

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 10, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith
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

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.

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 May 27, 2014 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 "Abstain", 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. 2014-08 – Ordinance to participate in the State Sales Tax Holiday, as provided by Act No. 2006-574, for one year.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2014-08 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. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-08. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-34 – Resolution approving an extension of the maturity date of the outstanding loan from the City to the Oxford Water Board.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-34. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-35 – Resolution awarding the bid for a fire training tower for the Oxford Fire Department.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-35. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-36 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sain and Associates for engineering services for Fish Hatchery Lane.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-36. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-37 – Naming a room at the Oxford Performing Arts Center the Martin-Lett Gallery of Art.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-37. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-38 – Painting of Friendship Community Center.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-38. 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.

Resolution No. 2014-39 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Shooters Alley, LLC.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-39. 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. 2014-40 – Bonus for City retirees.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-40. 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Henderson stated on June 14th at the Oxford Civic Center the Calhoun County Hall of Fame will hold their induction ceremony. Two former coaches from Oxford will be inducted, Gilbert Adams and Jack Grizzard. I would like to invite any former players of these coaches to attend the ceremony.

Mrs. Hubbard stated Oxford was accepted to participate in the Main Street Program. We will have a meeting on June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. There will be a big media event for our City on June 26 during the Downtown After Sundown Farmers Market.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I received a letter from Susan Martin Hauk, Norma Martin's daughter that I would like to share with you.

"On behalf of my mother Norma Martin and the rest of my family I want to thank the Oxford City Council for naming the OPAC conference room for her. Even though I had not lived in Oxford in many years I was always well informed of the work of the Arts Council through my Mom who spoke exuberantly and proudly of the work of the Arts Council. It was a long-held dream of hers for Oxford to have an arts center, and we are so pleased that it came to pass in her lifetime. Though not one to seek recognition for her contributions she is so pleased with this honor, even more so to share it with the wonderful Lett family. Rest assured, her efforts were

works of love for the community of which she was a part for so many years.” - Susan Martin Hauk

Mr. Spurlin thanked the Oxford Fire Department for having pride and taking the initiative to do the landscaping at the Fire Department. I would also like to thank the Oxford Police Department for sending an officer to Lakeview Baptist Church’s Vacation Bible School and fingerprinting our kids. This is great community service.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Smith stated he has no comments at this time.

Visitors

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

Mrs. Jo Burns of 561 Fish Hatchery Lane addressed the Council regarding the contract on Fish Hatchery Lane for the road work.

Mr. Darrell Dempsey of 1501 Circle Drive addressed the Council about having speed bumps placed on Circle Drive to slow down the speeders.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore