

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. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the October 25, 2016 regular 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. 2016-26 – Ordinance annexing the property of John Cupo of 55 Coventry Court, Talladega County, containing 0.81 acres, more or less.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-26 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.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-26. 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.

Mr. Spurlin asked if Mr. Cupo is here tonight. Thank you for being here and welcome to Oxford.

Public Hearing

Mr. Spurlin opened the public hearing to receive comments on the request of John Cupo to zone the property located at 55 Coventry Court to R-1 (Residential). Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Spurlin asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against this. There were none.

Mr. Spurlin closed the public hearing.

Ordinance No. 2016-27 – Ordinance to zone the property located at 55 Coventry Court to R-1 (Residential).

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2016-27 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. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-27. 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. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016-128 – Resolution for additional pay and support for the City Attorney.

Mr. Spurlin stated Ron Allen, City Attorney's secretary has been helping him. We ask him to do a lot of the resolutions, ordinances and research a lot of things. So we need a resolution to help pay and support the City Attorney.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-128. 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.

Mr. Spurlin stated we are going to bundle Resolution No. 2016-129 through Resolution No. 2016-135 together. These are resolutions approving appropriations for different organizations that provide a service to our City. Instead of voting on each resolution separately we will bundle those together.

Resolution No. 2016-129 – Resolution for an appropriation to Children’s Services, Inc.

Resolution No. 2016-130 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Entrepreneurial Center.

Resolution No. 2016-131 – Resolution for an appropriation to Children’s Center.

Resolution No. 2016-132 – Resolution for an appropriation to Rainbow Omega.

Resolution No. 2016-133 – Resolution for an appropriation to Community Enabler.

Resolution No. 2016-134 – Resolution for an appropriation to Interfaith Ministries.

Resolution No. 2016-135 – Resolution for an appropriation to Center for Substance Abuse.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-129 through Resolution No. 2016-135. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Spurlin stated these appropriations total \$53,500.00

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. 2016-136 – Resolution for an appropriation to Jacksonville Street University.

Mr. Spurlin stated we discussed this in the work session and there is going to be an amendment to this resolution. I would like to recognize Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson stated the resolution should read the city authorizes an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Jacksonville State University Foundation Football account number 2241 providing educational opportunities and assistance.

Mr. Spurlin thanked Mr. Henderson. We were made aware in the work session that if we do not specify a specific account the money appropriated will go to Jacksonville State as a whole and not where we intended it to at the Athletic Department.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-136 as amended to include the amount of \$25,000.00. 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. 2016-137 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase Agreement with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. for the purchase of a 2017 Pierce Enforcer 107 ft. Ascendant Ladder Truck in the amount of \$888,176.00.

Mr. Spurlin stated we will be able to pay for this through fire tax money.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-137. 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. 2016-138 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Lease Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC for the lease and purchase of a 2017 Pierce Enforcer 107 ft. Ascendant Ladder Truck in the amount of \$847,253.70.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-138. 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. 2016-139 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an easement with Alabama Power Company.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-139. 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.

Mr. Spurlin stated the next item is not on the agenda but we discussed at the last meeting to put on the agenda and Mr. Allen provided us with a resolution in the work session.

Resolution No. 2016-140 – Resolution to make a correction for the amount of sick leave that is allocated to designated fire fighters.

Mr. Spurlin stated we had a change in our handbook effective of January of this year. Those changes made the correction for this year but it did not allow the sick time to be compensated for a twenty four hour shift. For those fire fighters whose shift is recognized as eight hours and it did not make the correction for them on a twenty four hour shift. So it cut their sick leave into a third of what they had actually accumulated. This resolution will correct that problem.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-140. 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like for Police Chief Bill Partridge to come and speak about Liberty Park. As you know Veteran's Day is this Friday and we are going to have some events there. I know he has put it out on Facebook but for the record could you just tell us a little bit about the events.

Chief Partridge stated Thursday night at 7 p.m. we are going to have the ribbon cutting for Liberty Park near the Civic Center. If you haven't been out there you need to come Thursday night. All the lights will be on. We are going to be dedicating that park Thursday night. We will have a short ceremony and I encourage everyone to please come out. We are going to be talking about special veteran who is out there in the park, his marker and what he did for our country and our city.

Mr. Spurlin stated it is a beautiful park. If you have not already been out there and seen the park it is a beautiful memorial to those who have served our country and for our law enforcement and fire fighters. Be sure to go by there and look. If you can be there for our ribbon cutting that night.

Mr. Henderson stated along those same lines there is a process if you want to purchase a marker for your veteran, family member or whatever Chief Partridge has those procedures. I think they want to order them all through Millers so they will all look the same.

Mr. Henderson stated I would like to encourage everyone to go vote tomorrow. It is a very important day in the life of our country and a lot to do with our future. So, please exercise that privilege you have been given.

Mr. Henderson stated I want to congratulate our football team, volleyball team and cross country teams from our high school for having outstanding seasons. Congratulate those young athletes for the job they did, the coaches, the band and cheerleaders that participated.

Mr. Spurlin stated I would like to take the time to congratulate Mr. Waits. We accomplished a lot for our city and worked well together. I look forward to continuing to work well together over the next four years.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Spurlin asked Mayor Craft if he had any comments. He has none.

Mr. Spurlin stated thank you Mayor and we look forward to working with you this next term. I know you will do a great job and can't think of anyone better. We appreciate your services as treasurer and we look forward to this new role as you lead our city forward.

Visitors

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

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President