

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 9, 2016
TIME: 6:30 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.

Greg Turner 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 July 26, 2016 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

Ordinance No. 2016-22 – Ordinance for a three way stop sign at the intersection of Florence Boulevard and Day Street.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-22 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. Spurlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-22. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated this ordinance is for a three way stop sign at Florence Boulevard and the corner of Day Street.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Spurlin stated I would like to thank Rusty Gann, City Engineer for doing the traffic study and Chief Partridge for making sure this was what we needed to do.

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. 2016-96 – Resolution authorizing the Council President to enter into negotiations with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. to execute a planning contract.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-96. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Aaron Sexton for comments. Mr. Sexton stated this is a planning grant for downtown.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated thank you Aaron this was a lot of work and this is a great little start to our next phase.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Aaron. For those of you who don't know Aaron works in our Finance Department and he kind of leads a lot of our grants.

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. 2016-97 – Resolution authorizing the Council President to enter into a contract with Grizzard Surveying to survey the property adjacent to the City landfill in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-97. 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.

Resolution No. 2016-98 – Resolution to purchase the property to the City landfill.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-98. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated this is a purchase of property next to the landfill for \$55,000.00 and it is 38.66 acres. About \$1,400.00 an acre and will open up some area to expand the landfill in the future.

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. 2016-99 – Authorizing the Council President to enter into a contract with Lencoe Armored Vehicles for the purchase of a Lencoe Bearcat G-2 Armored Rescue Vehicle.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-99. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated the price for this vehicle is \$218,356.00 and will be bought through the GSA11-22 program.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits asked Police Chief Bill Partridge if he would like to make any comments. Mr. Waits stated Chief Partridge gave a presentation in the work session and we have been looking at the specifications of this and this is a piece of equipment that is an armored vehicle for the Police Department.

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. 2016-100 – Authorizing the Council President to sign a letter of commitment to the Board of Directors of the Cheaha Humane Society.

Mr. Waits recognized Mrs. Hubbard for this resolution.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would read the resolution with a revision.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve the revised Resolution No. 2016-100. 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. Henderson stated he has been speaking with Amy Henderson, Library Director and stated that over 17,000 people came through the Library doors during the Summer Reading Program. That is amazing that we had that many people come. Great job. Sorry I missed the ceremony you had the other day. That is awesome that 17,000 people coming through the Library doors in the summer in just two weeks. Mrs. Henderson mentioned that to me and I thought that was awesome. I appreciate the job her and her staff do. They are a great asset to our City and our board.

Mr. Henderson stated I also wanted to remind everyone that school starts back tomorrow. Look out for all the school buses, kids and be careful. We want to start off the school year with everyone being safe. Please take notice of that.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Comments from Chief Partridge

Chief Bill Partridge thanked the Council for the mobile Operations Center. It came in Friday and it is sitting behind City Hall. I would like for you to check it out before you leave. This really expands our capabilities as a Law Enforcement Agency. A lot more streamlined as far as tactical operations, negotiations and things through this vehicle. It gives our officers a place where they can do things in private. Second, I want to tell you that tonight by you purchasing the armored rescue vehicle you have made our officers safer and the City safer. These vehicles and some of you may not know that these vehicles were used in San Bernardino and stopped the individuals. If they had not had these vehicles they would not have been able to approach the vehicles and would have been shot at with a long gun. It also was used a few weeks ago in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A couple of officers who went down in the shootings, they would have not been able to get to them. Of course one did not make it to be rescued but one was by one of those vehicles and they were able to get them out of a kill zone before they bled out. This vehicle makes our operations a lot safer and makes our SWAT guys a lot safer. Thank you for your forward thinking and thinking outside of the box and making sure that public safety is a priority in our City. Not only do I appreciate it but so does every man and woman who works in that Police Department and Public Safety in general. Not only do we use these vehicles locally if we are called to assist other agencies in our region we are able to deploy this type of equipment and our training to help. I thank each one of you.

Mr. Waits stated when you leave here and would like to see that vehicle it is out the backdoor. Chief I am sure you wouldn't mind if everyone came and saw it.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a public hearing for August 30, 2016 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their August 2, 2016 meeting: Zoning request from Alesia Miller to zone the property located at 120 County Line Road to Residential.

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. Henderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President