

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 10, 2015
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member

ABSENT: Mayor Leon Smith

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.

Mr. Spurlin asked Mrs. Ray if she would mention Angelynn Luckado during the prayer. She is a 14 year old who just had a heart and a double lung transplant today. She is doing well but needs our prayers.

Sylvia Ray of Lakeview Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students in our school system who have excelled in academics and also character. Anna Tapley certainly fits that mold. Anna is a 6th grader at C.E. Hanna Elementary School. Her parents are Shannon and Jeremy Tapley. Anna enjoys dancing, fishing and going to church. She is a member of the WPA Dance Competition Team and they have travelled to Birmingham, Atlanta, and Chattanooga winning First Place at all of their competitions. Anna is also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Oxford where she sings in the children's choir. At school Anna is Student Council President and will be on the robotics and Teckee teams this year. Her favorite subjects are Science and Math and all of her teachers are her favorites. When Anna grows up she wants to be a teacher.

Anna Tapley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated congratulations Anna. Coach, you and your wife are outstanding citizens and we appreciate what you do for our kids in our school system. Thank you for what you do as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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. Spurlin "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

Resolution No. 2015-105 – Re-appointing Debora Kelley to the Library Board for a three year term expiring October 27, 2018.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-105. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-106 – Resolution awarding the bid for Concession/Catering Sales Contract for Choccolocco Park.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2015-106 to accept the bid of Turner Food Systems instead of Brainfreeze due to Mr. Fagan not completing the bid form. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yes" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated on Turner Food System's concessions anything below \$150,000.00 we will get 18 percent of gross sales of the product. There are some other items that are broken down under concessions, catering, merchandise and subcontractor. This is for Choccolocco Park.

Resolution No. 2015-107 – Resolution awarding the bid for the Official Merchandise Vendor at Choccolocco Park.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-107. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this will go to Ragland Screen Printing who will be providing the City 20 percent of gross sales.

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

Mr. Waits stated the next three resolutions that we are going to be dealing with are easements for Alabama Power as they work on our downtown project moving power poles and realigning some power.

Resolution No. 2015-108 – Resolution for an easement with Alabama Power Company on Dewey Street and Choccolocco Street.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-108. 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. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yes” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-109 – Resolution for an easement with Alabama Power Company on Dewey Street and Snow Street.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-109. 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. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yes” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015-110 – Resolution for an easement with Alabama Power Company on Oak Street and Main Street.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-110. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

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

Mr. Waits stated an item we would like to add:

Resolution No. 2015-111 – Resolution amending the budget to include operational expenses of the Marketing and Communications Department in the amount of \$177,724.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-111. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated Emil Loeken is here tonight and he is our new director. This is something we approved in our last meeting and this is for the operational budget for his department. We are excited about everything Emil has been working on. Some of it you may have seen with

Choccolocco Park which is extremely professional and we are really looking forward to everything.

Mr. Henderson stated with this every household in Oxford will start receiving a magazine quarterly called Access. You will be real impressed with this. It is a very impressive magazine. Emil does a great job with that. Also, there is a website that goes along with that. If you want to know what is going on in the City Emil will have it listed. You will be real impressed by getting these magazines. Sometimes you will see in *The Anniston Star* where Anniston is sending out a little recreational type calendar. This will have a calendar that will include every event including some of John's programs at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. We are very pleased for the citizens to see this magazine and see what all we have to offer.

Mr. Waits asked Mr. Loeken when the first magazine will go out. Mr. Loeken stated January.

Mr. Henderson stated if you have an interesting story get with Emil.

Mrs. Hubbard stated his office for now will be in the Performing Arts Center.

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

Resolution No. 2015-112 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement terminating the lease agreement with Jay Stephens and purchasing recreational equipment in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-112. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this is the batting cages on Recreation Drive. The City is actually going to terminate that lease and purchase it and start operating it.

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

Resolution No. 2015-113 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement for architectural services for the design of the Veteran's Memorial Park with Munroe + Jenkins Architects, LLC.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-113. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is for a Memorial Park which we will be moving our Veteran's Park into and this is for the design of that park at Oxford Lake.

Mrs. Hubbard stated Chief Bill Partridge is heading up the committee. Mr. Cal Munroe has already done some temporary work on it. Our original goal was to be in by the end of May but I don't know if we will get that done now. Our goal was to get in for Memorial Day so we would have a location to have a service for our veterans. We are looking forward to having that in the southeast corner of the Civic Center parking lot that faces the interstate.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to recognize our Main Street Director Rod Harris at this time. He has an exciting announcement to make. Something he has worked very diligently on and we appreciate his hard work.

Rod Harris stated during the summer Aaron Sexton, Diane Glen and I began working on a CDBG Planning Grant. I heard later on that the budget was cut to \$120,000.00 and that was all they were going to offer for every city in Alabama. I found out earlier this week that we were granted that \$22,400.00 Planning Grant. What is a Planning Grant? Well, we have the big project going on downtown that is underway. The Planning Grant is what I am going to use to start what we will call Phase II of this project. Phase I is just getting underway. Phase II which is the Planning Grant we are going to use it to figure out what is the next route and the best way to go with it, continue on the project. Phase II we have a little bit of money to start planning for. I have been talking with Aaron for quite some time for Phase III and Phase IV later. I was excited to hear that and I thought maybe we would be out of the running after it was cut to \$120,000.00.

Mr. Spurlin stated we have Jameson Houston here with us tonight who has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Very few achieve that ranking and we are proud of him. He is active in our youth programs and he graduated last year. Very proud of him and his focus and determination to achieve this.

Mr. Waits stated congratulations this is a big achievement.

Mr. Henderson stated tomorrow is Veteran's Day and we certainly want to remember all of our veterans. We certainly want to honor them and remember and what they have done for our country. I appreciate the Street Department putting up the American flags for Veteran's Day around most of the intersections in town. If you see a veteran tell them thank you tomorrow. I can't imagine what some of these men and women and their families have gone through.

Mr. Henderson stated that Mr. Waits, Ms. Henson and I went to Nashville for the National League of Cities Convention. We had a good time and learned a lot. There are some things that may be coming down the pipe like cities with no cars and things like that.

Mr. Waits stated we may never see it but the kids will. Some of the things they were talking about are really amazing and are being tested now.

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. Henderson stated we did break ground the other day on a new facility for Regional Medical Center that will be an asset to our community including 25 well paid jobs. Alton Craft, Finance Director did a great job of representing the City there. We appreciate RMC for bringing this facility to our City. It will definitely be a benefit for our citizens.

Mr. Waits stated City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veteran's Day. Allied Waste will run their regular route on Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

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