

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 10, 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. Chris Spurlin, Council Member  
Mr. Phil Gardner, 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.

David Harmon of Meadowbrook Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students in our school system that are excelling not only in academics but in character and tonight we are going to recognize Miss Molly Barnett. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at DeArmanville Elementary School. Her parents are Chad and Crystal Barnett. Molly enjoys gymnastics, playing with friends, and her iPad. At school Molly is involved in the Book Club. Her favorite subject is reading and her favorite teacher is Ms. Hayes. When Molly grows up she wants to be a Veterinarian. We appreciate Mrs. Copeland, her Principal being here to support her. Molly we appreciate you and everything you represent in our school system.

Molly Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated great job Molly.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 23, 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**

### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation sent to James Douglas Shears and Richard D. Shears for a structure located at 1220 Friendship Road to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

Mr. Waits asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against this. There were none.

Mr. Waits stated that our Building Inspector Mike Roberts shared this with us and asked if there was anything else he would like to share.

Mr. Waits declared the public hearing closed.

### **Resolution No. 2016-27 – Approving the actions of the Building Inspector that the building located at 1220 Friendship Road, be destroyed or removed as soon as possible according to Ordinance 212 of the City of Oxford.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-27. 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. 2016-28 – Resolution for surplus equipment at the City Garage.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-28. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is some chairs, lawn mowers and other items.

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. 2016-29 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Humana, Inc. to provide the City with a Comprehensive Wellness and Loyalty Program.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-29. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we heard from Marc Webb and asked if there was anything he would like to say. We appreciate your work on this Mr. Webb. This is something we have needed for quite some time.

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. 2016-30 – Resolution naming an un-named street Public Works Drive.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-30. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is the street that people forever thought was named Street Department which was just a little sign they had out there. This is where we are building the new Street Department and City Garage and where our new Fire Station has been placed. It will now be called Public Works Drive. We have a lot of people who have a hard time trying to find it and will hopefully get that mapped.

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. 2016-31 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Eugene Turner.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated some of you may or may not know the Ohio Valley Conference will be having a softball tournament, the OVC Championships in May. As a precursor to this, this is going to allow our high school baseball team and softball team to play some games there. Tomorrow night our high school baseball team will play their first game there at 5:30 p.m. We are real excited about this. What this contract with Turner does is releases them from the liability and changes some insurance coverage and turns over a portion to the City. A portion of the complex is not done and we expect that to be open sometime in August and we will have a formal grand opening then. This is for the signature complex to get it open and clear up some of the insurance needs there.

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. 2016-32 – Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to pay \$1,000.00 to the Cheaha Challenge Bicycle Race for sponsorship.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-32. 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. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated as some of you know some of us just got back from Washington, D.C. I was glad to hear, I think it was Senator Sessions comment and I might be wrong on that about the internet taxation law or bill may finally have a chance to get passed next year. If we can get it passed that will hopefully help revenues some. Hopefully that will get passed. We learned about the highway bill and a sizable portion of it for Alabama to repair some of our bridges. We had a good trip and learned some good things. Hopefully some of them will come to fruition.

Mrs. Hubbard stated we have started the discussion with KPS Group and I think I mentioned this at the last Council meeting on the comprehensive plan for our City. During the course of this, which will be about six months, we should be finished in August with our comprehensive plan. A really important piece of this is citizen input. So we are going to have three meetings during the course of the work that we will be doing. The first one will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Oxford Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. I reserved enough space today for 400 people so I am very optimistic that we are going to have a lot of citizens coming out. We just want to hear your thoughts on which way our City should move in the next three years as well as 10 to 15 years out to where we should be going as far as land use and zoning. So we are going to have an open and flexible schedule with this so if anybody can help us get the word out. We are going to use a lot of different means to let people know about this first meeting. The meeting again is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Oxford Civic Center which is a Thursday night. We are looking forward to that work, the new plan or map for our City in the direction that we want to move.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

### **Visitors**

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

John Longshore, Director at the Performing Arts Center addressed the Council about a competition taking place at the Performing Arts Center on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It is the Dixie District Barber Shop Harmony Society's Spring Competition.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President