OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:	February 10, 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.

Stan Albright of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students who excel not only in academics but in character as well. Tonight we recognize Kristyn Rowe who is here with her mom Shavonne Rowe. Kristyn is a 4th grader at Coldwater Elementary School. Mr. Maniscalco who is her principal is here tonight. She is on the all A Honor Roll and she is also a member of the Girl Scouts. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. McWilliams and when she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian. We are glad you are here tonight Kristyn and congratulations.

Kristyn Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits thanked Kristyn and keep up the good work. Mr. Maniscalco it is great to see you and we appreciate you supporting your kids like you do.

Mr. Waits stated we also would like to congratulate our City Engineer, Rusty Gann and his wife on their new baby girl, Harper James. She is healthy and home with momma and daddy. He can't get any time in because of the baby brother. I understand he wants to hold her all the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the January 27, 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 "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2015-08 – Resolution for change order for the Fire Department in the amount of $10,218.88.

Mr. Waits stated this is a change order for the Bynum Station to address some water issues.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-08. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2015-11 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for sidewalk rehabilitation and Downtown revitalization of Downtown Oxford.

Mr. Waits stated we had a tremendous amount of discussion in the work session regarding this. This is an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for engineering services for the sidewalk rehabilitation and the Downtown revitalization for doing some light poles and street scape and other things like that. After some questions we have decided to postpone this until the next meeting.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2015-11 until the next meeting. 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 "Abstain", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-12 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Northeast Alabama Entrepreneurial Center in the amount of $10,000.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is to assist with the development of new business not currently located in a commercial facility.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-12. 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. 2015-13 – Resolution for an appropriation to Rainbow Omega in the amount of $10,000.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is to assist the mentally disabled citizens with twenty four hour care and vocational opportunities.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-13. 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.

Resolution No. 2015-14 – Resolution for an appropriation to Community Enabler in the amount of $5,000.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is to provide low income citizens of Oxford with food, clothing, utilities, school supplies, Christmas assistance and financial aid at no cost to the citizens and also to provide advocacy services and other services needed by disadvantages.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2015-14. 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. 2015-15 – Resolution for an appropriation to Interfaith Ministries in the amount of $15,000.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is to provide emergency assistance to Oxford residences in significant need of prescription assistance, rent, utilities, dental care, transportation, identification and other miscellaneous services and to provide emergency food and shelter to the homeless and displaced persons delivered by the Oxford Police Department.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-15. 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.

Resolution No. 2015-16 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Northeast Alabama Bicycle Association in the amount of $1,000.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is for sponsorship of the Cheaha Challenge Bike Ride which is the largest bike ride in Alabama. This is a local event for residents and businesses to highlight our community and local involvement encouraged even though almost 88 percent of riders come

from outside our area therefore patronizing the Cities hotels, restaurants and other businesses providing an economic impact to the City of Oxford.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-16. 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. There were none.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to do something a little special tonight. It is good to see all of our firefighters here tonight and I know you are here supporting your Chief Gary Sparks. So, Chief if you will come up to the front. I would like to recognize the Chief's wife Monica and their son Robert are here tonight. Many of you probably don't know that this past week the Chief was voted on by his peers as the Alabama Chief of the Year. It is a huge honor not only for the Chief but is a huge honor for the Fire Department and the City as a whole. So, tonight I would like to present you a proclamation from Mayor Smith.

Chief Sparks thanked everyone. As I was sitting at the Chief's Conference at the head table and they got up to make the announcement they said let me read an excerpt of a letter from this Chief's Council President. They start reading about this Chief and I said this is a pretty good guy. I said I wonder which one it is and then they called my name out. It was a very, very humbling experience. I did tell them that my Council President lies but thank you. If it wasn't for the Council that is here and the previous Councils and I know Greg Thrower was on the Council when I was hired and those people providing us the funds, the support that we need to get to the point of where we are today. In that you said we have 25 full time firemen and it wasn't too long ago that we had zero. This is a tribute to the Mayor and Council for what they have provided to the citizens and these guys in the back are what make me the Chief I am because without them as you can tell I am an old fat man. I am not going to fight a whole lot of fire but those guys back there do the job every day and put their life on the line every day and they make me what I am. Thank you for this, you didn't have to do this but I appreciate it.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to take the opportunity while all the firefighters are here to say that I appreciate you because you do put your lives on the line every day and the Chief has assembled an exceptional team. Speaking for the Council and Mr. Thrower we have a tremendous amount of confidence in you Chief and obviously the State does as well. So it is a big honor not just for you and these firefighters but for the City as a whole to have you represent us. So thank you for your efforts and thank you guys for being here supporting him.

Visitors

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

Mr. Bill Bunn of 2017 Cheatwood Drive stated I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council, Finance Office, Mayor and all of those who worked on these appropriations for these organizations show each of your concerns for the resident's welfare. Thank you very much. I would also like to thank Chief Bill Partridge for getting the drug disposal container at City Hall. I had asked about that earlier and he kept working on it. It saves people from throwing the drugs away or flushing them down the toilet. Thank you.

Mr. Waits thanked Mr. Bunn for volunteering.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President