

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 8, 2015
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: 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

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.

Pastor John White of Meadowbrook Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students in our school system who are excelling in academics and character. This guy also excels in athletics. A lot of you know Andy Hammond. He is a senior at Oxford High School. His parents are Chris and Lynne Hammond. Andy enjoys baseball, hunting, and fishing. At OHS Andy is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Honor Society, Varsity Baseball Team, and is an Oxford High School Ambassador. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Henderson. Upon graduating from Oxford High, Andy wants to be a corporate salesman.

Andy Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Andy. Before you leave I want to tell you I appreciate what kind of young man you have turned out to be. I have watched you grow up and you are just a class act. You've got great parents so you have had a great opportunity. You represent our City well and I appreciate you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the November 24, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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 "Abstain", 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. 2015-23 – Ordinance pertaining to home solicitation.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2015-23 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.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is related to home solicitation. It puts some safe guards in for our citizens. A couple of things it does is limits the times for solicitations between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is also some requirements in there that they should be able to show a permit when they are visiting these homes and some other areas to help provide not only safety but assurances from some of our citizens based on comments that we have received.

Mrs. Hubbard stated one of the big things for our citizens is the fact that they can post a sign and the businesses do have to adhere to 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 unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated the next item we will add.

Resolution No. 2015-126 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Agency for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-126. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated this organization is ran by Seyram Selase, who is a City Councilman in the City of Anniston. They do education to the kids in our school system and they do a great job with that. This money goes to help support that education for our kids.

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. 2015-127 – Resolution authorizing certain Preliminary Matters related to the issuance of Tax-Exempt General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016-A and Taxable General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016-B.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-127. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is the first step for some warrants the City will be looking at and it also sets some standards for the auditing of these bonds.

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 assume the Christmas Parade is still tomorrow. Mrs. Hubbard stated it is Thursday the 10th.

Mr. Spurlin stated they are going to have a showing of Christmas Vacation on the 21st at the Performing Arts Building.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Visitors

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

Loretta Carnes on Red Oak Drive addressed the Council regarding the possible rezoning of property in Weatherly Ridge Subdivision.

Mr. Waits stated let me update you on what is taking place. That was a Planning Meeting that this happened at and has not made its way to the Council yet. It will and a lot of those questions that you are asking, the Council will be asking those questions over the next couple of weeks. Council member Hubbard is on the Planning Committee so she can probably answer some of those questions in details.

Mrs. Hubbard stated just to give you an update on where that article came from because *The Anniston Star* was at our meeting. They came asking for rezoning. They have not asked to build anything but the James Brothers came asking to rezone the ten acres that you are talking about from currently being Garden Homes to Town Houses. That is the question that will be before the

Council. We sent it to Council and the Council will probably be discussing that in January before that happens. I believe the meeting is January 12th.

Mr. Waits stated the reason that is, is because it has to be advertised. I appreciate you taking the time to come and share your thoughts. All five of us will be learning more about this over the next few weeks.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President