

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: July 25, 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.

David Harmon of Meadowbrook Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the July 11, 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. Henderson “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Abstain” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2017-85 – Resolution declaring items as surplus property for the City Garage.

Mr. Spurlin stated most of the items on the list are cell phones that have been upgraded and two older vehicles.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-85. 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. Henderson “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-86 – Resolution appointing Ronnie Higginbotham to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring January 13, 2020.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-86. 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. Henderson “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-87 – Resolution awarding the bid for the Downtown Renovation Project.

Mr. Spurlin stated this will be awarded to Hale Building.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-87. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. is here. Some people were concerned with the project interfering with Oxfordfest. Construction will be put off until after Oxfordfest.

Mr. Spurlin stated we have asked the engineers to hold off as it is such a late date to wait until the middle of October to start the project so it doesn’t interfere with the 30th anniversary of Oxfordfest.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Abstain”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin called for Council Comments.

Mr. Spurlin stated we would like to mention at this time that we lost a very fine officer within our Police Department. He passed away this past weekend and the funeral will be tomorrow. I would ask that you keep our Police Department and the Palmer family, Captain Steve Palmer passed away so please remember 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 August 8, 2017 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their July 10, 2017 meeting:

- A.) Zoning request from Jerome Watts to zone the property located at 365 and 643 H J Bentley Parkway to Residential.
- B.) Re-zoning request from Benton-Norby LLC to re-zone the property located at 41, 67, 81, 90, 100 and 110 Larry Gardner Drive from General Manufacturing to General Business.

Mr. Spurlin stated we need to set a Public Hearing for August 8, 2017 for a condemnation at 261 Reaves Drive and 125 Teague 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. Waits made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President