

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 13, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by Council President Steven Waits and in the absence of Shirley Henson, City Clerk of the City, Kristi Durham served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Reverend Scott Smith of Antioch Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we would like to recognize two students in our school system who excel not only in academics but in leadership and character. Tonight we have the privilege to have two of those students with us who have really stood out, Drew McCormick and Laci Rowe.

Mr. Waits stated Laci is a 4th grader at Coldwater Elementary School. Her parents are Chris and Molly Rowe. Chris and Molly it is good to see you here tonight. Laci enjoys playing softball, riding her go-cart, and going to school. She is a member of the Jacket SingSations Elementary School Choir. Her favorite subject in school is Science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Wright. When Laci grows up she wants to be a teacher.

Mr. Waits stated we would also like to recognize Drew McCormick. Drew is a 4th grader at Coldwater Elementary School. His parents are Robby and Kristi McCormick. Robby and Kristi it is good to see you. Drew enjoys playing baseball, Math and playing with his friends. He also likes other sports including basketball, soccer, golf and he especially likes running. His favorite subject in school is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Lott. When Drew grows up he wants to be a major league baseball player for the Atlanta Braves.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Mr. Maniscalco, Principal at Coldwater Elementary School for supporting these kids. We appreciate you being here and the great job you do at Coldwater. Several have commented on that and I wanted to tell you that publicly.

Laci Rowe and Drew McCormick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits thanked them for being here. Keep up the great work in school. Drew, I understand one day you want to be Mayor. Is that true? He is going to be chasing you Mayor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the April 22, 2014 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

Mr. Waits stated City Clerk Shirley Henson is absent and Council member Gardner is absent due to sickness.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Waits called for any old business; there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation for National Police Week

Mr. Waits asked Mrs. Hubbard to read the Proclamation. Mrs. Hubbard stated she would read the proclamation and then ask Chief Bill Partridge to come forward for the presentation from the Mayor. We appreciate the job our officers and the officers throughout the country do to keep our municipalities safe. They are the first line of defense for our citizens and we are proud to recognize them tonight.

Mrs. Hubbard read the proclamation.

Mayor Smith presented the proclamation to Chief Bill Partridge. Mayor Smith stated this is a great honor. Chief Partridge works hard and I am proud of him.

Chief Partridge stated I accept this on behalf of the Oxford Police Department. We recognize the fallen police officers and accept this in their memory.

Mr. Waits stated Chief one thing I would like for you to share if you don't mind, you and some of our officers where in Washington, D.C. earlier this week.

Chief Partridge stated this week is National Police Week. I along with our Honor Guard were in Washington, D.C. and laid a wreath for those we have lost. We also had the privilege on Saturday of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Ordinance No. 2014-05 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2014-A.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2014-05 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits recognized Andy Waid with Frazier Lanier Company for comments on the bond issues. Mr. Waid thanked the Mayor and Council for the privilege to be here. Mr. Waid stated that these ordinances were for the issuance of the Series 2014-A and Series 2014-B bonds. These are for the sports complex and the Street Department building. The \$17 million bond issue is for the sports complex and the \$3 million bond issue is for the Street Department.

Mr. Waits thanked Mr. Waid for being here and stated we have a lot of confidence in you and the people at Frazier Lanier. We appreciate what you do for us. The first bond issue is related to the recreation complex and most citizens are aware of but the second issuance is related to the new City Garage and new Street Department that we are also building. Some may not be aware of that. We also have two new fire stations going up with one at Coldwater. There is also a volunteer training station that is going up at the site of the Street Department. That is why this \$3 million bond will go toward the building of those two facilities.

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

Ordinance No. 2014-06 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2014-B.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2014-06 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-06. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-27 – Appointing Mary Carter to the Oxford Emergency Medical Services Board to fill the unexpired term of Johnnie East expiring February 9, 2016.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-27. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we appreciate Johnnie East who is a long time member of the Oxford Emergency Medical Services Board (EMS) and we appreciate the work she has done. We appreciate Marty Carter who is the assistant Fire Chief at the Depot and a long time paramedic. He is actually a long time originating member of the Oxford EMS. It is good to have his leadership.

Mr. Henderson stated Mrs. East resigned due to her job.

