

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 24, 2016
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

ABSENT: Mayor Leon Smith
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by Council President Steven Waits 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. Waits stated school is out so we don't have our students here for the Pledge of Allegiance. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Spurlin is absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the May 12, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Waits stated for the first item I would like to recognize Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to recognize Leah Sparks, who is with us tonight along with her mom Shawn Sparks. We are recognizing Ms. Sparks tonight for bringing her passion for our City and renovating our living room which is what I call the downtown area. Also, for her expertise in roasting and brewing coffee. Because of her innovative and exemplary business practices she was awarded the 2016 Young Entrepreneur for Calhoun County. She was named this at the Calhoun Chamber of Commerce Business Awards last week. We wanted to recognize her and say thank you for actually bringing your business to Oxford. She has the storefront but she also has a coffee truck that she takes to various events. We appreciate that. Emil Loeken, Marketing Director is going to take a picture and I am going to present you with a certificate.

Mrs. Hubbard presented a certificate to Leah Sparks.

Mr. Waits stated go get some Southern Girl Coffee and congratulations.

Resolution No. 2016-59 – Appointing Jeff Love to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Love we appreciate your service to the City and asked if he would like to say anything. This is not a paid position. It is something you do out of service and we appreciate you. You do a lot for the community already and we thank you for what you do.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-59. 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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-60 – Re-appointing Randy Beshears to the EMS Board for a four year term expiring February 9, 2020.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-60. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-61 – Re-appointing Marty Carter to the EMS Board for a four year term expiring February 9, 2020.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-61. 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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-62 – Awarding the bid for utility relocation to Acker Electric Company in the amount of \$316,941.00.

Mr. Waits stated this is for our downtown renovations. We are relocating the utilities there. Keith Strickland with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. was here in the pre-meeting and said this was actually under budget.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-62. 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 "Abstain", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

Resolution No. 2016-63 – Approval of demolition of a structure at 1220 Friendship Road in the amount of \$9, 083.33.

Mr. Waits recognized Mike Roberts, Building Inspector for comments.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-63. 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-64 – Awarding the bid for workstations at the City Garage in the amount of \$163,037.71.

Mr. Waits stated these workstations are going to be going into our new City Garage that is currently being constructed.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-64. 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-65 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Kimberly Appraisal for an appraisal of 104 and 108 Spring Branch Drive in the amount of \$500.00.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-65. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this property is on Spring Branch Drive. A motel was there that we tore down.

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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-66 – Resolution for the approval of a wrecker service application from Skinner’s Body Shop.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-66. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this has gone through the approval process.

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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-67 – Change order for the new City Garage and Street Department in the amount of \$83,985.46.

Mr. Waits stated we had the opportunity to hear in detail each item from Cal Munroe, Architect for this project.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-67. 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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated at this time I would like to recognize Mr. Henderson.

Resolution No. 2016-68 – Appropriating \$5,000.00 to the Lion’s club.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-68. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated we heard from Jimmy Sparks in our pre-meeting. Thank you for everything the whole club does. I know there are some other members here tonight and we appreciate you. I actually looked at the list of all the activities performed in the City and we are grateful. We really are for what you do.

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. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to let everyone know that we now have a page for our Imagine Oxford, our comprehensive plan. We have a blog that has been developed by KPS Group. It is a blog where you can make comments and you can also see the notes from the last meeting that we had at the Civic Center. You can find that link in several places. You can find it on our City website under news, you can find it on the Fire Department and Police Department’s Facebook pages. Both chiefs are on our focus committee posted it on their Facebook pages. It is very well

done and if you want to know what happened in the previous meeting so you can be prepared to come to the next meeting on June 27th at the Oxford Civic Center. We will be talking more in depth about a plan for our City after we have developed our strengths and weaknesses which is what you will see on that page where the blog is. It will also give you notes. You can look at those and be ready for the next meeting with all of your ideas. We are looking forward to having a great big turnout for that meeting. We had a pretty good turnout for the last one but we are looking forward to the 27th of June at the Oxford Civic Center at 6 p.m. having a lot of our citizens. So, if you have a Facebook page and you find that link and want to share it that will be great. The more people who know about this the more ideas we can get from our citizens.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated I would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for real/potential litigation and for that aspect I would ask our City Attorney, Ron Allen to certify that. Mr. Allen stated so certified.

Mr. Waits stated we will have the Executive Session in the Conference Room and we will actually adjourn from there.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to go into Executive Session. 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President