

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 23, 2017  
TIME: 6:30 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 meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Spurlin and Shirley Henson, City Clerk of the City, served as the Clerk of the meeting.

John Ward of Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Spurlin stated tonight we have Bella Reaves to lead us in our pledge. Bella Reaves is a student at C.E. Hanna Elementary School. Her parents are Bret and Jennifer Reaves. Bella enjoys cheerleading, dance, and having fun with friends. At school she serves as the Student Council Secretary. Bella has excelled in her leadership role at C.E. Hanna. Bella we certainly appreciate you taking the time to be here tonight. We appreciate your dedication to school and being a top student to be recommended to do this. Thank you.

Bella Reaves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Miss Reaves for being here.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 2017-10 – Ordinance to participate in the State Sales Tax Holiday, as provided by Act No. 2017-120, for one year.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-10 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

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

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2017-11 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2017A.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-11 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. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spurlin stated this is refunding 2005A, 2007A and 2016B bonds that we have to help reduce our debt services. Mr. Andy Waid with Frazer Lanier is here tonight. Mr. Spurlin asked if Mr. Waid would like to explain this.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2017-12 – Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2017B.**

Mr. Spurlin stated this is dealing with some 2013B bonds that we have.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-12 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. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spurlin stated that this Ordinance ties in with the Ordinance that Mr. Waid mentioned. This will again help us with our debt services and balance it out so that we have the flexibility to do other things. We appreciate his work on this and his being here tonight.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-66 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation to transfer a public road.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-66. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-67 – Resolution for an appropriation to World Changers.**

Mr. Spurlin stated World Changers will be coming again to Oxford this year. They do free labor for widows, widowers and the elderly in our City limits. There is an application you have to fill out. The City Clerk goes through the applications to make sure they are in the City limits. The World Changers Organization goes there and assesses the need and whether or not we can help them. We are glad to see them come back this year as it helps the residents especially those who are on a limited income and can’t do that on their own.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-67. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-68 – Resolution awarding the bid for a 2017 Ford F-250 4X4 SD Crew Cab 8’ box 160” WB SRW XL(W2B).**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-68. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-69 – Resolution awarding the bid for a 2017 Ford F-250 4X4 SD Crew Cab 6.75’ box 160’ WB SRW XL(W2B).**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-69. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2017-70 – Resolution declaring items as surplus property for the City Garage.**

Mr. Spurlin stated on the list is club cars, atv’s and different things that have been declared surplus.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-70. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin 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”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Spurlin called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated as you were talking about Ordinance No. 2017-10 I just wanted to mention that it used to be in August. The date was changed and now it is the third Friday in July.

Mrs. Hubbard stated it does not exempt the school tax.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Mr. Henderson for mentioning that. The Back to School Sales Tax Holiday has always been the first weekend in August and this year they have changed it to the third weekend in July. Thanks for bringing that to our attention.

Mr. Waits stated I want to tell Mayor Craft thank you and your staff for the great job you did with the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Softball and Track Tournaments. I got to talk with several athletic directors from several different universities. The best comment I heard was these are the nicest fields that we get to play on all year long but the best thing about this tournament is your people. I thought that was an incredible comment. I want to thank you and everybody involved. You did a great job. I know the OVC Baseball Tournament starts Tuesday is that right, tonight. I would like to congratulate one of our own. I know Jacksonville State has been playing their baseball games here this year. Joe McGuire who is an Oxford graduate just got named OVC Pitcher of the Year. It was a good year for him and another Oxford graduate Trent

Simpson. Both of those guys led the OVC in several categories. We are very proud of them. I am proud of all of your guys and I appreciate it.

Mr. Henderson stated graduation is Thursday night for all of our high school seniors. Please don't forget everyone on Memorial Day. The sacrifices our veteran's made for us.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

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

### **Visitors**

Mr. Spurlin called for any comments or questions from anyone present.

Laura McCullars of 2069 Little John Drive stated she would like to thank the police for what they do to protect our City. We have homeless people that are being abused. I had to turn a man and his grandfather in. I am a mandated reporter and I turned them in to the Department of Human Resources (DHR). I picked up a 19 year old who was on meth and was abused by his dad. I carried him to the bus station and sent him back to Birmingham. I saw some people walking down Friendship Road Friday afternoon and called the police. I want my neighborhood to be safe.

Mr. Spurlin stated we appreciate your compliment to the Police Department. We know that Chief Bill Partridge and his staff do a wonderful job and they will continue to make sure that problem is taken care of.

Mrs. McCullars stated I believe in you and I know you believe in me and that is why I voted for you.

Bill Bunn of 2017 Cheatwood Drive stated that there were 44 surveys turned in during the Lick Skillet Festival on recycling. Most were in favor of recycling even if they have to pay for it. So there is some interest in recycling.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mr. Bunn I appreciate you continuing to be persistent to try and get the awareness out there. Like Mrs. Hubbard said four years ago we tried to get the awareness out there for recycling. What was the number we had to have Mrs. Hubbard?

Mrs. Hubbard stated we were close but one of the things, Mr. Bunn put together a meeting with a gentleman from Republic Services. His advice was more educational on the front end about recycling. Also, Mayor Craft said we need to look at this when we renew our contract.

Mr. Spurlin stated maybe we could advertise, have an article or educational piece in the Oxford Access magazine. If you are interested to call this number and maybe we can get enough interest to be able to offer that service. We are aware of it and we have tried as well. Mrs. Hubbard put a lot of work into that recycling program. We just got back from the Alabama League of Municipalities meeting. I think every time we go Mrs. Hubbard gets excited again about recycling. How can we let that excitement carry over into our citizens to see how recycling helps

our economy. Thank you for continuing to be persistent and maybe we can get that information to them to at least get it in the magazine or if there is a possibility of getting it on the website.

Mr. Spurlin stated City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day. I hope you have a great holiday weekend. I hope you will remember those Americans who have given their lives for the freedom that we enjoy.

Mr. Spurlin stated Allied Waste will run their regular schedule that week.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Chris Spurlin, Council President