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

Resolution No. 2014-28 – Re-appointing Kyle Macoy to the Oxford Emergency Medical Services Board for a four year term expiring February 9, 2018.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Macoy just recently was appointed to the EMS Board to fill an unexpired term and this is for his reappointment for a four year term.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-28. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea", and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-29 – Re-appointing Billy Grizzard to the Regional Medical Center Board for a five year term expiring May 31, 2019.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-29. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Grizzard is here tonight and we appreciate the work you have done. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Grizzard for any comments. Mr. Grizzard thanked the Mayor and Council for appointing him and stated he hoped to have something to share with them soon.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea", and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-30 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Skipper Consulting, Inc. for traffic engineering services from U.S. Highway 78 at Leon Smith Parkway to National Drive.

Mr. Waits stated this is in the amount of \$17,500.00.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-30. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea", and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-31 – Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 2014-25.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits asked Ms. Durham to read Resolution No. 2014-31. Mr. Waits stated we had bid out some refractory panels for our incinerator and there were some issues with and will re-bid it.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea", and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated some of you may have noticed that we have a lady with a crown on in the room. We would like to recognize Miss Jayme Wagner. She is Miss Jacksonville State University and she will be our representative at the Miss Alabama pageant. I think she has an outstanding chance at the win and she has a great history as she was Miss Oxford. Mr. Waits stated I will turn it over to Mrs. Hubbard. Mrs. Hubbard has been working with Jayme on a project and I recognize you at this time.

Mrs. Hubbard stated Jayme came to us and asked if she could be a part of some work at one of our City parks. The more we talked the more we realized her platform for the Miss Alabama pageant was going to be about childhood obesity. She came to us and wanted to work on Bannister Park to make it more enticing for our children and adults to want to go there and work and have some things to do. She put together a 5K run at Jacksonville State University (JSU) and through her efforts has collected \$1,200.00. She brought a check and had her picture made with Mayor Smith and myself earlier because Jayme was putting together a folder, I understand, I have never been in the Miss Alabama pageant but she has to do some things. We wanted to get that picture in early. We wanted her to come back and be on the record and share with all the Council the success she had and we are also going to work on another project she has in mind for our schools. She is a great leader in this area and I think it is well founded. I think our students will enjoy participating in it. I am anxious for Jayme to get with our principals and get that going in our schools as well. Mrs. Hubbard recognized Jayme Wagner.

Miss Wagner thanked Mrs. Hubbard and Mr. Waits for their help. They have both extended a helpful hand. I will be competing on June 3rd through June 7th at the Miss Alabama pageant. My platform is childhood obesity. I grew up in Oxford and went to school at Oxford. I hope that we can have some better educational programs for our kids.

Mr. Waits thanked Jayme and stated we are proud she is from Oxford. I think she is going to do very well. Mr. Waits asked when the pageant is and Miss Wagner stated June 3rd through June 7th. We wish you the best of luck and we are proud of you.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she wanted to update everyone who has been keeping up with the Main Street program that our application went in. This Thursday we will have a group of people who will be making an oral presentation about our City. They will be using as a part of their power point presentation the video that is on our website. This will be a big piece to let them know about Oxford. We are looking forward to seeing the outcome that and finding out if we are selected as a Main Street City on June 1st.

Mrs. Hubbard stated the Mayor and I went to the League of Municipalities meeting in Mobile and learned about restoration of the downtown area. He and I were really impressed with a couple of people who spoke. It is another path that we can explore from some of the things we saw at the meeting. I will give you an update as soon as we know.

Mr. Henderson stated I would like to thank Eddie Burkhalter reporter from *The Anniston Star* for the article he wrote on City employee Aaron Sexton. We appreciate you doing that and it was a nice article. We are proud of Aaron and the job he does. We appreciate you featuring him in the paper.

Mr. Henderson stated Robbie McCormick lost his mother a few days ago and we want to express our condolences to him and Larry.

Mr. Henderson stated Baccalaureate Services are coming up. Mr. Spurlin stated Baccalaureate Services for the 2014 Seniors of Oxford High School are this Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Oxford Performing Arts Center with Lakeview Baptist Church hosting it.

Mr. Henderson stated I don't see Mr. Ray here. We met with the people at Fedex and Forty-Two Real Estate today and we are working on that situation. Hopefully we will have a resolution worked out and have some news on this pretty soon.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Smith stated I went to the meeting in Mobile and listened to some good speakers. We talked about some good things. It was good to be with some of our Council members and we got some things done that will help in the long run.

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President