

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: June 28, 2016
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, 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.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated please 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 June 14, 2016 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. 2016-19 – Ordinance levying a privilege license tax against persons, firms, or corporations engaged in the business of selling at retail alcoholic beverages in the City of Oxford, Alabama and provides for penalties for the violation of this Ordinance.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-19 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. 2016-19. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we heard from the Finance Department in the work session and this basically allows the State to collect these taxes and levels them all out at five percent. Aaron Sexton or Alton Craft anything you want to add to that? We appreciate you Aaron.

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.

Ordinance No. 2016-20 – Ordinance to participate in the State Sales Tax Holiday, as provided by Act No. 2006-574, for one year.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-20 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-20. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we have participated in the Sales Tax Holiday since 2006 and it will be August 5-7th.

Mrs. Hubbard stated this does not include the school tax correct? Mr. Waits stated correct.

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. 2016-77 – Resolution for a Road Improvement and Maintenance Agreement between WR Oxford, LLC and the City of Oxford.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-77. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-78 – Resolution authorizing the City Finance Director to reimburse conference expenses to Ron Allen, City Attorney.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-78. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is the Annual Legal Review.

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. 2016-79 – Resolution approving the placement of a full page ad in the Pigskin Roundup Magazine.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-79. 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. 2016-80 – Resolution approving an addressing contract with Talladega County 911.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to table Resolution No. 2016-80 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated we have asked our Fire Chief and Police Chief to work with our City Attorney on this agreement regarding addressing.

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.

Mr. Waits stated the next two items we will be adding.

Resolution No. 2016-81 – Tax Abatement for Kronospan.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-81. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits recognized Don Hopper, Calhoun County Economic Development Council and Tim Pack, Kronospan for any comments. Mr. Waits stated Mr. Pack, I know I have said this several times but I want to thank you personally for believing in our City and really wanting to invest that much for us, we are very grateful.

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. 2016-82 – Resolution temporarily delegating the authority of the Mayor to the Council President.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-82. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits recognized Alton Craft, Finance Director 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.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to add that our prayers are with the Mayor and we hope for a speedy recovery. We will certainly be thinking about him over the next few days.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Mr. Spurlin for a resolution.

Resolution No. 2016-83 – Resolution to amend the Employee Handbook to include a pay scale and amend the budget up to \$170,000.00.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-83. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to say thank you to Mr. Spurlin for bringing this up and move forward with this. We appreciate the work our employees do in our City.

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.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I hope everyone is able to attend the Freedom Festival which is next Monday, July 4th at the Oxford Civic Center. There are several activities starting with the children's parade early in the morning. I think that Opening Ceremonies will be at 9:00 a.m. and activities throughout the day and will be posted on the City's website. I also believe there will

be a list posted in *The Anniston Star*. Of course ending with the fireworks and we are looking forward to the new company that is going to be doing the fireworks display. I know the firefighters and the Fire Chief are going to enjoy the fireworks for the first time in forever. We are excited about that.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for July 12, 2016 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their June 7, 2016 meeting for a re-zoning request from D and R Investments LLC to re-zone the property located at 314 Choccolocco Street from Residential (r-2) to Central Business District (CBD).

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated I would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate and for that aspect I would ask our City Attorney, Ron Allen to certify that. Mr. Allen stated so certified.

Mr. Waits stated we will have the Executive Session in the Conference Room and we will actually adjourn from there.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to go into Executive Session. 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.

Mr. Waits stated City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th. Allied Waste will not run their regular route on Monday, July 4th and will run one day behind through Saturday, July 9th.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President