

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 27, 2015
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Chris Spurlin, 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.

Jerry Patterson of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated as many of you know we like to recognize students in our school system who are excelling not only in academics but also character. For that Landon was chosen to be here by the school system. Landon Macoy is an 8th grader at Oxford Middle School. His parents are Kyle and Jana Macoy. Landon enjoys sports, hunting and camping. At school Landon is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Students. He plays on the football team, soccer team and tennis team. His favorite subject is English and his favorite teachers are Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Loeken. When Landon grows up he wants to be an athletic trainer.

Mr. Waits stated congratulation Landon and keep up the great work. You are making us all proud.

Landon Macoy led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Waits stated keep up the good work Landon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the January 13, 2015 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. 2015-02 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$12,905,000.00 Revenue Bonds (City of Oxford) Series 2015-A.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2015-02 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 “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-02. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Andy Waid with Frazier Lanier for comments. We would also like to recognize Jodie Smith our attorney with Maynard, Cooper and Gale and we want to thank you for all of your work. Jodie has been a friend of the City on a lot of the projects including the sports complex. Thank you for your work Jodie and everything you have done. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Waid for comments.

Mr. Waid stated what we are doing this evening is the result of refinancing the 2006 debt. This will save the City \$1.34 million and reduce the debt for the Public Building Authority in the amount of \$160,000.00 per year for the life of the issue.

Mr. Waits thanked Mr. Waid. I would also like to recognize Jack Mize, Terry Parker and Susan Miller, members of the Public Building Authority. We appreciate the work you have done with this and for being a part of this important group. I have to say at the last Council meeting the first act that we were able to take was the refunding of another issue that saved us around \$850,000.00. Between the two I think you said our actual savings would be \$3.6 million. That is outstanding and thank you Mr. Waid for your work.

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. 2015-05 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for a traffic operations study on Leon Smith Parkway at the Interstate 20 Interchange.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits recognized Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for comments.

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. 2015-06 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for the addition of turn lanes on Leon Smith Parkway and the realignment of Boiling Springs Road to serve the new Oxford Recreational Park.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-06. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits recognized Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. for comments. Mr. Waits thanked Mr. Strickland for his work.

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. 2015-07 – Resolution for approval to enter into a co-op agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-07. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this is an agreement on purchasing cooperative. Rusty Gann, City Engineer has been working on this.

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. 2015-08 – Resolution for change order for the Fire Department.

Mr. Waits stated we heard in the work session from Fire Chief Gary Sparks that there are some questions regarding the dollar figures. I ask for a motion to rescind this and place it on our next meeting agenda.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2015-08. 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. 2015-09 – Resolution for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments to attend a class by the University of North Alabama.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-09. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this is an agreement with the University of North Alabama. They will be coming and giving a presentation for our Zoning Board of Adjustments and Planning Board on proper procedures.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to thank Mike Roberts, Building Inspector for his work on this. He has been trying to get some training going for the Planning Board and now that we have our Zoning Board of Adjustments thanks to recent Council appointments. This is going to be great and both of those entities will now have a specific purpose and we will be able to look at planning and zoning within our City while the other group takes on another piece of the pie. I am very excited about having this other group. We do have Greg Thrower here tonight, who is one of our new members. Thank you Greg.

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. 2015-10 – Approval of a lien on a house on Beck Road in the amount of \$6,165.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-10. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Spurlin stated the work has already been done. This is to place a lien on the property.

Mr. Henderson asked what will happen with this. Will it just stay there? Mike Roberts, Building Inspector stated the lien is filed with the Probate Judge. The lien will stay there until the property is sold.

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. There were none.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Visitors

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

Thomas Moates of 308 Hale Street addressed the Council with a cat problem. Mr. Moates stated that the cats are getting on top of cars and he wanted to know what they can do legally about it.

Mr. Waits asked if the Animal Control officer has been out to discuss this with him. Mr. Moates stated no. Mr. Waits stated I would give the Animal Control officer a call and start the process from there. If you don't mind staying a few minutes after the meeting I will get your name and number and get them to give you a call.

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

Steven Waits, Council President