OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:	September 8, 2020
TIME:	6:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Oxford Performing Arts Center
PRESENT:	Mayor Alton Craft Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member
ABSENT:	Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

The City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Oxford Performing Arts Center of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at approximately 6:30 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Minister Dell Kimberly, Betta View Hills Church of Christ, prayed the Invocation.

Council President Spurlin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting and the September 1, 2020 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

Council President Spurlin called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Hubbard; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Robin and Jacques Morrow addressed the Council in favor of said rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG). They stated they had retired here to Oxford from California and wished to have a various animals to raise on this property as allowed by the zoning regulations.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from Jacques Morrow to rezone property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), closed.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 21 – Rezoning property located at 261 Carterton Heights from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-21. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-21, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-21. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-21 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2020- 98 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for a comprehensive mapping program.

Resolution No. 2020- 99 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for a Fixed Route and ADA Paratransit services.

Resolution No. 2020- 100 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal for storm drain improvements on Spring Branch Drive from Holmes II Excavation, Inc. in the total amount of $43,400.00.

Resolution No. 2020- 101 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of a helicopter from Global Helicopters, LLC.

Resolution No. 2020- 102 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 161 Emi Gil Drive.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-98 through 2020-102. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-98 through 2020-102, were approved.

Resolution No. 2020- 103 – Resolution declaring certain equipment surplus and authorizing the disposal of said equipment.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2020-103, a resolution declaring certain equipment surplus and authorizing the disposal of said equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2020-103 was approved.

Resolution No. 2020- 104 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation of $26,000.00 to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for the benefit of the Alabama Children's Museum Fund.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2020-104, a resolution authorizing an appropriation of $26,000.00 to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for the benefit of the Alabama Children's Museum Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2020-104 was approved.

Resolution No. 2020- 105 – Resolution authorizing an allocation of up to $100,000.00 for payroll and expenses to Oxford Emergency Medical Services.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2020-105, a resolution authorizing an allocation of up to $100,000.00 for payroll and expenses to Oxford Emergency Medical Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2020-105 was approved.

Council Member Hubbard stated there would be a ribbon cutting for the new "Welcome Signs" on September 30th at 9:00 a.m. at the Bynum Fire Station.

Mayor Craft stated that an Auburn University study had shown that people exiting the interstate in our area did not know they were in Oxford but thought they were in Anniston. He stated that Chief Sparks, Fire Department, was home from the hospital.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set public hearings for September 22, 2020, to consider condemnations at 643 Buckelew Bridge Road, 74 Gwin Street, 312 W. Oak Street, 329 Alice Street, 414 W. Oak Street, and 415 Alice Street.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA

Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
September 8, 2020: Regular Meeting