

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: April 12, 2016  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Oxford City Hall  
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President  
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore  
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member  
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member  
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

ABSENT: Mayor Leon Smith

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

Tricia Cruse of Lakeview Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students in our school system who have excelled not only in academics but in character. Tonight we are recognizing Aidan Smith-Connell. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Oxford Elementary School. His parents are Angie Smith and John Connell. Aidan enjoys soccer, karate, and exploring. At school he is involved in Safety Patrol, computer programming and music. His favorite subject in school is Science and his favorite teacher is Ms. Roberts. When Aidan grows up he wants to be a professional soccer player. Mrs. Nelson, his principal is here tonight supporting him. We appreciate you always being here supporting your students.

Aidan Smith-Connell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated great job Aidan. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the March 22, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Waits called for any old business; there was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Recognizing the students participating in Student Government Day on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.**

Mr. Waits stated we have a list of names and what we would like to do is as Ms. Henson calls out your name if you will stand and be recognized as she calls out your name. Ms. Henson read the list of names.

Mr. Waits stated I really hope you have a great experience here tomorrow. I know you will have fun and have a good lunch. I know you are going to tour Choccolocco Park and the Oxford Performing Arts Center. That will be good and those are two great venues in our City. It will be great for you to see the inner workings of those facilities. We are excited about that. I hope you have a good day here for the Council and the Court I hope you convict whoever it is and put them behind bars for years. Just have a good time. I would like to recognize Dr. Jeff Goodwin, Superintendent. We appreciate you being here supporting the students.

### **Ordinance No. 2016-17 – An Ordinance to regulate the permitting, operation and taxation of Bingo games within the City of Oxford and the Police Jurisdiction thereof.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-17 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-17. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is an ordinance regulating Bingo in the City of Oxford. We did not have an ordinance and this clears that up for us.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2016-35 – Re-appointing Karen Phillips to the School Board for a five year term expiring May 31, 2021.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-35. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits recognized Karen Phillips for comments. Mr. Waits stated we talked about this in the work session and you didn't get to hear some of the comments. There were several comments from Mr. Henderson. There were several made about the outstanding job you have done and the passion you have for the job. We really, really appreciate it and it is extremely important for this City that our school system flourish and you have done a phenomenal job and we appreciate it.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2016-36 – Tax Abatement for Kobay South, LLC.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-36. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits stated this is a ten year tax abatement for Kobay. Kobay is a new company coming to Oxford on McIntosh Road and is expected to bring about 75 jobs to the area. They are an automotive supplier and this is just to abate their non-educational taxes for ten years.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2016-37 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Calhoun County Economic Development Council.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-37. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is the second part of Kobay's incentive package. This will go toward their third year lease agreement and is based on the number of jobs they are projected to bring into the City.

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

**Resolution No. 2016-38 – Change Order #4 for Eugene Turner at the Oxford Recreational Complex.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is a change order where we are doing some extensions to the dugouts, adding a maintenance shed, changing some irrigation pump stations and changing out some

digital signage that is going to be on the complex. We will see some of this tomorrow. There is \$129,000.00 credit which is probably the best thing about that change order.

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

Mr. Waits stated we are going to be naming two streets in Oxford with the next two resolutions.

**Resolution No. 2016-39 – Naming a street Southmoor Court.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-39. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated if you know where Southmoor Circle is this is the road that connects Southmoor Circle. It splits it down the middle and will be called Southmoor Court.

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

**Resolution No. 2016-40 – Naming a street Jimmie Carter Street.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson stated I would like to recognize a few people who are here, Mrs. Carter's family. For those who don't know Mrs. Carter served for many, many years at our Senior Citizens Center. She was a very sweet lady and I am sure Don Hudson, Park and Recreation Director can attest to the good job she did for our City. Her daughter Annette and her son Jerry along with his wife are here. We appreciate them being here. We thought this would be good for that area off Robertson Lane. We are having to do this for Talladega County 911. We thought this would be a good way to honor Mrs. Carter and her service to the City by naming a street across from where she used to live after her. We are glad to have them here, we appreciate them coming and sharing their mother with us for all of those years.

Mr. Waits stated thanks for being here. A wonderful lady.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Henderson mentioned about the 911 changes. At this time I am going to recognize Fire Chief Gary Sparks to share a little bit about some address changes within our area. This is very important.

Chief Sparks stated this is a project that started a while back. We have several streets that are on the Calhoun/Talladega County line and we had some address problems. Talladega County had it addressed one way and Calhoun County had it addressed a different way. It created a problem for us finding the residents. This has been an ongoing project. There is going to be a little over 900 residents that will be receiving letters that will be mailed out April 15<sup>th</sup>. They will receive a letter that they will have a changed address. It is a life safety issue for us to be able to find their houses. That is the reason we are doing it and doing it all at one time to get it over with. Police Chief Bill Partridge, Ricky Howell at EMS and myself met with both 911 agencies here and worked through this.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Chief. A lot of work has gone into this and if it saves just one life it was certainly worth all of the effort. We appreciate you guys for doing that.

