

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 27, 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.

Jake Leonard of Betta View Hills Church of Christ gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin stated tonight we have Landon Howell who will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. His parents are John and Angela Howell. John is also the Pastor at Barfield Baptist Church and we appreciate them being here. We also appreciate Landon's grandparents being here. Landon is a Student Ambassador at Oxford Middle School. He is a member of the A Honor Roll, a member of the National Juniors Society, he has received the Principal's Award for both the 7th and 8th grade, and he plays on the middle school baseball team and football team. He is a member of the Green Power Team and Robotics Teams. He loves to hunt and fish. He is a member of Barfield Baptist Church. He will be entering the 9th grade at the high school this fall. For his life goal he wants to be a godly leader and pursue a career in engineering at Auburn University. Landon is an outstanding young man. He lives in my neighborhood and he is not just putting on paper these things but he lives them out every single day. I am proud of the godly young man he is and he is a leader in his neighborhood and in his school. Seeing him get these awards you can tell he is dedicated and applies himself. We are proud to have him here tonight.

Landon Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Landon. John and Angela 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 June 13, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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. 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

Resolution No. 2017-78 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a lease agreement with United Parcel Service (UPS).

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-78. 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. 2017-79 – Resolution approving an additional holiday for all City employees.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-79. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin stated this resolution will allow the City employees to also have July 3rd off so they will get a 4 day weekend instead of having the weekend and working one day then off for July 4th. Mayor Craft contacted me. The Mayor and Council thought that would be a good gesture to give our employees a 4 day weekend.

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.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to invite everyone to 5th Friday. We have our 2nd 5th Friday celebration sponsored by the Main Street Program, the downtown merchants and Oxford EMS. This Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. It will be on Main and Choccolocco Streets with the Vintage Car Cruise In, food and vendors.

Mr. Henderson stated the Freedom Festival will be held on July 4th. We would like to invite everyone out for that. There will be different activities throughout the day.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin asked Mayor Craft if he had any comments. Mayor Craft stated he has no comments.

Visitors

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

Tim Solley of 149 Kue Pass stated that Miller Estates establish a Homeowner's Association last weekend and they made him President. I have lived there for 20 years. I just wanted to introduce myself. I will be coming to a lot more meetings and I would like to set up meetings with the Mayor, Police Department, Fire Department and Street Department. We have 70 residents that live in Miller Estates.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you. First let me congratulate you on your years of service. Second we actually discussed in the work session about purchasing some storm shelters. We are initially thinking about getting 2 and then adding some in other areas. So, that is already being worked on. Let me commend you for your pride in your neighborhood and wanting it to look the best that it can, for you forming the Homeowner's Association and addressing these issues before you come to us. It is great to see you taking ownership and initiation to clean it up. Thank you for bringing that to our attention and I am sure we will be working with you and hearing from you in the future. Thank you for being here tonight.

Fire Chief Gary Sparks stated it will cost about \$1,500.00 per unit for site preparation. He said they are a part of the buying co-op called Tips. I have heard of them and have heard of several. He said he would get me the information on them but it is a national co-op that bids out and they have the national contract for emergency shelters. He gave me a list of some of the people that have used them like Del Monte Foods, Burlington Coat Factory, Georgia Pacific, NBC and Florida Power.

Mr. Spurlin stated I appreciate you checking into that Chief. Chief Sparks stated I just wanted to tell you so if it is okay I will get with him in the morning and start moving forward and find out more about the co-op. Mr. Spurlin stated if you can find out from some of their customers about their satisfaction of those. Get with Ron Allen, City Attorney and then maybe we can do a resolution for the next meeting.

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