

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: July 28, 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

ABSENT: Mayor Leon Smith
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member

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.

Kyle Macoy of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Spurlin is absent.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Macoy is a Captain with the Fire Department and he also serves on the EMS Board. I should have mentioned it before you prayed tonight our City Attorney Ron Allen is not with us tonight and Stan Allen who is our Municipal Judge their father passed away.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yes". The motion carried.

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the July 20, 2015 special called 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 "Abstain", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yes". The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Joan Sanders presenting the 2014 Financial Statement and Auditor's Report.

Mr. Waits recognized Joan Sanders.

Ms. Sanders presented the 2014 Financial Statement and Auditor's Report.

Mr. Waits asked if there were any questions or comments for Ms. Sanders.

Resolution No. 2015-75 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase property from J. Britt Middlebrook.

Mr. Waits stated this is in the amount of \$25,588.93.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-75. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is actually a piece that was partly on the Cider Ridge Golf Course that we are going to be purchasing from Mr. Middlebrook.

Mr. Henderson stated he would be abstaining due to a business relationship at Farmer's and Merchants Bank with Mr. Middlebrook.

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

Resolution No. 2015-76 – Resolution amending the current year budget to hire two additional police officers.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-76. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated this is related to the Ordinance we passed two weeks ago providing security at Oxford Lake at night.

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

Resolution No. 2015-77 – Resolution authorizing Council President Steven Waits to submit a formal request to the Alabama Department of Transportation proposing that any additional cost concerning the ATRIP project be equally shared between the City and the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Mr. Waits stated this is a cost sharing request we are providing the State for additional costs for the ATRIP project on Leon Smith Parkway that would include the interstate bridge.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-77. 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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-78 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Munroe + Jenkins Architects for modifications and improvements to the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-78. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated the Council received a presentation from Cal Munroe and John Longshore who have been looking at this for several weeks now. It is renovations to the center to add some ladies restrooms, open up the ticket area and move some offices upstairs. The estimate for this is around \$200,000.00.

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

Mr. Waits stated John we appreciate you, Mrs. Batey and your whole team, everyone at the Arts Center.

Resolution No. 2015-79 – Resolution authorizing the City Finance Director to reimburse conference expenses to Ron Allen, City Attorney.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-79. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this will allow our City Attorney to attend a Law Conference that they have annually.

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

Resolution No. 2015-80 – Resolution amending the current year budget to hire a Public Works Assistant.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-80. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we are adding some additional help to work with our City Engineer on our roads and street projects.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated I would like to congratulate Council President Waits on being selected as the Elected Official of the Year by the readers of *The Anniston Star*. Mayor Smith was second in that ranking. Congratulations for that honor.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for August 11, 2015 to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their July 7, 2015 meeting:

- A.) Zoning request from Brett and Deidra Williams to zone the property located at 2080 Peaceful Valley Road to Agriculture.
- B.) Zoning request from McIntosh LLC to zone the property located off Reaves Drive to Planned Residential 2.
- C.) Re-zoning request from McIntosh LLC to re-zone the property located off Reaves Drive from Agriculture to Planned Residential 2.
- D.) Re-zoning request from Jonathan Pitts to re-zone the property located at 74 Pitts Drive from General Business to Residential.

Visitors

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

At this time I am going to ask the Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of real estate. We will actually adjourn from the Executive Session.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to go into Executive Session. 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

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