**Resolution No. 2016-41 – Resolution awarding the bid for a 2016 Ford F-250 for the Oxford City Garage.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-41. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated the bid was won by Sunny King Ford.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2016-42 – Resolution for surplus equipment at the Oxford Police Department.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-42. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is a group of motorcycles, a 2010 Dodge Charger and some material handling carts from years and years ago.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2016-43 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Cable One to provide fiber optic cable to the Choccolocco Sports Complex and allow the use of the City’s current conduit.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-43. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated Cable One will actually be providing backup fiber to the facility. Our primary provider will be AT&T and this will be done at no charge to the City as a backup.

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

**Resolution No. 2016-44 – Resolution for surplus equipment for the IT Department.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-44. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated the list of items includes several cell phones.

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

**Resolution No. 2016-45 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Shannon Crutchfield to design a logo for Choccolocco Park in the amount of \$3,250.00.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-45. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated Emil Loeken, Marketing Director we appreciate your work on this, getting this going and standardizing a lot of things with our City.

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

**Resolution No. 2016-46 – Resolution for Topography Survey on Fire Station property.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-46. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated we are in the process of building a fire station on Friendship Road just past where our current volunteer station is. We have already purchased the property and are actually starting the process here. The topography survey is needed for that.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated at this time I would like to recognize Mr. Henderson for a resolution.

Mr. Henderson stated he would like to introduce Resolution No. 2016-47. A resolution appropriating \$500.00 to the Calhoun County Conservation District for Science Career Day for the students of Oxford High School.

**Resolution No. 2016-47 – Resolution appropriating \$500.00 to the Calhoun County Conservation District for Science Career Day.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-47. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated at this time I would like to recognize Mrs. Hubbard for a resolution.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to introduce Resolution No. 2016-48. That the City enter into a contract with Winfrey Grading and Concrete for \$12,050.00 for two maintenance pads at the Signature Fields at Choccolocco Park.

**Resolution No. 2016-48 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Winfrey Grading and Concrete for two maintenance pads at the Signature Fields at Choccolocco Park in the amount of \$12,050.00.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-48. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated he mentioned this in the work session and didn’t know if anyone saw it the other day. John Longshore, Oxford Performing Arts Director was recognized in *The Anniston Star*. Mr. Henderson stated it was a Speak Out article praising him for the season they had the previous year and looking forward to the next season. The article was from someone who was from out of town. It wasn’t an Oxford resident who did that. I thank John for the job he does. Also, there was an ad in *The Anniston Star* about the upcoming season and I was telling John that I heard some people talking the other day about several of the acts that are coming to the Oxford Performing Arts Center this upcoming season. They were very excited about having some of the groups that are coming. I know he has some other things planned and some other events planned to. I just wanted to point out that he has been recognized and congratulate him and the staff on the good job they do.

Mrs. Hubbard stated thank you to two local companies for sponsoring a series, one a Country Series is going to be sponsored by Webb Concrete. This is a new series that John has put together. Also, continuing to sponsor the Broadway Series is Noble Bank and Trust. We do appreciate your work in going out into the community and reaching these companies and spreading the word through them. If you haven't gotten your tickets they go on sale next week to those who aren't season ticket holders. Go to [oxfordpac.org](http://oxfordpac.org) to purchase your tickets and teenagers tell your parents.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

### **Visitors**

Mr. Waits called for any comments or questions from anyone present.

Daulton Painter of 111 Stone Street addressed the Council regarding an issue he has at the back of his property. Mr. Painter stated before I go further I would like to commend the Council for the job they do with the school system of Oxford and the Fire Department in Oxford. Concerning the ditch at the back of my property, several years ago I piled up the rocks and the City hauled them off for me. It took me approximately two weeks to do this. I spent over \$200 on grass seed. I have been cutting the ditch ever since. This is a residential neighborhood and recently Mr. Minton has moved some equipment in and is using it as a roadway. I am asking the City Council to allow me to put a fence up to stop it. Not only do we have heavy equipment but we have four wheelers driving down the ditch. If you put a gate up that would eliminate the problem. We need to stop this.

Mr. Henderson stated he is on the corner and has a really nice place. He has a fence around it and keeps it up nicely.

Ms. Beverly Joiner of 71 Hickory Lane addressed the Council about the ditch between her and Mr. Painter. For the last eight months, Mr. Minton first goes down there and tries to use it as a driveway. If you know where the holding pond is he put up an eight foot fence and decided my ditch is going to be his road. He has rocks and mud in the road and sometimes the rocks will hit my car and put dents in it. My son cut down all of my trees and has since passed away. My daughter had stacked the wood where no one would hit and it wouldn't be in the road. The next thing I know she came running in the house and said Mr. Minton is fixing to run over the wood. So, I went out and stood next to the wood. He put his foot on the gas pedal and hit the wood and the wood started hitting my leg. He just laughed at it. About that time Mr. Painter came out along with my fiancé and he did it a second time and hit me even more. I am actually going tomorrow and press charges against him. I have bruises all over my knees. He said you are not going to claim this as a drainage ditch. I said sir it is a drainage ditch. It is not a road and quit making it a road.

Mr. Waits stated since this is our first time hearing about this we really need to look into some things with this. Right after this if you don't mind can I get a contact number for both of you and we will do some follow up and get back with you.

Ms. Joiner stated it needs to be stopped. He is trying to make it a road.

Mr. Waits stated we will get together right after the meeting and we will look into this and get back to you.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Spurlin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President