

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 24, 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.

Tommy Screws of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mr. Spurlin stated I really appreciate our churches praying for our wisdom and the answers that we seek. I appreciate your interest in being here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin stated tonight we have Mr. Ethan Hulsey who is a 4th grader at Coldwater Elementary School. His parents are Glen and Stephanie Hulsey. He enjoys playing basketball, baseball and football. At school Ethan is involved in Jacket Singations, Robotics and Safety Patrol. When Ethan grows up he wants to be a professional football player or a mechanic. Ethan that is certainly ambitious and we are proud of you for being the example that you are. We appreciate you being here tonight.

Ethan Hulsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thank you Ethan and we appreciate you being here tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2017-05 – Ordinance for illicit discharge detection and elimination for the stormwater system.

Mr. Spurlin called for a motion to suspend the rules for unanimous consent. There was no motion. This Ordinance will carry over and be put on the agenda for the February 14th meeting.

Resolution No. 2017-03 – Resolution awarding the bid for four heavy duty chassis with dump body and third axle in the amount of \$575,788.00.

Mr. Spurlin stated this is for our Engineering Department. So they can continue to improve our streets and infrastructure. They were needing this equipment to help their department.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-03. 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. 2017-04 – Resolution awarding the bid for a heavy duty low boy tractor in the amount of \$104,499.00.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04. 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. 2017-05 – Resolution awarding the bid for a 2016 Ford F-250 SD Regular Cab truck in the amount of \$28,415.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-05. 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. 2017-06 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for preliminary environmental and geotechnical work for the bridge widening project on Leon Smith Parkway.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-06. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Spurlin stated we have Keith Strickland and Findley Frazer with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood here tonight. They presented to us the scope of work and this is the first stage for us to be able to widen the bridge to make a five lane road. This is going from the area where Publix is to the sports complex.

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 thanked Mr. Strickland and Mr. Frazer for being here. We appreciate the work you are doing.

Resolution No. 2017-07 - Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$12,000.00 for a fire alarm system for the new Public Works Building.

Mr. Spurlin stated the Alabama Code does not require a fire alarm system. It was an oversight and not put in the original plans. All the safety procedures, smoke alarms, etc. was put in the building but we don't have an alarm system. If there was an after hour's fire it would notify the correct agency. This fire alarm system is to make sure that we would be covered with anything after hours.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-07. 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 is not on the agenda and therefore I would like to recognize Mr. Henderson.

Resolution No. 2017-08 – Resolution retaining the services of James T. Johnson Construction Company to demolish the structure located at 257 Apple Blossom Way in the amount of \$1,800.00.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-08. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

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 I would like to congratulate our basketball team for winning the County Championship.

Mr. Spurlin stated I heard tonight that our wrestling team qualified in the top two. Congratulations to both of those teams.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin asked Mayor Craft if he had any comments.

Visitors

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

Dr. C. O. Grinstead addressed the Council regarding Sunday Alcohol Sales. I was called by Dr. Joe Godfrey with ALCAP that works with our legislators any time they are in session and he told me that there was an interest in Sunday Alcohol Sales in Talladega County, Talladega City, Lincoln and Oxford. Last night I was asked to come and pray at the Talladega City Council meeting and I spoke the same type of words to them. They reassured me that this would not happen in the City of Talladega. I found a study that was done for towns in Virginia which is about the same size. They found that when they did Sunday Alcohol Sales their overall crime rate went up 5 percent for low crimes and 10 percent for violent crime. Mr. Chairman I would like to leave this study with you for your records. I am very opposed to that because as a Pastor we have to deal with all kinds of people involved with alcohol. Last week I had two of them that both happened on Sunday where they purchased their alcohol from an adjoining City that has Sunday Alcohol Sales and I encouraged the families to have the adult sons arrested and put in jail. They were arrested. When he was arrested they were twice the legal limit on alcohol. The father very wisely called the police, described the son, the car and had him arrested. I see no good coming out of the Sunday Alcohol Sales. There may be some people that feel that we should put it before a vote of the people. Let me tell you the problem with that is the alcohol industry will put thousands of dollars into promoting Sunday Alcohol Sales and who is it that will put money into opposing this. It is the churches. Where do we get the money to do this? We have to take money from our youth department, Senior Citizens functions, Sunday school literature because we do not have the money to fight this issue however, we will do whatever is necessary to fight this issue.

If the Council would like for me to bring many people in here to show opposition in the right way I will be glad to do that. We could literally have several hundred people to come here to voice their opposition. Alcohol will never bring more people into the restaurants because every restaurant that I go to on Sunday's I have to wait for a table to be served. Thank you for your attention, kindness in listening and I am asking you to not have Sunday Alcohol Sales.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Dr. Grinstead. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts, being here tonight, I appreciate the resources and study. I have given it to Ms. Henson so she can make copies and get it to us.

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