

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 13, 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.

John Ward of Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Waits led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the September 22, 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 "Abstain", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation recognizing the month of October as Firefighter Appreciation Month**

Mr. Waits stated we have several of our firefighters here tonight. I am going to recognize Mrs. Hubbard for the reading of the Proclamation.

Mrs. Hubbard read the Proclamation.

Mr. Waits stated he would like to thank each one of the firefighters here tonight, those who couldn't make it and I also want to thank your wives. It has got to be tough to be the wife of a firefighter and hear that pager go off. I want you to let your families know we appreciate them just like we appreciate you. I feel so strongly that we have some fantastic firefighters and not just firefighters but men of character. We appreciate you guys and you are a great representation of our City. I couldn't be more proud of you guys. So thank you for what you do.

### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the request of Jean Bain, Tommy Monroe and Stanley Bush to zone the property located at 119 Mattison Road to GB (General Business). Mr. Waits declared the public hearing open.

Mr. Waits asked if there was anyone here to speak for or against this.

Mr. Stanley Bush addressed the Council regarding the re-zoning of this property. Mr. Bush stated if the property is re-zoned he will expand the mini storage buildings to this property.

Mr. Waits declared the public hearing closed.

### **Ordinance No. 2015-17 – Ordinance to re-zone the property located at 119 Mattison Road from R-1 (Residential) to GB (General Business).**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2015-17 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spurlin.

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.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-17. 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 "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2015-96 – Resolution awarding the bid for concrete pipe.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-96 awarding the bid to Scott Foley. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2015-97 – Resolution awarding the bid for concrete.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-97 awarding the bid to Webb Concrete. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated this is for several projects throughout the City.

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. 2015-98 – Resolution awarding the bid for the re-alignment of Boiling Springs Road.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-98 awarding the bid to Holmes II Excavation in the amount of \$1,188,048.62. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated the project was budgeted for \$2 million and it came in at a little over \$1.1 million.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated what we are doing here is for safety concerns and traffic flow. We will be re-aligning Boiling Springs Road to the entrance of the sports complex and there will be a red light placed there. Again, for safety concerns and to expedite traffic in the area.

Mr. Henderson stated there might be a little inconvenience for a while in that area. When construction starts you might want to avoid that area for a little while.

Mr. Waits stated our City Engineer, Rusty Gann will be working with Shirley Henson, City Clerk to get a letter out to the residents that are affected by that area. He is also going to be putting it on social media trying to get the word out about it. This will be about a five to six month long project.

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 resolution we will be adding to the agenda is related to the previous resolution.

**Resolution No. 2015-99 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood to perform construction engineering services at Boiling Springs Road.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-99. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yes" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated we have one more item to add to the agenda.

**Resolution No. 2015-100 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed to New Haven Baptist Church for land off Highway 202.**

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-100. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits stated there is a small piece of property in front of the church that is of no value and this Quitclaim Deed will give them the opportunity to put signage on their property.

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.

**COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated a couple of things from downtown. This Thursday night is the first of four or five different of our Broadway Series sponsored by Noble Bank and Trust. If you haven't purchased tickets you might want to. The first one is Flashdance. It is going to be a very exciting night. We appreciate the sponsorship from Noble Bank. Also, on October 24<sup>th</sup> is Trick or Treat on Main in the downtown area for the kids. If you are interested in participating we are still looking for people to do games, pass out candy. I know our first responders will be there and a couple of churches are participating. We are doing it that night because Anniston is doing their Neewollah on Noble on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Waits stated speaking of downtown Oxford I would like to thank everyone involved in Oxfordfest with the Fire Department, Police Department and EMS all being there. It was a rainy day and I was surprised at that early in the morning there was that many people there. I actually spoke to one vendor from our church and said she sold everything she had. So it must have been a pretty good day even with the weather. Thanks everyone for their involvement.

Mr. Spurlin stated I would like to commend our Police Chief. So many times we forget to acknowledge them and many times we do but they do an excellent job especially in the last couple of weeks. We had an armed barricaded suspect in a house and were able to use our technology, a robot was able to gain entrance to the house and the suspect surrendered to a robot without putting a police officer's life on the line. We are thankful that we can use that technology and I appreciate Chief Partridge and job well done. Also, within a week we had an armed robbery in one of our pharmacies. Something that is really tough is when someone just gets off the interstate robs it and gets back on and not be from this area. I remember in my law enforcement days that would be a very tough crime to solve. Because of today's technology and social media they have two suspects now. One already in custody and they are still looking for the other one in less than a week. I appreciate the job you have done. This past weekend, it is

appropriate for our firefighters to be here tonight, first responders always put their lives on the line and a lot of times it is not noticed or paid attention to. This past weekend we were reminded how precious life is and how short it can be. Even though the dangers they face our first responders do whatever it takes to enter a house and put their lives at risk to save lives. I appreciate it and a job well done. The four lives that were saved this past weekend. You didn't think about your life being in harm's way but you did what it took to get the job done. I appreciate you guys doing that.

### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for October 27, 2015 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their September 1, 2015 meeting:

A.) Zoning request from Gerald Parks to zone the property located at 1880 McIntosh Road to R-1 (Residential).

### Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated at this time I will entertain a motion from the Council to go into Executive Session related to the sale of real estate.

Mr. Gardner made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated we will go into Executive Session and when we come out of the Executive Session we will go into a brief open meeting. We will not be taking any action but we will adjourn from that meeting.

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.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President