

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 9, 2016  
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  
Mr. Phil Gardner, 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.

Kevin Mitchell of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students who are excelling in academics and character. Tonight we recognize Miss Shyanne McComb. Shyanne is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Coldwater Elementary School. Her parents are Shawn and Jennifer McComb. Shyanne enjoys barrel racing, reading, and playing with her cat. At school Shyanne is involved with the robotics team and they are currently working on a project for the Spring Tech Fair at Jacksonville State University. Her favorite subject is math and she could not pick a favorite teacher because she says all of them are her favorite. Mr. Waits stated that is very smart. When Shyanne grows up she wants to be a professional barrel racer. Shyanne excels academically and has achieved Gold Status at Coldwater. Gold Status is part of the Jacket Pride Program that recognizes students that have shown great Academic, Attitude (behavior), and Attendance performance. Shyanne has all A's, great conduct, and no unexcused absences. Congratulations Shyanne. That is a lot to be proud of and we are proud of you.

Shyanne McComb led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Waits stated congratulation Shyanne. Mr. and Mrs. McComb it is great to see you again and thank you for being here.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the January 26, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance No. 2016-09 – Ordinance annexing the property of Randy Fry of 800 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, containing 1.10 acres, more or less.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-09 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. 2016-09. 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.

## **Public Hearing**

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the request of Randy Fry to zone the property located at 800 McIntosh Road to AG-1 (Agriculture). Mr. Waits declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Waits asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against this.

Mr. Waits declared the public hearing closed.

### **Ordinance No. 2016-10 – Ordinance to zone the property located at 800 McIntosh Road to Agriculture (AG-1).**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-10 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-10. 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.

**Ordinance No. 2016-11 – Ordinance altering the speed limit of Public Roadways known as Anna Brook Lane and Lazy Brook Lane.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-11 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. Spurlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-11. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Spurlin stated several residents in that area have expressed concerns about the speed limit being 15 mph. It is really slow for traffic to try to obey the law. So they have requested that we raise the speed limit from 15 mph to 25 mph which matches the neighborhoods there beside it.

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.

**Ordinance No. 2016-12 – Ordinance requiring an application for permit to engage in construction activity within the right of way in the City of Oxford, Alabama.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-12 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. 2016-12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we spoke with Todd Gauntt our Public Works Assistant who works with our City Engineer Rusty Gann on this. They have put a permit process in place for anyone who works on our City right of ways.

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.

**Ordinance No. 2016-13 – Ordinance allow for a home occupation license.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-13 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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 “Nay”. The motion failed.

Mr. Waits stated without unanimous consent this motion failed and will automatically appear on the next agenda.

**Resolution No. 2016-17 – Resolution for the approval of a wrecker service application by Wesley’s Paint and Body Shop.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-17. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we have an application process in the City that requires applications to meet a few standards before you can have your application processed and this has gone through 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.

**Resolution No. 2016-18 – Resolution awarding the bid for three Ford F-150’s for the Oxford City Garage.**

Mr. Waits stated the lowest bidder was Sunny King Ford.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-18. 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. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2016-19 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement between the City of Oxford and Joe Bennett.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-19. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Bennett has been gracious enough to lease us a piece of land that has been used for cross country track meets with the Ohio Valley Conference with Jacksonville State University. The Calhoun County tournament has been out there and has hosted a lot of people. We appreciate him allowing us to do this. It has brought a lot of people to our City and listening to the coaches, especially from the Ohio Valley Conference who are bringing people in from all over the Southeast and all the way from Illinois, all the coaches are going on and on about the path and they want to come to Oxford and have voted to come to Oxford several times. It's a long distance for a lot of people but they continue to choose our City and we appreciate that. We appreciate you working with us on that.

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. 2016-20 – Approval of demolition of structure at 990 Bynum Cutoff Road in the amount of \$4,596.46.**

Mr. Waits stated this was done by the City and this authorizes a lien to be placed on that property.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-20. 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.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Mrs. Hubbard for an item that we do not have on the agenda tonight.

**Resolution No. 2016-21 – Resolution awarding the bid for a Special Operations Building at the Oxford Police Department.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-21 awarding the bid in the amount of \$1,392,954.00 to Hurst Construction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. Mr. Waits recognized Police Chief Bill Partridge for any comments.

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 there are a couple of things I would like to share. If you have a business or know anyone who has a business the City has a few of these signs which is similar to a disability

parking place sign. Mike Roberts has them in the Building Inspectors office. These signs are free. If you have a business you can mark off an area for the Wounded Warriors to park their vehicle. The City is making these available free for right now. It provides a good service and we want to honor our veterans any way we can. We will be putting these up at the City facilities.

Mr. Henderson stated I hope everyone received the magazine in the mail. Emil Loeken is responsible for the magazine and he did a great job. You will receive these quarterly. It will have a lot of good articles. Thanks Emil for doing this. This and the website will provide the means for you to keep up with anything going on in the City. We want to get information out about our City, want you to know what is going on in the City and we are proud of our City. We want people to know what is going on. Emil is also working on some brochures to put in the rest stops. We are trying to promote the good things about our City. This will come out quarterly and spread the good word about Oxford. Thanks Emil.

Mrs. Hubbard stated we had a report from Cal Munroe, the architect who is working on establishing Liberty Park at the Civic Center. It will be a memorial to fallen Police Officers and Fire Fighters along with our veterans. There will also be a place for prominent citizens to be remembered. We hope to have this up and going on Memorial Day. Mr. Munroe has given us a rendering that I will put on the table if you would like to see it. We are very excited about this. We will be moving the plaques and other things that are in the current Veteran's Park which is currently between Snow Street and Choccolocco Street. Our first look at the park will be on Memorial Day.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

### **Visitors**

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

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President