

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 26, 2014  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Oxford City Hall  
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith  
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

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.

Mike Abney of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students who excel in academics and character and Jalen Jackson is one of those individuals. His parents are Chris and Michelle Jackson. It is great to see you here tonight. Jalen plays left guard on the varsity football team and is an OHS Ambassador. He loves to read and play chess. His favorite class is AP Environmental Science with Mr. Overholtzer. Upon graduating from Oxford High, Jalen plans to attend Tuskegee University to major in Environmental Engineering with a minor in Forestry. We wanted to recognize you here tonight Jalen and just keep up the good work.

Jalen Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you for being here and continue the good work.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the August 12, 2014 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**

Mr. Waits stated we will be adding a few items to the agenda tonight.

**Resolution No. 2014-62 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a supplemental agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for Intersection Capacity Evaluation and Turns Lane Needs Assessment at CR 186 (Barry Street) and SR-4 (Highway 78).**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-62. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. 2014-63 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a supplemental agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood for Utility Relocation Design/Coordination for Water Line and Sewer Line Relocation, Right of Way Acquisition Services including Tract Sketches, Deeds and Property Owner Coordination for Snow Street.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-63. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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. 2014-64 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Thompson’s Painting Company in the amount of \$2,678.00 for painting at the Oxford Fire Department Main Station.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-64. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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. 2014-65 – Authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Oxford Water Works and Sewer Board for improvements to existing sewer in the City of Oxford at the new Fire Station/City Garage/Street Department.**

Mr. Waits stated you may or may not know that we are in the process of building two new fire stations. One in Coldwater and the other station is a volunteer station and training tower on our City Garage property next to Oxford Middle School. We had to make a decision on whether we wanted to use septic tanks or sewer. We are going to be able to go to sewer. We will soon be moving to a new Street Department building and City Garage. The whole complex will be new so it will be good to get it on city sewer.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-65. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. 2014-66 – Resolution setting a Public Hearing for September 23, 2014 for 2014 International Building Code Adoption.**

Mr. Waits asked Ms. Henson to read the resolution. Mr. Waits stated this will be at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2014-66 to include the time of the public hearing of 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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 I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers in the recent loss of my dad. I appreciate all of that and it meant a lot to me and my family if you came by. I want to thank everyone for that.

Mr. Henderson stated we lost another longtime member of the City, Delbert Goggans passed away this past weekend. It wasn't a good weekend or week.

Mrs. Hubbard stated our Main Street team is in Montgomery today and tomorrow for the Main Street lab training. We had a great day and great sessions today. We will be back down there tomorrow. We have a team of five people there. Today we received recognition in two different categories. We are very excited that we do have our new director, Rod Harris and he started Monday. He has been very busy and already has a car. The Police Department has helped him procure one of their old cars so that he can move from place to place around the City without having to drive his personal vehicle. We appreciate that.

Mr. Henderson stated we won two awards. Mrs. Hubbard stated yes, one was the Community Award from the Governor and the other one presented by Kay Ivey was for the great job our team did in hosting the resource team that came to discuss the different aspects of our City. They were so impressed with our team of people that put that week together that we received an award for that. So Rod has two awards to put in his office already.

Mr. Spurlin stated I would like to thank Don Hudson and Michelle Miller, Miss Wheelchair Alabama for bringing that to our attention. I am glad that they caught that early. Mr. Waits asked Mr. Spurlin to share that with everyone. Mr. Spurlin stated we were working in the work session and it was mentioned about a boundless playground. A lot of times you think about the playgrounds just being for the children but the boundless playground also allows parents who may be physically challenged or in a wheelchair or using a walker in getting them the

accessibility by getting a ramp or handrails to be able to take their children to the playground. That was brought to our awareness tonight. I think it is a good idea and it was at least early enough so that we can now implement that in the plans for our sports complex and possibly add it at our Field of Dreams field as well. I appreciate them bringing that to our attention early enough so that we can make the changes needed.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Smith stated he has no comments.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for September 9, 2014 to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their August 5, 2014 meeting:

A zoning request from Amanda Carnes to zone the property located at 2200 Lark Lane and 2210 Lark Lane to Residential (R-1).

### Visitors

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

Mr. Dennis Hanson addressed the Council regarding why the public cannot know what the settlement was with the former architects on the sports complex since it is tax payer's money.

Mr. Waits stated as I shared with you last time I will have to refer you to our City Attorney. Mr. Waits stated anything related to that I will have to refer you to our City Attorney. I have to disagree with you Mr. Hanson but again any comments on that I can't make.

Harold Mooneyham made a suggestion to the Council regarding where residents place their Allied Waste trash cans. Mr. Mooneyham stated the trucks would only have to make one run through a neighborhood if the residents all sat their cans on one side of the road. Mr. Mooneyham also stated he thought it would save them some money.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Mr. Mooneyham. We can share that with them. I don't know all of the ins and outs of it but we can share and see. I appreciate you taking the time to share that.

Mr. Waits stated the reason we will be going into Executive Session is for the purchase and sell of real estate.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

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.

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