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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 11, 2020
TIME: 6:34 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

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, February 11, 2020, at approximately 6:34 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Tommy Screws, Calvary Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Tide Gann to lead us in our pledge. Tide is an 8th grader at Oxford Middle School. His parents are Rusty and Christy Gann. Tide enjoys baseball, hunting and fishing. At school, he is a member of the Leadership Council, Junior United Nations Assembly (JUNA), and the National Junior Honor Society. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Galloway. When Tide graduates, he wants to be a Civil Engineer.

Tide Gann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Tide Gann for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked him 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 January 28th, 2020 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

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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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits; abstentions: Council Member Gardner. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3), declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3).

Kent Mattox addressed the Council in favor of said rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3). He stated they would have a women's home for recovery of those coming out of abuse cases and the sex trade. He stated they would also have homes for Bible students.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3).

No else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from Word Alive International Outreach to rezone property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from H & H Property Rentals to rezone property located at 804 Hale Street from Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from H & H Property Rentals to rezone property located at 804 Hale Street from Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC).

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No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said rezoning request from H & H Property Rentals to rezone property located at 804 Hale Street from Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a rezoning request from H & H Property Rentals to rezone property located at 804 Hale Street from Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider the request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street.

Bert Boykin, RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., addressed the Council in favor of said request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street. He stated Berry Street split the properties of RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC and that RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., was under contract to purchase the property of Jay Mahraj, LLC. He stated that RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., planned to demolish the two current buildings and open a new gas station and convenience store. He stated there would not be overnight parking for trucks at this site. He provided the Council with a preliminary site plan.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street.

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider the request from RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., and Jay Mahraj, LLC to vacate Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street, closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation notice sent to Bobby Knox for a structure located at 3093 U. S. Highway 78 W. to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council concerning said condemnation notice sent to Bobby Knox for a structure located at 3093 U. S. Highway 78 W. to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

No one addressed the Council concerning said condemnation notice sent to Bobby Knox for a structure located at 3093 U. S. Highway 78 W. to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

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Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation notice sent to Bobby Knox for a structure located at 3093 U. S. Highway 78 W. to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned, closed.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 02 – Rezoning property located at 167, 154, 313, 122, 250, 229 and 322 Allendale Road and 259, 265, 267, and 275 Coldwater Road from Residential (R-1) to Residential (R-3).

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-02. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-02, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-02. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-02 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 03 – Rezoning property located at 804 Hale Street from Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC).

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-03. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-03, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-03. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-03 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 04 – Designating certain portions of Choccolocco Street and Snow Street as one-way streets.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-04. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

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Council President Spurlin stated that Section 3 of this ordinance had been changed to: These portions of Choccolocco Street and Snow Street shall have marked bicycle pathways.

Council President Spurlin stated that the one way streets would hopefully make downtown safer and more business friendly.

Council Member Hubbard stated that Hunter Gentry, Main Street Director, had communicated with the downtown businesses about the changes to these streets and the traffic patterns. She stated the one way streets would create an additional 130 parking spaces downtown.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-04, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-04. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-04 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 05 – Designating maximum speed limits on portions of Bynum Boulevard.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-05. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-05, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-05. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-05 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 06 – Declaring real property located at 1710 Alabama Highway 21 as surplus.

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-06. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-06, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-06. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and

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Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2020-06 was approved.

Resolution No. 2020- 08 – Resolution vacating a portion of Berry Street between Elm Street and Grace Street.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Resolution Number 2020-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Resolution Number 2020-08, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2020-08 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2020 – 09 – Resolution condemning the structure located at 3093 U. S. Highway 78 W.

Resolution No. 2020- 10 – Resolution appointing a member to the Keep Oxford Beautiful Board.

Resolution No. 2020- 11 – Resolution declaring certain vehicles/equipment surplus and authorizing their sale.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-09 through 2020-11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-09 through 2020-11, were approved.

Council Member Hubbard thanked Sandra Pennington for agreeing to serve on the Keep Oxford Beautiful Board. She stated everyone was invited to their kickoff meeting on March 3rd and they would be working on their litter survey. She stated they would also be working with the schools. She stated they could also use more volunteers.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:59 o'clock p.m.

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APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA

Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
February 11, 2020: Regular Meeting