

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 24, 2014  
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.

Fire Chief Gary Sparks gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits stated we try to recognize some of our students who excel in character and academics. Tonight we are going to recognize Miss Mia Munoz. Mia is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at DeArmanville Elementary School. Her parents are Efrain and Elizabeth Munoz. Mia's dad works at her favorite restaurant, Los Mex. She has a 12 year old brother named Sebastian who attends Oxford Middle School and she has a dog named Lucas that rides to school with her every day. She is fluent in English and Spanish and loves DeArmanville Elementary where they have great teachers and everyone is nice. Mia also enjoys dance, tumbling and soccer. She is on the "AB" Honor Roll, has been Student of the Month and participated in the Academic Pep Rally. Her favorite subject in school is Math and her favorite teacher is Ms. Hayes. When Mia grows up she wants to be a teacher.

Mia Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated great job, it is great to see you and keep it up.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the November 10, 2014 regular meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

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. 2014-99 – Change order for the Sports Complex.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-99. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this is change order number one for the sports complex. What this entails essentially is about \$1.8 million in value engineering that we have done to the project with about \$3.8 million in alternates that the City has taken that we originally looked at for a total change order of \$2,060,662.00. These funds will come out of the bond issue that the City did upfront. Those funds will cover the additional funds.

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. 2014-100 – Resolution declaring personal property as surplus property for the City Garage.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-100. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this includes a long list that I will not make Ms. Henson read that includes tractors, cars and a whole listing of items.

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. 2014-101 – Approval of signs for the Beautification Board.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-101 in the amount of \$1,821.44. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to say thank you for the Council’s support of this project and it is one of the many projects that the Beautification Board is working on throughout our City. This one will involve our citizens and will recognize those citizens throughout the City that have put in extra efforts into their yards. Whether it is new fencing, some landscaping and they can nominate themselves or someone else can nominate them. There will be two awards that will be given each quarter so eight awards starting in January through next December. These signs that we are paying for tonight will be the signs in the yards. It includes the arm and the sign that actually designates them as the Beautification Board winner.

Mr. Henderson asked if the Beautification Board Award was for businesses or just for citizens. Mrs. Hubbard stated it is also for businesses.

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. 2014-102 – Resolution re-appointing Greg Skinner to the Oxford Emergency Medical Services Board for a term expiring February 9, 2018.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-102. 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. 2014-103 – Resolution appointing David Ford to the Calhoun Cleburne County Mental Health Board for a term expiring June 20, 2020.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-103. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated Mr. Ford is here tonight and we appreciate your willingness to serve on this board. This is an important board and there is a lot going on right now as you may well know. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Ford for any comments.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated I appreciate him willing to serve. I think he is qualified and certainly an asset to have someone of David's caliber serving.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you.

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. 2014-104 – Resolution awarding the bid for incinerator refractory panels for the City Incinerator.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-104 awarding the bid to Martin Construction in the amount of \$124,978.29. 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 "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she wanted to say thank you but she wasn't sure if she should thank the Council or the citizens. Mr. Henderson, Ms. Henson and I went to the National League of Cities Conference and between the three of us went to about 60 hours of classes. They were pertinent to many things that we are talking about in our City. Some about transparency in our City Government, about financing, the budgeting process and I know we are going to talk to Alton Craft more about that. We also went to some things on financing the downtown revitalization and I spent about six hours in some of those classes.

Mr. Henderson stated we went to some wellness programs too. Mrs. Hubbard stated one of the things we went to was a wellness program for our City workers. We are hoping we can talk to our Human Resources person and get something started with a pilot program in just one of our departments. It was an excellent conference in Austin, Texas. We were glad that we had an opportunity to go to that conference.

Mr. Henderson asked Rusty Gann, City Engineer if the Street Department has started vacuuming up the leaves yet. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Smith was absent.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for December 9, 2014 to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their November 4, 2014 meeting:

- A) Zoning request from Baker Reynolds to zone the property located at 2779 U.S. Highway 78 East to Light Manufacturing.
- B) Zoning request from Daniel and Christie Hagan to zone the property located at 98 West Drive to Residential.
- C) Zoning request from McIntosh, LLC to zone the 0.53 acres off Reaves Drive to Residential.

## **Visitors**

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

Mr. Waits stated City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Waits stated Allied Waste will not run on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will run one day behind through Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President