

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 28, 2017
TIME: 6:30 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 meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Spurlin and Shirley Henson, City Clerk of the City, served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Trey Pilkington of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin stated we have Yaretzi Blancas. She is a 4th grader at DeArmanville Elementary School. Her parents are Alfredo Blancas and Alma Paredes. Yaretzi enjoys playing, drawing, dancing, and singing. At school she is a member of the Safety Patrol and the “Top Dog Club” (award given for attendance, no tardies, etc.). Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Harris. When Yaretzi grows up she wants to be a Doctor.

Mr. Spurlin stated we are proud of her. The teachers recognize an outstanding student and nominate them to come lead us in our Pledge of Allegiance. We thank you for your leadership in your school and we thank you and your family for being here. Mrs. Copeland thank you for being here and supporting your students.

Yaretzi Blancas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you very much and thank you for being here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin 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. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 17, 2017 Special Called meeting. Mrs. Hubbard made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin 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. Waits "Abstain", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Spurlin called for any old business; there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2017-17 – Resolution re-appointing Patrick Miller to the Oxford EMS Board for a four year term expiring February 9, 2021.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-17. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mr. Miller is currently serving on this board and does a good job. He wishes to continue to serve and we appreciate that. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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

Resolution No. 2017-18 – Resolution re-appointing Bill Williams to the RMC Board for a five year term expiring May 31, 2022.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mr. Williams has done a good job on this board and wants to serve our City again for five more years.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

Resolution No. 2017-19 – Resolution re-appointing Keith McCullough to the Commercial Development Authority for a four year term expiring March 15, 2021.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mr. McCullough has served for a couple of terms now and has done a good job. He would like to serve again. We appreciate the willingness of our citizens to help our City.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Resolution No. 2017-20 – Establishing a uniform price for the sale of cemetery spaces at Oxford Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Spurlin stated we are doing this to clarify some wording on a resolution from 1991 as it was worded \$600.00 per lot. Now that we have resurveyed we have some lots that have double spaces. So we are clarifying that it is \$600.00 per space instead of per lot.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-20. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

Resolution No. 2017-21 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Cheaha Challenge Bicycle Race in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-21. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

Resolution No. 2017-22 – Resolution re-appointing Linda Rinehart to the Library Board for a three year term expiring October 27, 2019.

Mr. Spurlin stated I believe this is Mrs. Rinehart’s second term if I am not mistaken. She is doing a good job on the Library Board and wants to continue to serve. We appreciate her willingness to support our City.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-22. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Resolution No. 2017-23 – Resolution petitioning the Board of Directors of the Second Medical Clinic Board of the City of Oxford to issue a Certificate of Dissolution.

Mr. Spurlin stated we have some boards that were created for a specific purpose. That purpose has been served and these boards are no longer meeting. We have asked our attorney to look

through these boards and those that need to be dissolved we are trying to clean up for people to have opportunities to serve.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

Resolution No. 2017-24 – Resolution dissolving the Municipal Improvement District Board.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-24. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

Resolution No. 2017-25 – Resolution petitioning the Board of Directors of the Public Park and Recreation Board of the City of Oxford to issue a Certificate of Dissolution.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-25. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

Mr. Spurlin stated the next item we would like to add to the agenda.

Resolution No. 2017-26 – Resolution authorizing payment to Grizzard Land Surveying, Inc. for \$350.00 for a survey for Briarwood Avenue.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-26. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Mr. Spurlin stated the next item we would like to add to the agenda.

Resolution No. 2017-27 – Resolution declaring items as surplus property for the Engineering Department.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-26. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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

Mr. Spurlin stated that the next scheduled Council meeting is scheduled for March 14th and we have three Council members who will be out of town on that date. We need to move the March 14th meeting to March 16th.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to move the Council meeting scheduled for March 14, 2017 to March 16, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated congratulations to our wrestling team. They won the dual meet and for the first time they won the 6A State Wrestling Championship. Thanks to all the coaches and wrestlers for the time they put in and to their families. Congratulations to them.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin asked Mayor Craft if he had any comments. Mayor Craft stated he has no comments.

Mr. Spurlin stated we need to set a public hearing for March 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a condemnation at 219 McKibbon Street.

Visitors

Mr. Spurlin called for any comments or questions from anyone present. There were none.

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

Chris Spurlin, Council President