

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 7, 2016
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Steven Waits, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by the City Clerk, Shirley Henson. Ms. Henson welcomed everyone to the Oath of Office and Ceremonial Service for the new Council.

The Oxford Police Department had the Presentation of Colors.

Mrs. Lynn Dempsey sang the National Anthem.

Lt. Ty Corban of the Oxford Fire Department led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stan Albright, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

Oaths of Office

Pastor Stan Albright administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-elect Alton Craft.

The Honorable Debra Jones administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council members: Phil Gardner, Charlotte Hubbard, Mike Henderson, Chris Spurlin and Steven Waits.

Election of Council President

Ms. Henson opened the floor for nominations for Council President.

Mr. Henderson nominated Charlotte Hubbard to serve as Council President.

Mr. Waits nominated Chris Spurlin to serve as Council President.

Mr. Henderson made a motion that nominations be closed.

Ms. Henson stated all those in favor of Charlotte Hubbard. Ayes: Mike Henderson and Charlotte Hubbard

Ms. Henson stated all those in favor of Chris Spurlin. Ayes: Steven Waits, Phil Gardner and Chris Spurlin

Roll Call

On roll call: Mrs. Hubbard "Present", Mr. Gardner "Present", Mr. Spurlin "Present", Mr. Henderson "Present" and Mr. Waits "Present".

Election of Council Pro Tempore

Mr. Spurlin called for nominations for the election of Council Pro Tempore.

Mr. Gardner nominated Steven Waits to serve as Council Pro Tempore.

Mr. Henderson nominated Charlotte Hubbard to serve as Council Pro Tempore.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Spurlin stated all those in favor of Steven Waits. Ayes: Phil Gardner, Steven Waits and Chris Spurlin

Mr. Spurlin stated all those in favor of Charlotte Hubbard. Ayes: Mike Henderson and Charlotte Hubbard

Mr. Spurlin stated Steven Waits will be Council Pro Tempore.

Appoint the City Attorney

Mr. Spurlin stated we need a nomination to appoint Ron Allen as City Attorney.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to appoint Ron Allen as City Attorney. 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". Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Mr. Allen for your service and you have done an excellent job for the past several years. We look forward to you continuing serving. Thank you for what you do.

Name the Depositories for Municipal Funds: BB&T, Compass, Wells Fargo, F & M, Cheaha, Regions, Noble Bank & Trust, and Bank of New York.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to continue the practice of bidding monies to all local banks to be used as depositories for municipal funds. 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 "Abstain" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". Nays: None. The motion carried.

Appointment of Council liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Henderson made a motion to appoint Charlotte Hubbard to serve as the City Council liaison to the Planning and Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mrs. Hubbard has served as liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the past four years and has done an excellent job. She has agreed to take this again and she enjoys doing this. We would love for her to represent our Council.

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". Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Council liaison to the Park and Recreation Board

Mr. Waits made a motion to appoint Phil Gardner to serve as City Council liaison to the Park and Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin stated Mr. Gardner has also served for the past eight years as liaison to the Park and Recreation Board. He has done an excellent job and has agreed to do this again. We would love for him to represent us.

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". Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Dates, Time and Place of Meetings

Mr. Spurlin stated currently our meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Waits made a motion to set the regular meetings of the City Council for 6:30 p.m. at City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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". Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of the Agenda Format

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the agenda format. 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". Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spurlin stated this will conclude our Organizational Meeting and we will take just a few minutes to visit with you all. Thank you for being here tonight, for your support in our election and being here and caring enough about us to see us take office tonight. We appreciate that very much.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President