford City Hall  
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith  
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President  
Mrs. June L. Reaves, Council Member  
Mr. Greg Thrower, Council Member  
Mr. Steven C. Waits, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Johnny Bentley, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by the Council President, Mike Henderson, and Shirley Henson, City Clerk of the City, served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Mr. Henderson gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Henderson stated the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting. Mrs. Reaves made a motion to dispense with the reading of these minutes and to approve them as written. This motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Henderson called for any comments or questions; there being none, Mr. Henderson called for a vote on the motion to approve. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Reaves "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Thrower "Yea" and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Henderson asked if the Council members had any old business at this time.

Mr. Henderson stated that Council member Bentley is absent. Mr. Henderson stated that they were informed that Council member Bentley would not be attending any more meetings. Mr. Henderson stated that he has not heard that information from Mr. Bentley.

Mr. Henderson stated that Council member Bentley submitted his resignation from the Council at the last Council meeting. Mr. Henderson officially declared Mr. Bentley's seat vacant as of March 2, 2007. Mr. Henderson stated that the Council has already been contacted by individuals who are interested in filling that position and stated that if any one is interested in filling that position to contact one of the Council members or Ms. Henson's office to let us know that you

are interested in being considered for that position. Mr. Henderson stated that at this time, they are compiling names to see who is interested in that position.

Mayor Smith stated that he has heard that Council member Bentley will not attend any more meetings.

Mr. Henderson stated that he is disappointed that Mr. Bentley has decided to resign as Council member. Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Bentley has served this City well and will continue to serve this City well in his capacity as a small business owner. Mr. Henderson stated that he appreciates Mr. Bentley and wishes him the best.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request from Donna Fathke at the Animal Shelter for an increase in the City of Oxford's annual contribution. (From \$37 per animal to \$48.52 per animal)**

Mr. Henderson stated that they have decided not to act on this request at this time. Mr. Henderson stated that Mayor Smith would like to do some research and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

#### **Resolution No. 2007-04 – Recognizing the month of January as School Board Recognition Month in the City of Oxford.**

Mr. Henderson recognized Dr. Jeff Goodwin, School Superintendent and Dr. Mally Moody, Chairperson of the School Board.

Shirley Henson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2007-04 recognizing January as School Board Recognition Month.

Mrs. Reaves made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-04. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thrower.

Mr. Henderson called for comments.

Mr. Henderson thanked the School Board members for all that they do. Mr. Henderson stated that all of the School Board members were not in attendance and wished that they all could have been at the meeting.

Mr. Henderson recognized Oxford's School Board Members: Dr. Mally Moody, Karen Phillips, Pat Wayne Shaddix, Marvin Jones, Alex Davenport and Todd Davis.

Mr. Henderson stated that the Council appreciates the work that the School board does.

Mrs. Reaves stated that there were some other school activities taking place at the same time as the meeting and that is why some of the other School Board members could not attend. Mrs. Reaves thanked the School Board members.

Mr. Thrower congratulated Dr. Mally Moody on her award from the State. Mr. Thrower stated that Dr. Moody had to share that award with the other School Board members and administrators, because they helped her to get there. Mr. Thrower stated that they are proud that she represents Oxford.

Mr. Waits stated that he feels like our school system is headed in the right direction and that he appreciates what the School Board does.

Mr. Henderson stated that they are looking forward to having a joint meeting with the School Board on February 22, 2007 and getting an update on what is happening in our schools.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Reaves "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Thrower "Yea" and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2007-05 – Awarding bid for two 1-ton model trucks for the Oxford Fire Department.**

Mr. Henderson recognized Captain Gary Sparks for any comments on this bid.

Captain Sparks stated that Sunny King Ford was the lowest bidder and recommended that Sunny King Ford be awarded the bid. Captain Sparks also stated that there was no delivery date asked for in the bid nor was one given.

Mr. Thrower made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-05 awarding bid to Sunny King Ford in the amount of \$52,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Henderson called for comments. There were none. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Reaves "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Thrower "Yea" and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2007-06 – Awarding bid for self contained breathing apparatus for the Oxford Fire Department.**

Mr. Henderson recognized Captain Gary Sparks for any comments on this bid.

Captain Sparks stated that North Alabama Fire Equipment Company was the lowest bidder and recommended that North Alabama Fire Equipment Company be awarded the bid in the amount of \$58,224.00.

Mayor Smith stated that there was a discrepancy in the bid from North Alabama Fire Equipment Company and Captain Sparks had received clarification on the bid.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-06 awarding bid to North Alabama Fire Equipment Company in the amount of \$58,224.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reaves.

Mr. Henderson called for comments. There were none. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Reaves "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Thrower "Yea" and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson called for any other new business at this time.

Mrs. Reaves stated that in the Council work session, Alayne Livingston, Library Director, presented the Council with a proposal from local artist, Jerry Marks, to do four original paintings of downtown Oxford. Mrs. Reaves stated these will be oil paintings and not prints. Mrs. Reaves stated that the proposal was for these paintings to be placed in the new City Library. Mrs. Reaves stated that the cost is \$2,000.00 per painting.

Mrs. Reaves made a motion to purchase four oil paintings from Jerry Marks at cost of \$2,000.00 per painting to be placed in the new library. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thrower.

Mrs. Reaves stated that she appreciated Mayor Smith stated that the paintings will be paid for out of the general fund.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Reaves "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Thrower "Yea" and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Smith had no comments at this time.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Henderson called for Council comments or reports at this time.

Mr. Waits stated that he gave the Council an update on the status of the new Justice Center and Police Department Building. Mr. Waits stated that he met with Mayor Smith last week on the plans and stated that they could have the final drawings on the building in the next week.

Mr. Thrower apologized for his absence at the last Council meeting. Mr. Thrower stated that he was called out on a business trip at the last minute and really did not have an opportunity to let most people know about it.

Mr. Henderson called for any other comments. There were none.

### **Visitors**

Mr. Henderson called for visitor's comments. There were none.

Mr. Henderson stated that the next Council meeting will be on February 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Thrower made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reaves.

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Mike Henderson, Council President