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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 10, 2019
TIME: 6:29 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 City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at approximately 6:29 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

David Mayfield, Lakeview Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Xioquoria Lee to lead us in our pledge. Xioquoria is a 4th grader at DeArmanville Elementary School. Her parents are RoShunda Tyus-Allen and Harold Allen. Xioquoria enjoys swimming, reading and playing with her dog. Her favorite subject is Science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Holcomb. When Xioquoria grows up, she wants to be a Teacher.

Xioquoria Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Xioquoria Lee for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked her for being an outstanding student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the November 26th, 2019 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

Council President Spurlin called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Cheryl Murphy, RN, Encompass Health – Home Health and Hospice.

Proclamation – National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

The Oxford Arts Council presented the Christmas Decorating Contest Awards.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 70 E. 6th Street, 110 E. 6th Street, and 1102 Luttrell Street from Residential R-2 District (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 70 E. 6th Street, 110 E. 6th Street, and 1102 Luttrell Street from Residential R-2 District (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 70 E. 6th Street, 110 E. 6th Street, and 1102 Luttrell Street from Residential R-2 District (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 70 E. 6th Street, 110 E. 6th Street, and 1102 Luttrell Street from Residential R-2 District (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC), closed.

Ordinance No. 2019 – 39 – Rezoning property located at 70 E. 6th Street, 110 E. 6th Street and 1102 Luttrell Street from Residential R-2 District to Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-39, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2019-39 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2019 – 40 – Declaring real property surplus and authorizing its sale to Cornerstone Oxford LLC for \$250,000.00.

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Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-40. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-40, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-40. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2019-40 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2019- 134 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Community Enabler in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 135 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Center for Substance Abuse in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 136 – Resolution for an appropriation to Interfaith Ministries in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 137 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 138 – Resolution for an appropriation to the ARC of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019- 139 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Calhoun County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution No. 2019 – 140 – Resolution granting a one time \$50.00 pay raise for City employees in the month of December, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019 – 141 – Resolution to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the fourth Tuesday of December, 2019 and scheduling a Council Meeting for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-134 through 2019-141. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2019-134 through 2019-141, were approved.

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Resolution No. 2019 – 142 – Resolution granting a one time additional holiday on Monday, December 23, 2019.

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2019-142. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2019-142 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Henderson stated they would like to recognize the Oxford High School Football Team and Coaches for winning the State Title. He stated he would like to express his condolences to family of Robert Coffman.

Council Member Hubbard stated that the Christmas Parade would be this Thursday at 6:00 o'clock p.m. in the downtown area.

Mayor Craft stated the Oxford High School band showed great sportsmanship in playing the fight song of Spanish Fort at the championship game for the opposing team. Mayor Craft stated the Magic of Lights at Choccolocco Park was doing very well.

Council President Spurlin stated the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual and asked Ron Allen, City Attorney, to certify said purpose of the Executive Session.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, stated he did certify that the Council was adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Gardner made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and the Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:54 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA

Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
December 10, 2019: Regular Meeting