OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:	April 28, 2015
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.

David Mayfield of Lakeview Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students who excel in our school system. Tonight we would like to recognize Jessica Stephens. Jessica is a 7th grader at Oxford Middle School. Her parents are Paul and Julie Stephens. Jessica enjoys reading, writing, and playing the saxophone. She also volunteers at the church nursery. At school Jessica is a member of the Math Team, Science Team, National Junior Honor Society, JUNA (Junior United Nations Assembly), Builders Club, and Band. Her favorite subject is English and her favorite teacher is Mr. Gardner. When Jessica grows up she wants to be a Philosophy Professor at Cornell University.

Mr. Waits stated that is having your ducks in a row and a plan. I love it Jessica.

Jessica Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated 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 April 14, 2015 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

Proclamation designating Saturday, May 16, 2015 as Play With Me Day in the City of Oxford sponsored by Girl Scout Troup 20136.

Mr. Waits stated Troup 20136 is here tonight along with Jamie Marlow. Mr. Waits asked Ms. Henson to read the proclamation. Mr. Waits presented the proclamation to Girl Scout Troup 20136. Thank you girls for bringing awareness to this because it is important.

Proclamation designating May 3-9, 2015 as Public Service Recognition Week in the City of Oxford.

Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Jim Williams, President of Chapter 1511 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees serving Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Randolph and Talladega Counties for comments. Mr. Waits read the proclamation. Mr. Waits presented the proclamation to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Waits stated I thank you for bringing attention to the public servants several of which are in here and we are extremely grateful for our staff here at the City. We think we have a super group of people who care about our City, who really care about our people, who have great values and great integrity. We are really blessed as a City and thank you for bringing attention to that.

Resolution No. 2015-44 – Resolution for a Wellness Services Agreement.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-44. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits asked Mr. Alton Craft, Finance Director if he would like to make any comments regarding this agreement that we have been working on.

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. 2015-45 – Approval of an easement/construction agreement with the property/business owners of downtown Oxford in conjunction with the relocation of various utilities.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-45. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated we met several weeks ago and many of you know that we are doing a downtown revitalization project with the streetscapes specifically with sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Part of this is moving the utilities off of the sidewalk. Take down all the old ugly

power poles and put them behind the buildings. It is going to cause us to get some easements and things from the property owners to move these from the front of the businesses to the back of the businesses. This is an agreement with the property owners and the City acknowledging the potential disruption of services and other things involved with this move. This is an agreement and the property owners agreed with us that we felt like we needed an agreement in place to take the next step.

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

Resolution No. 2015-46 – Approval of a resolution setting a public hearing for a Main Street Planning Grant from ADECA.

Mr. Waits stated this will actually set a Public Hearing for our next Council meeting. This is a requirement to have this Public Hearing before we can submit the grant. Mr. Waits asked Rod Harris, Main Street Director if he has any comments.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-46. 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. Waits stated on Thursday, May 7, 2015 we will be having the National Day of Prayer here at City Hall at 12:00 p.m. This is an annual event and we invite you to attend.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Craft gave us an update on our revenues for the first six months of this year. Compared to the first six months of last year we are up 9.63 percent. To have your revenues up 10 percent no matter what you are in is very impressive. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Craft for comments.

Mr. Henderson stated we met with the School Board a couple of weeks ago and heard a real good report from them. We heard a lot of interesting statistics on where our school system ranks throughout the State. They have done a really good job with technology and things that are going on. It is very impressive and it is good to have a good relationship with our School Board. I appreciate them inviting us to visit with them and the presentation they made.

Mr. Waits stated I heard this last night at the awards ceremony that this year every one of our High School students for the first time took the ACT. Which has never happened that all of our students took the ACT. So when that happened it automatically makes you think that our average ACT score probably went down but in actuality it went from 18 to the average ACT score for our students to 20.2 which is phenomenal. That is a major accomplishment for our school system. When Chris Cox, Principal at Oxford High School came in he stated that was

one of his priorities was to get our ACT scores up and he is doing what he said he would do. He has some other very ambitious academic goals for the school system. I am really excited and his leadership has been outstanding.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent. Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith was in the work session and addressed the Council. He is doing much better and we wish him well.

Visitors

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

Mr. Bill Bunn of 2017 Cheatwood Drive stated there are several things going on May 3 and I would like to add to that. Community Enabler Developer is having an open house from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If there is any way I would like to have the Council's support.

Mr. Henderson stated Mr. Bunn I went to a luncheon for Administrative Assistant's Day last week and it was for Community Enabler. It was a very nice luncheon and had Brenda LaDun from ABC 33/40 speaking. She was very impressive.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President