

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 22, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Spurlin and in the absence of Shirley Henson, City Clerk of the City, Kristi Durham served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Greg Turner gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin stated tonight we are honored to have Miss Rory Katherine Parks who is a 6th grader at C.E. Hanna Elementary School. Her parents are Tyler and Jacey Dobson. Rory enjoys soccer, drawing and reading. At school, she wants to be involved with Student Council and the Robotics Club. Her favorite subjects are Science and Social Studies and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rudy. When Rory grows up she wants to be an architect and to play soccer for the Columbia University Lions. Rory currently starts as a wing back for her 06 Northeast Alabama Fusion Football Club. Rory, we appreciate you being here tonight. We are proud of you and your teachers think highly of you as they have recommended that you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rory Katherine Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Rory.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Spurlin stated we are going to remove from the table Resolution No. 2017-93.

Mr. Waits made a motion to remove from the table Resolution No. 2017-93. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Resolution No. 2017-93 – Resolution awarding the bid for a 2017 Explorer, Sport Utility 4 dr FWD.

Mr. Spurlin stated this will be for some of the employees at the City Garage and is awarded to Sunny King in the amount of \$27,000.00.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-93. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2017-95 – Resolution re-appointing Luke Whittle to the Water Board for a six year term expiring May 21, 2023.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-95. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Resolution No. 2017-96 – Resolution appointing members to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr. Spurlin stated these terms are staggered. Two members are for a three-year term, two members are for a two-year term and one member is for a one-year term. These members are Rusty Gann, Jennifer Yates, Jeremy Cruse, Norma Newman and Jerry Hanvey.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-96. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated I would like to encourage everyone to come out Friday night and support the Yellow Jackets as they open their season against Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa. There should be a good crowd there and should be a good ballgame.

Mr. Spurlin stated we had Robert and Janice Scheitlin from World Changers here in the work session. They gave us a report on some of the homes that they worked on in our area. A lot of those homes were elderly widows and those with handicap needs in our City. We really appreciate the work that they did and it was great to see the report. We look forward to working with them again next year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin asked Mayor Craft if he had any comments. Mayor Craft stated he has no comments.

Mr. Spurlin stated we need to set a Public Hearing for September 12, 2017 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their July 10, 2017 meeting:

- A.) A request by Rodney Minton to rezone a portion of Miller Estates from AG-1 (Agriculture) to MH (Mobile Home).

Visitors

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

Police Chief Bill Partridge stated a week ago yesterday we had an incident at Honeywell for a partial roof collapse. I just want to thank the Council for investing in Public Safety the way you have over the last 5 or 6 years. It has paid dividends for once and this past Monday was an example of that. Having the training and equipment to handle disasters like and it could have turned out a lot worse than it did. Thank God no one was hurt. When the call came in it came in as a mass casualty event with 100 people trapped in a building. I would like to commend the Fire Department for the job that they did. They did an outstanding job getting a command set up and making sure people were where they were supposed to be. Kyle Macoy and everyone there did an outstanding job and just wanted to commend them. I also want to commend you all for investing in Public Safety.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Chief. We appreciate the job you do and it speaks highly for both of you that even though you both could be out of town that your department still functions properly and that is from good training and preparation. We appreciate the job that you all do.

Chief Partridge stated I would also like to commend Mayor Craft for supporting us as well.

Mr. Spurlin stated these guys pick at each other all the time but they work well together. We are blessed with some great department heads and great City employees. We have a great City.

Mr. Spurlin stated that we need a motion to go into Executive Session for the possible purchase or sell of real estate and to discuss the good name and character of an individual. I ask Ron Allen, City Attorney to certify this.

Mr. Waits made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

Mr. Spurlin stated we will adjourn from the Executive Session.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President