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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 14, 2019  
TIME: 6:41 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 Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at approximately 6:41 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Chandler Tyree, Antioch Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Kylee Cunningham to lead us in our pledge. Kylee is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Oxford Elementary School. Her parents are Kyle and Sarah Cunningham. Kylee enjoys gymnastics, singing and playing outside. At school, she is a Library Helper and a member of the Jacket Sing-sations. Her favorite subject is Science, and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Hanner, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Watson. When Kylee grows up, she wants to be a Dentist.

Kylee Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Kylee Cunningham 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 April 23, 2019 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

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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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to receive comments on the abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council concerning said abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker.

Richard Parker, 420 Southmoor Circle, addressed the Council and stated that the items that had been placed on notice to remove were tied up in court as part of the Estate of Timothy Parker. He stated he had tag receipts and titles of the vehicles in Timothy Parker's name. He stated that his attorney has advised him that nothing can be removed from the property until the will is probated.

Council President Spurlin stated the City was concerned with the bags of garbage and the trash on the property.

Mr. Parker stated the bags of trash were gone. He stated he would work on cleaning up the trash and debris on the property.

Mike Roberts, Building Inspector, stated the "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" was posted Saturday May 11, and that Mr. Parker could have 14 days to clean up the property. He stated the impound notices had been removed from the vehicles by Mr. Parker. He stated the vehicles crank and run.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, advised that Mr. Parker as the representative of the estate could move the vehicles to protect them and ensure their safekeeping.

Council President Spurlin stated that the Council would go forward tonight with approving the "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker, and allow Mr. Parker to work with the City's Inspections Department over next 14 days to come into compliance.

Mr. Parker stated that would be okay.

Barbara Parker, 420 Southmoor Circle, addressed the Council and stated the Ford Taurus in the notice belonged to her and she was in the process of selling it and that should be resolved within the 14 days.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council concerning said abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker.

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No one else addressed the Council concerning said abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to receive comments on the abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker, closed.

Council Member Waits made a motion to enforce the abatement officer's "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 420 Southmoor Circle sent to the Estate of Timothy Parker. 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.

Ordinance No. 2019- 12 – Ordinance annexing the property of Marcus R. Haynes and the property of Kim and Benny Haynes at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, containing 1.50 acres, more or less.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-12. 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.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-12, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 Ordinance Number 2019-12 was approved.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Marcus R. Haynes and Kim and Bennie Haynes to zone the property located at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, to Agricultural District (AG-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Marcus R. Haynes and Kim and Bennie Haynes to zone the property located at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, to Agricultural District (AG-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Marcus R. Haynes and Kim and Bennie Haynes to zone the property located at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, to Agricultural District (AG-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Marcus R. Haynes and Kim and Bennie Haynes to zone the property located at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road, Talladega County, to Agricultural District (AG-1), closed.

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Ordinance No. 2019- 13 – Ordinance to zone the property located at 3758 and 3698 McIntosh Road to Agricultural District (AG-1).

Council Member Waits made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-13. 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.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-13, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-13. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 Ordinance Number 2019-13 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2019- 14 – Ordinance to exempt certain “covered items” from the Municipal Sales and Use Tax during the third full weekend of July, 2019 (State Sales Tax Holiday)

Council Member Waits made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-14. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-14, Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-14. 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 Ordinance Number 2019-14 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2019- 15 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, Article II, Ambulances, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-15. 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.

Council Member Waits thanked Chief Sparks, Fire Department, and Shannon Stephens, EMS Board, for their work on this ordinance.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-15, Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-15. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 Ordinance Number 2019-15 was approved.

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Ordinance No. 2019- 16 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Taxable General Obligation Warrants, Series 2019A

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-16. 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.

Council President Spurlin stated that Jason Grubbs, Fraser Lanier, was present at the meeting and had spoken to the Council during their Work Session. He stated this ordinance would expedite the funding for the new entertainment park that would be in an approximately 60,000 square foot building.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2019-16, Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2019-16. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; 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 Ordinance Number 2019-16 was approved.

Resolution No. 2019 – 36 – Resolution reappointing Tony Bolton to the Board of Education.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-36. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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. 2019-36 was approved.

Resolution No. 2019 – 37 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lord Aeck Sargent for architectural services.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-37. 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. 2019-37 was approved.

Resolution No. 2019 – 38 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Choccolocco Creek Watershed Conservancy District to provide kayaking recreational services.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-38. 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. 2019-38 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated that Mr. Phil Bain, Kemp and Associates, had spoken to the Council at their Work Session about the FY2018 audit and the City had received a good audit report.

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Council Member Hubbard stated that Denise Taylor had addressed the Council concerning Keep Alabama Beautiful and the Beautification Board would be working toward that goal for Oxford.

Council Member Henderson stated they wanted to welcome Keith Ethridge as the Oxford High School Football Coach and to welcome him and his family to Oxford.

Mayor Craft thanked the City staff that was involved in the National Day of Prayer. He stated the Fishing Classic at Oxford Lake had also been a success. He stated they had twelve consecutive days of various baseball and softball tournaments at Choccolocco Park that had been successful. He stated this was National Law Enforcement Week which would culminate with a memorial service Friday at Centennial Memorial Park.

Council President Spurlin thanked the Police Department for all they do.

Chief Partridge, Police Department, stated the ribbon cutting for the Crime Center would be Friday, May 24.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for May 28th, 2019, to consider condemnations at 1060 Turner Road, 1772 Ponderosa Trail and 1222 Beck Road.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 o'clock 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  
May 14, 2019: Regular Meeting