

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 28, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President

The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tempore 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 asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Spurlin is out of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the March 16, 2017 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 "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", and Mr. Henderson "Yea". The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Waits called for any old business.

Resolution No. 2017-35 - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to transfer a public road.

Mr. Waits stated this resolution was tabled at our last meeting and we need to address it tonight. There are still some issues so I am asking for a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2017-35.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to postpone Resolution No. 2017-35. 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. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Presentation from Ed Kilgore of the Cheaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to Jason Webb and Doug Elder.

Mr. Waits stated I appreciate Ed Kilgore of the Cheaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution being here for a special presentation to two of our police officers. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Kilgore.

Mr. Waits stated I want to thank you for taking the time to recognize our officers. We great appreciate it. We are very proud of our Police Department, we are proud of officers and what they stand for. We are extremely blessed as a City to have these men and women serve like they do. We appreciate you taking the time to recognize them.

Public Hearing

Mr. Waits stated this public hearing is to discuss closing out the Planning Grant for further downtown revitalization. Mr. Waits declared the public hearing open. Mr. Waits asked if there was anyone here for or against.

Diane Glenn with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission addressed the Council regarding the Planning Grant.

Mr. Waits declared the public hearing closed.

Public Hearing

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation sent to FNA NP LLC (Lindblom John H) for a structure located at 219 McKibbon Street 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. 2017-36 – Approving the actions of the Building Inspector that the building located at 219 McKibbon Street, be destroyed or removed as soon as possible according to Ordinance 212 of the City of Oxford.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-36. 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. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-37 – Resolution for an appropriation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-37. 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. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-38 – Resolution re-appointing members to the Beautification Board.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-38. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is re-appointing Bill Bunn, Nancy Burnell, Jeremy Cruse, Ron Harris, Robin Leonard and Cindy Lynch.

Mr. Henderson stated there is one change. Their terms will be staggered.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-39 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with RDS for collection of fees for the City of Oxford.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-39. 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. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017-40 – Resolution awarding the bid for Lake Management Services.

Mr. Waits stated we heard in the work session that there are some issues with this bid. Mr. Waits called for a motion to approve. There was none. This resolution will die without a motion.

Resolution No. 2017-41 – Resolution awarding the bid for aluminum sign blanks and sign posts.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-41. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this will go to Traffic Signs Incorporated.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to invite everyone to the first 5th Friday event we are going to have in the downtown area. We are going to celebrate 5th Friday’s and this Friday will be the first one. There is going to be a cruise in of vintage cars, a band in the streets, Southern City Lights, food and games. It should be a fun time. It starts at 3:00 p.m. and runs until 9:00 p.m. It will be on Choccolocco Street between the Oxford Performing Arts Center and the red light on Main Street. We are looking forward to this event so come by and celebrate with us.

Mr. Henderson stated I know we have mentioned this before but just wanted to mention it again. The 311 service is up and running. What this is for those who do not know is if you want to report a problem like a pothole or any issue you would like to report to the City all you have to do is dial 311 and report that problem that way. It is making City services more efficient and more accountable. Get the word out about it and it isn’t that we don’t want you to call us or the Mayor but you can call 311 and probably get it done a lot faster than calling one of us.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

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

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated that the Council will need to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential sale of real estate. Mr. Waits asked Ron Allen, City Attorney to certify this. Mr. Waits stated we will adjourn from the Executive Session.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hubbard.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea” and Mr. Henderson “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated thank you for being here and congratulations to our law enforcement officers. We appreciate you.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President