OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:	February 24, 2015
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. Chris Spurlin, Council Member
ABSENT:	Mayor Leon Smith Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

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.

Mr. Henderson asked Mr. Hethcox to pray for Mr. Spurlin who is having some health concerns and also Ms. Henson's daughter who is having some health issues.

Greg Hethcox of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students from our school system who excel in character and academics. Tonight we are recognizing Victoria Perry. Victoria is a 6th grader at C.E. Hanna Elementary School. Her parents are Christy McWilliams and Jason Martin. Victoria enjoys softball and singing. At school Victoria is involved in Student Council as the Vice President. Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Garvey. When Victoria grows up she wants to attend Auburn University and become an engineer. She would like to thank the Oxford City Schools Board of Education for inviting her to be here to tonight.

Mr. Waits stated congratulations on everything that you do.

Victoria Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated great job Victoria. She is well spoken. Mr. Henderson stated he would like to know if she sings while she plays softball.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Gardner is absent due to working out of the State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 10, 2015 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

Mr. Waits stated we have elected to close City Hall tomorrow and open late on Thursday due to the weather. I know Chief Partridge has been involved with our readiness with our City. Chief Partridge would you please give the Council an update.

Mr. Spurlin stated the Oxford Civic Center will be open as a warming station.

OLD 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 this is something we discussed at our last meeting and we are waiting on some final numbers from the engineers. They have relayed back to us that they should have that by our next meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Recognizing the Oxford Wrestling Team for their 3rd place finish in State Competition and for two State Champion wrestlers.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Mr. Henderson for comments.

Mr. Henderson stated it is an honor and privilege for me to get to do this. We are always proud to recognize the achievements of our young folks whether it be in academics or athletics or whatever program it may be. We have the opportunity tonight to recognize a group of young men for what they accomplished in the last few months. We have members of the Oxford High School Wrestling team here but I am not sure if we have all of them here. We have Coach Tanner here and we appreciate them here. They won the County Tournament, Sectional Tournament and finished third in the State. We have two State Champions in their weight class. That is tremendous and great job. I would like to recognize Coach Tanner for a few comments about this team and this season.

Coach Tanner stated thank you to the City of Oxford for recognizing us and the accomplishments of these young men. We always take pride in the way we represent our school, our family and our City. Matt King State Champ at 138 had surgery on Friday due to a knee injury. The past two years he was the runner up and this year as a 9th grader he is a State Champ. Hunter Lee as a 10th grader was a State Champ as well but last year he was a runner up. This year as a Senior he has another State Championship. We are proud of him. Wesley Slick is an 8th grader, Jacob Shake is a Senior, Clay Webb obviously he is our heavy weight and he is in the 8th grade so big things are expected of him. Spence Pearson is going to be one of our Seniors next year and a lot of good things to come from him. We have a couple of other guys who are playing other sports and a few who are under the weather. I am proud of them for being Sectional Champs.

Mr. Henderson stated Coach Tanner we appreciate you being here, guys we appreciate you being here and representing our City in a way that makes our community proud. For the parents who are here we thank you for being here tonight and supporting these guys. To the Seniors we wish you good luck in whatever future endeavors you have. For those who are coming back we look forward to you being back here next year and us getting to recognize you again. I told Coach Tanner back in the day I was actually a wrestler believe it or not. I wasn't very good but I was on the team any way. It takes a lot of out you to be a wrestler and I know it is tough. It is a one on one sport. We appreciate you being here and good job for what you did this year.

Mr. Waits stated congratulations and great job. Coach thanks for your leadership.

Resolution No. 2015-17 – Resolution for the approval of condemnation fees in the amount of $6,165.00 for 1419 Beck Road.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-17. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits asked if there was any one here to speak for or against this and if so please come forward. I would also like to recognize Mike Roberts, Building Inspector for comments.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-18 – Resolution for the approval of an indoor shooting gallery.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we had a great review of this in the work session from Philip Booke. Mr. Booke is the owner of the building and is putting in, how many lanes Philip. It will be one of the largest shooting ranges/archery ranges in the country not just in Alabama. This will be located on Highway 78 across from the old Hager Hinge building. We are looking forward to it. He has put together a really good plan and we are excited to see it take shape.

Mrs. Hubbard stated that is the most excited the wrestlers have looked since they came in. Thank you Philip for doing that. That is going to be a real draw for our community.

Mr. Henderson stated it fits into our sports tourism theme we have going. The sports complex, this facility and we had Deanne here last week talking maybe bmx biking. We could be known as the southeast premiere sports communities.

Mr. Waits stated Philip I know you have put a tremendous amount of work into this and it has been a long process. Thanks for all of your work.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-19 – Approval of $3,400.00 to Taylor Corporation for pipe installation at the League of Our Own Field.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2015-19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we are getting close with the League of Our Own Field. In case you don't know this is a handicap field with a special surface that they are able to be more mobile on. The opening will be on March 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. This is a Sunday afternoon and they are going to have a lot of things out there for the kids. We are looking forward to that. This is going to help us get there with the installation of pipe.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change the March 10, 2015 meeting to March 12, 2015.

Mr. Waits stated that some of the Council members will be in Washington, D. C. for the National League of Cities Conference and we wanted to move the meeting so everyone can be here.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to change to next Council meeting to March 12, 2015. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated we will be adding three items to the agenda.

Resolution No. 2015-20 – Contract with Joel Spurlin for installation of a brick wall at the League of Our Own Field in the amount of $4,999.00.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-20. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this is a brick wall for all the donors that have donated money to the League of Our Own Field to have the brick pavers like they have at Oxford High School. We are trying to get this done before the opening of the field so we can recognize those who have donated.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Abstain", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-21 – Change order for the League of Our Own Field.

Mr. Waits stated this is a $934.00 credit where some items didn't have to be done therefore crediting it back.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-21. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-22 – Change order for the Fire Training Tower.

Mr. Waits stated this is also a credit of $547.12 for the Fire Training Tower.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-22. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to invite everyone if they haven't already been to the Oxford Performing Arts Center Art Gallery. We have a new display celebrating 155 years of history of our City. It opens Saturday and it is really a great exhibit. It is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and if there is an event in there like there will be Saturday night it will be open during that event as well. They have done an excellent job and it is very professional. A lot of great research, very well displayed and some unique items. I know you will enjoy it if you will take a few minutes to visit at the Martin Lett Gallery of Art which is to the left when you walk in. Jerry Marks also did another one of his beautiful paintings in commemoration of this exhibit. He did a painting of the Performing Arts Center when it was a school.

Mr. Waits stated I saw the first lettermen's jacket, a prom dress from back then. Chief they must have gotten some things from you from the old jail where they used to book people in and what

their charges were. It was kind of interesting to see what people were charged with when they were booked in 1800.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Visitors

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

Adam Morris of 2235 Coldwater Road stated he just wanted to thank the Council for the follow up on the public nuisance request that I made about two weeks ago. This is regarding the property across the street from Coldwater Elementary School. The abandoned day care building looks to be structural unsound. I have found out myself that it is not locked and I am concerned with the kids getting in there and getting harmed. I just wanted to follow up and I guess it is good timing with the Building Inspector here tonight to see what the status of that public nuisance request is.

Mike Roberts stated the property taxes are being paid and the owner has no concern. Mr. Roberts stated the owner doesn't care and I will start the procedure for condemning it.

Mr. Waits stated we need to get after this and do whatever it takes. There is a legal process that we have to comply with so many days but we can definitely initiate this. It is a hazard right across the street from a school. Regardless we will make sure it is taken care of. We appreciate you bringing this up.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President