

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 15, 2018  
TIME: 6:42 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 City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at approximately 6:42 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Tim Simpson, Oxford First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Harper McIlwain to lead us in our pledge. Harper is a 2nd grade student at Coldwater Elementary School. Her parents are Craig and Adriane McIlwain. Harper enjoys swimming, trampoline jumping and playing with her sister. Her favorite subject is science and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Rogers. When Harper grows up, she wants to be a zookeeper, because she loves animals.

Harper McIlwain led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Harper McIlwain for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked her for being an outstanding student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

Council President Spurlin called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits and Henderson; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Spurlin. The motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Resolution No. 2018- 15 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Regions Insurance, Inc.

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-15. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-15 was approved.

### Resolution No. 2018- 16 – Resolution awarding a bid for gasoline and diesel fuel purchases to Jack Green Oil Company.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-16. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-16 was approved.

### Resolution No. 2018-17 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C. and Marsh, Rickard & Bryan, P.C.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

Council Member Henderson stated that this resolution would allow the City to participate in the lawsuits ongoing concerning the opioid crisis and would allow the City to receive reimbursements for the public safety expense incurred by the city battling the opioid problems.

On call of the roll on Council Member Hubbard's motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-17 and Council member Henderson's second to said motion the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-17 was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that Council Member Hubbard and he had been in Washington, D.C. this week for the National League of Cities Congressional Conference and they had met with Senator Shelby and Congressman Rogers concerning the national infrastructure bill and the concerns of cities over the local match portion. He stated they all discussed the First Net Project for First Responders that is moving forward.

Council Member Hubbard stated they attended a NLC session on how to receive reimbursement concerning the opioid crisis and how to halt the opioid crisis problems. She stated they also attended a session on how to get internet in different places throughout the city.

Council President Spurlin congratulated Chief Partridge and the Police Department for being the first satellite training facility for the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy.

Mayor Craft stated he would like to thank the City's Fire and Police Departments, the Calhoun County Sherriff's Department, and the Anniston Fire and Police Departments for the fund raiser for Jerry Lyons' son and stated they had all done an excellent job with that fund raiser.

Chief Partridge stated they had raised just over \$8,000.00.

Fred Denney addressed the Council and stated that time was of the essence concerning any of the proposed improvements at the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Scott Sparks, 523 Woodbridge Trail, addressed the Council in opposition to Sunday alcohol sales and stated he did believe this issue should go to a public forum.

Kay Suggs, CMC Hotels, addressed the Council in favor of Sunday alcohol sales.

Jerry Reaves, owner, Gridiron Restaurant, addressed the Council in favor of Sunday alcohol sales. He stated they were losing business on Sundays to restaurants in other locations with Sunday alcohol sales.

Bill Bunn addressed the Council and asked that in the 2019 Budget the Council look at redoing 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Luttrell Street and Barry Street. He stated 6th Street needed to be widened and improvements should be made at the intersection with Barry Street.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Waits made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
OXFORD, ALABAMA

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Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:

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Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk  
March 15, 2018: Regular Meeting