

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 30, 2016  
TIME: 12:00 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. Phil Gardner, 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.

Anthony Whitley of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the August 9, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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. 2016-101 – Resolution for canvassing the municipal election results of August 23, 2016.**

Mr. Waits stated before we take this up I understand from the City Clerk that we need to address two Provisional Ballots that were added.

Ms. Henson stated that the two Provisional Ballots failed to include identification.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-101. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits asked Ms. Henson to read Resolution No. 2016-101. Congratulations to each one of the Council members.

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.

### **Issue Certificates of Election**

Mr. Waits stated we will issue the Certificates of Election to each one of the Council members.

### **Police Officer Commendation Award for Life Saving**

Mr. Waits stated at this time I would like to recognize Police Chief Bill Partridge.

Chief Partridge stated that all police officers are not bad and most do good work like saving lives. Earlier this month Officer Andrew Miller responded to a call where two adults had been shot and Officer Miller found an adult female injured and applied a tourniquet to save her life.

Chief Partridge recognized Officer Miller and presented him with the Commendation Award for Life Saving.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Chief. For every law enforcement officer in here today and I know we have several. We like to use every opportunity we can to tell you all how much we appreciate you. What you do every day is phenomenal. Thank you for representing our City the way you do. We are proud of you.

### **Ordinance No. 2016-23 – Ordinance annexing the property of Alesia Miller of 120 County Line Road, Talladega County, containing 2.00 acres, more or less.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-23 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-23. 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.

### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the request of Alesia Miller to zone the property located at 120 County Line Road to R-1 (Residential). Mr. Waits declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Waits asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against this. There were none.

Mr. Waits closed the public hearing.

**Ordinance No. 2016-24 – Ordinance to zone the property located at 120 County Line Road to R-1 (Residential).**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-24 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-24. 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.

Mr. Waits stated Ms. Miller thank you and welcome to Oxford even though I have always considered you Oxford. You and your family have been a huge asset to our City. We appreciate you and thank you for coming into the City.

**Resolution No. 2016-102 – Resolution awarding the bid for repair work at City Hall.**

Mr. Waits stated this is awarded to Hale Building in the amount of \$113,643.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-102. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we had a presentation in the work session from Fred Denney, Project Manager and Cal Munroe, Munroe and Jenkins Architect on some major problems that we have had for several years that are going to be addressed here at City Hall with our gutter system.

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. 2016-103 – Change order for the Special Operations Building at the Police Department in the amount of \$51,962.09.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-103. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated many may be asking what is going up next to the Police Department and it is a Special Operations Building for our team, these guys here in this room. As they have grown we have needed to grow our facilities. It is an honor to give you what you need. That is a commitment that we gave a long time ago and the Council has stuck to that. I appreciate that.

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.

**Resolution No. 2016-104 – Change order for the City Garage and Street Department in the amount of \$42,629.04.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-104. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated many of you may not know that we have a new City Garage/Engineering Building being built where the old garage is now. You can see it as you drive by Public Works Drive. It is nearing completion and we think that it will be open in two months.

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. 2016-105 – Resolution adopting Residential Road Policy for Acceptance of Roads for Maintenance.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-105. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is a policy submitted to us by Rusty Gann, City Engineer which is a policy that sets guidelines for how we accept roads in 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.

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she has one thing. Tonight at the Oxford Performing Arts Center we have the opening of a new art exhibit in the Martin Lett Gallery of Art. At 6:00 p.m. we are having a reception. So, if you have never had the opportunity to visit the art gallery it is just to your left as you walk in the front door. It is going to be a really nice event. You don't have to really dress up. When I say nice event you can just wear regular clothes. If you are off work just come by. It is going to be a really unusual exhibit. Even if you can't make it tonight it is going to be there for at least a month so come by and see it. The Performing Arts Center is open all day. I believe they open around 9:00 a.m. So come by any time to see it and I think they are usually there until about 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hubbard stated Main Street was awarded two grants for planning in the downtown area. One of them is for another look at the traffic pattern at Snow and Choccolocco where we have that strange turn and people are sometimes going head on to each other. We have a grant for planning that new traffic pattern there. Our Main Street Director Rod Harris got that for us at a presentation he made last week in Birmingham. Also, we are moving the head stones and monuments out to our new Liberty Park at Oxford Lake. It is going to leave that triangle shape right where our Veteran's Park was with nothing there. So we were also awarded a grant for planning the landscaping inside there after the traffic pattern is done. We are really excited about those things that are happening in the downtown area.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

### Visitors

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

Police Chief Bill Partridge stated that he would like to recognize Chris Carden with the State Attorney General's office who came up from Montgomery to be here for the presentation to Officer Miller. He is the law enforcement coordinator for the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Waits stated thank you for being here.

Shirley Langley addressed the Council regarding who is responsible for leaving her name off the voter's list. Ms. Langley stated that she went to vote last Tuesday and her name was not on the list. I was told that there was a computer glitch and after waiting an hour was allowed to vote. I called Calhoun County to speak with them. I just want to know who is responsible so it doesn't happen again.

Mr. Waits stated I don't have the answer for that. If you will please wait until after the meeting and we can get this worked out with the City Clerk to make sure that doesn't occur again.

Mr. Waits stated that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 for Labor Day. Allied Waste will not run on Monday, September 5, 2016 and will run one day behind through Saturday.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President