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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 22, 2018  
TIME: 6:36 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, April 10, 2018, at approximately 6:36 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Tricia Cruse, Lakeview Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Spurlin stated tonight we have Keylan Moore to lead us in our pledge. Keylan is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Oxford Elementary School. His parents are Lynn and Mario Moore. Keylan enjoys football and basketball. At school, he is a member of the OES Broadcast Team and he competed in the Technology Fair. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teachers are Mrs. Calvert and Mrs. Nabors. When Keylan grows up, he wants to be a college football player or college basketball player.

Kylan Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin thanked Keylan Moore 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 May 8, 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, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Waits. The motion carried.

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Terry French, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ty Corban, Fire Department.

The Council and Mayor Craft presented a “National Public Works Week” proclamation to the Public Works Department.

### NEW BUSINESS

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation notice sent to the Julia Sepulveda for a structure located at 218 McKibbon Street to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council concerning the condemnation notice sent to the Julia Sepulveda for a structure located at 218 McKibbon Street to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

Julia Sepulveda addressed the Council and stated she had been hindered in trying to repair her house and they had been threatened with arrest when they go over there. She stated she had not been able to get any home repair contractors to work on the house.

Council President Spurlin stated that the City’s Chief Building Inspector and Fire Marshall did not think the house was salvageable and had recommended the condemnation.

Council President Spurlin stated according to report provided by the City staff the home had been vacant for a year and a half and had become a safety concern.

Mike Roberts, Building Inspector, stated the availability to go in the house and work has been there and they had issued a work permit to Ms. Sepulveda to work on the house over a year ago and no repairs had been made to the house in that time.

Ms. Sepulveda stated she believed that Mr. Roberts had called people and told them not to work on her home. She stated she was not allowed to go on her property and that she would be arrested if she went on the property.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council concerning the condemnation notice sent to the Julia Sepulveda for a structure located at 218 McKibbon Street to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned. No one else addressed the Council concerning the condemnation notice sent to the Julia Sepulveda for a structure located at 218 McKibbon Street to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation notice sent to the Julia Sepulveda for a structure located at 218 McKibbon Street to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned closed.

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Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to receive comments on an “Order to Cease and Desist and to Close” and a “Notice of Condemnation” sent to the Hasmukhlal Panchal, IHP Oxford Inn, for the structure known as the Liberty Inn at 101 Hamric Drive, E., Oxford, AL, 36203, to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not close and be condemned, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council on an “Order to Cease and Desist and to Close” and a “Notice of Condemnation” sent to the Hasmukhlal Panchal, IHP Oxford Inn, for the structure known as the Liberty Inn at 101 Hamric Drive, E., Oxford, AL, 36203, to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not close and be condemned.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, addressed the Council and stated he had spoken with the owners’ attorney and they did not feel the property was economically salvageable and that the owners of the property would like thirty days to negotiate with the mortgage company before the building is demolished.

James Seal addressed the Council and stated he did represent the Liberty Inn and its owners and what Mr. Allen had stated was correct and they were asking for time to negotiate with the mortgage holder so the property could be demolished and so the lot could be sold.

Council President Spurlin asked Mike Roberts, Building Inspector, if he would be okay with extending the thirty to the property owners if the Council went forward with the condemnation at this meeting.

Mike Roberts, Building Inspector, stated that he would like for the Council to go forward with the condemnation tonight and they would extend the thirty days for the property owners to negotiate concerning the property.

Mr. Seal stated that they would have no problem with that.

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Resolution No. 2018- 41 – Resolution reappointing Alyssa Enzor to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-41. 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. 2018-41 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 42 – Resolution establishing a Façade Improvement Program.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-42. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Hubbard. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-42 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 43 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Three On A String for a performance at the Oxford Civic Center.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-43. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

Mayor Craft stated that there would be activities on July 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> and this performance would be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On call of the roll on Council Member Henderson's motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-43 and Council Member Gardner'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. 2018-43 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 44 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an easement to Alabama Power at Choccolocco Park.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-44. 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 Resolution No. 2018-44 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 45 – Resolution appointing Cristy C. Humphries to the Oxford Board of Education.

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-45. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

Cristy Humphries addressed the Council and stated she was honored to serve on the Oxford Board of Education. She stated she appreciated their confidence.

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On call of the roll on Council Member Waits' motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-45 and Council Member Gardner'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. 2018-45 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 46 – Resolution vacating an alley near U. S. Highway 78 and McCullars Lane.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-46. 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. 2018-46 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 47 – Resolution condemning the structure at 218 McKibbon Street.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-47. 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. 2018-47 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 48 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Sain Associates, Inc. to implement a pavement maintenance plan.

Council President Spurlin stated this agreement was for \$103,000.00 and would test and prioritize City streets so plans could be put into effect for repairs and paving.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-48. 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. 2018-48 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 49 – Resolution awarding a bid to Holmes II Excavation, Inc. for the installation of Geotextile Fabric Underlayment and Compacted Crusher Run.

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-49. 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. 2018-49 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 50 – Resolution awarding a bid to Hale Building Company, Inc. for the installation of a Motorized Rigging System, Stage and Curtain Tracks and Stage Lighting Distribution Equipment.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-50. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was

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recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2018-50 was approved.

Resolution No. 2018- 51 – Resolution condemning the structure at 101 Hamric Drive East.

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-51 with the amendment to the resolution in paragraph five to include the wording “after 30 days”. 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. 2018-51 was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated they wanted to remember the veterans who had given their lives for their country on Memorial Day and encouraged everyone to visit the City’s Veteran Memorial Park.

Council President Spurlin stated that they had attended the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention and they had learned useful information especially about the use of social media in municipal government.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for June 12th, 2018 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their May 1st, 2018 meeting: To consider a re-zoning request from Vassar Clark Sellers to re-zone the property located at 1329 Butler Street from General Manufacturing District (GM) to Planned Development District (PD-2).

Chief Sparks, Fire Department, thanked the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their recognition of Ty Corban, Fire Marshall. He stated had received a wonderful text from Wayne Caldwell.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 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 22nd, 2018: Regular Meeting