

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: April 22, 2014  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Oxford City Hall  
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President  
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member  
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore  
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member  
Mr. Chris Spurlin, 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.

Gary Sparks of Lakeview Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent and we understand he is feeling much better. We look forward to seeing him at our next meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we have a really sharp man here tonight. His name is Alex Martinez and he is a fourth grader at Dearmanville Elementary School. His parents are Alexander and Caroline Martinez. It is good to see you here supporting him. Alex enjoys fishing, playing football and riding his bike. I found out Alex that you are the neighbor to Mr. Gardner, is that correct. You don't fish in the lakes out there by the house do you? He is on the "AB" Honor Roll, member of the gifted program and Tech Team. This year he and his team were 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners at the JSU Technology Fair with their Computer Programming project "PACK." This is impressive to me that a fourth grader is working computer programming. They will be going to State Competition later this week. We wish you the best of luck. Alex has been Student of the Month and a gold card winner every nine weeks since Kindergarten. That is impressive Alex. He has also assisted visitors on school tours. Alex's favorite subject in school is Alabama History and his favorite teacher is Ms. Hayes. When Alex grows up he wants to be an engineer. We are proud that you are in the school system and a resident of Oxford. We are excited about what you have done and what you are going to become.

Alex Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you for being here and keep up the great work. We are proud of you.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the April 8, 2014 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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 "Abstain", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the April 11, 2014 special called meeting. Mr. Gardner made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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**

#### **Resolution No. 2014-22 – Resolution declaring personal property surplus property for the Oxford Fire Department.**

Mrs. Hubbard stated Resolution No. 2014-22 needs to be amended by deleting Section 4.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-22 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits asked Fire Chief Gary Sparks if he has any comments.

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. 2014-23 – Tax Abatement Agreement for Manufacturing Techonology and SVCS, LLC.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits stated we have Ronnie Smith here and along with him Don Hopper of the Calhoun County Economic Development Council (CCEDC). Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Hopper for comments on this resolution and Resolution No. 2014-24.

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. 2014-24 – Tax Abatement Agreement for JARA Properties, LLC.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-24. 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 recognized Mr. Smith for any comments. Mr. Waits stated we appreciate your work.

**Resolution No. 2014-25 – Awarding the bid for removal and replacement of twenty-eight (28) refractory panels at Oxford's Incinerator.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits stated we spoke to Don Hart, Street Superintendent and he stated this is something that needs to be done every five years and we have managed to get eight years out of 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. 2014-26 – Re-appointing Tony Bolton to the School Board for a five year term expiring May 31, 2019.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-26. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated Mr. Bolton is a great guy and does a great job for our school system. I don't think we could have anyone any better. I am glad he is willing to serve in this capacity.

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 do want to add one item to the agenda and for this I would like to recognize Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to ask that we approve the purchase of two adopt-a-sign signs that come to us through the Choccolocco Watershed Alliance. It is the purchase of signage that will provide recognition that we are a part of the Choccolocco Watershed area and we will purchase those. The sign will say that you are entering the Choccolocco Watershed access. I ask that we approve the purchase of two signs to be placed in the appropriate area.

Mr. Waits asked what the costs of the two signs will be. Mrs. Hubbard stated it is \$300.00 for the first year and then it is \$100.00 for four more years for a total of five years for \$700.00. Mr.

Waits asked is this for each sign and Mrs. Hubbard stated yes. Mr. Waits stated for a total of \$1,400.00.

Mr. Spurlin asked Mrs. Hubbard if she is certain on the \$100.00 because I was thinking it was \$250.00. Mrs. Hubbard stated the notes I have from her say \$100.00 for four more years. Mr. Spurlin stated maybe that is correct. I thought she said there was a \$50.00 discount for the second year.

Mr. Waits stated just to clarify the motion it is for \$1,400.00 for over five years. Mrs. Hubbard stated correct. Mr. Waits stated for two signs. Mrs. Hubbard stated it is \$700.00 for one sign and will be \$1,400.00 for two signs over five years. Mr. Waits stated a total of \$700.00 for two signs over a five year period for a total of \$1,400.00. Mrs. Hubbard stated I apologize that I was not at that meeting but that is my understanding from the notes that I have that is the price. You can commit to more years. We are a sponsor for the Watershed Alliance using the signage program. This is the way they are making money.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve the purchase of two signs in the amount of \$700.00 each for five years for a total of \$1,400.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated I appreciate Chris and Charlotte working on this.

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. Henderson stated he received a visit today from Aaron Sexton, Finance Department who handed out some cards. We approved at our last meeting the Main Street Program project. Aaron is doing a great job and working hard on this. You can make a donation, a pledge or you can become involved in this. There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Henderson stated Friday night is the Quarterback Club Banquet. We need to sell some tickets because we are only about half way there. The banquet is being held at the Oxford Civic Center.

Mr. Henderson stated on Thursday, May 1, 2014 is National Day of Prayer. The service will be held at noon at City Hall. We will have some local pastors here to pray for us. Anyone can attend and it is open to the public. It will be held in front of City Hall. Our nation certainly needs prayer, our city needs prayer and everyone needs prayer. I would like to encourage everyone to come for the service here at noon.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated we want to keep Mayor Smith in our prayers.

**Visitors**

Mr. Waits called for any comments or questions from anyone present. There were none.

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