

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 14, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

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.

Wayne Edwards of Calvary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mr. Waits stated we ask everyone to pray for Mr. Gardner. He is at home recuperating.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits asked everyone to stand for 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 23, 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. 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. 2014-77 – Resolution regarding the bid for HDPE corrugated side drain pipe.

Mr. Waits stated this resolution was brought up at our last meeting and was tabled due to further discussion. The Council has decided to handle that bid through another Resolution No. 2014-79. We need to dispose of this resolution first.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-77. 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 "Nay", Mr. Spurlin "Nay", Mr. Henderson "Nay" and Mr. Waits "Nay". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-79 – Resolution awarding the bid for HDPE corrugated side drain pipe.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-79 awarding the bid to Wells and Wells. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-80 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for Sidewalk Rehabilitation and ADA Curb Cuts on Main Street, Snow Street and Choccolocco Street.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-80. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Henderson stated he texted Wayne Livingston, Oxford Water Works to let him know that this was being brought up and that he would know things were getting started. He said to give him a heads up on this and he would do what he needed to do to take care of the water and sewer.

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

Resolution No. 2014- 81 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease with First Baptist Church of Oxford for use of their parking lot during performances or events at the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-81. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated I appreciate First Baptist working with us on this.

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

Resolution No. 2014- 82 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for installation of Project IM-020 (345) Interchange lighting I-20 at AL 21.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-82. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014- 83 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Solutia, Inc. for operations and maintenance on City property.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to recognize Mr. Loper. Mr. Waits stated you are actually with Eastman or is it Solutia. Mr. Loper stated that Solutia is a subdivision of Eastman. Mr. Waits stated we appreciate you being here tonight. Mr. Waits asked if Mr. Loper would like to make any comments.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-83. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this covers inspections, maintenance and any repairs to continue the effectiveness of the property.

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

Mr. Waits stated the next item will be an added resolution.

Resolution No. 2014- 84 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Anniston for water service to the new City Garage and new Fire Station for \$22,580.00.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-84. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated the next item will be an added resolution. Mr. Waits recognized Mr. Spurlin.

Resolution No. 2014- 85 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Taser International, Inc. for the purchase of 58 body worn cameras for our law enforcement officers for a total of \$68,000.00.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-85. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we do have a sole source letter from Taser International, Inc. Due to the technology that this product provides it is sole sourced. Mr. Waits recognized Police Chief Bill Partridge for any comments.

Mr. Henderson asked Chief Partridge how soon can we get the cameras.

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

Mr. Waits stated the next item will be an added resolution.

Resolution No. 2014- 86 – Authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to execute a compromise agreement with Mark Burns d/b/a Dean, Tyler and Burns in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-86. 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. Spurlin “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mr. Spurlin stated I would like to thank Fire Chief Gary Sparks. Last week we had a structure fire and one of our firemen arrived on the scene first and heard a resident inside yelling. The fireman didn't have time to suit up and firefighter Rodney Pate went in pulled the resident out. I believe paramedic Tom Slick also helped as he was coming out. Both of them put their own lives at risk and went above and beyond. I appreciate Rodney and Tom putting their life at risk just as all of our first responders do every day. A lot times we just take it for granted and don't appreciate them. I want them to know that we do appreciate them.

Mr. Henderson stated this isn't as serious as that but I think we had a great turn out for Oxfordfest. I would like to thank everyone who had a role in putting the festival on and I think it was a great success. It was good to show off downtown Oxford.

Mrs. Hubbard stated Rod Harris did an excellent job at this year's Farmer's Market. This is just our second year and we are a certified market. It gave our growers the opportunity to sell their

produce and also some of the crafts. The vendors had the opportunity to come out every Thursday and sell their wares. I appreciate Rod and everything he did this year on that. Last week we had a chili cook-off between our first responders and it was a fight to the finish but won by the Police Department. It was very well attended and it did what we wanted it to do. It brought a lot of people and awareness of our market to people who did not know about it. I think Rod and his Main Street group have already started plans for next year's market. We did have Main Street committee training last week for the four different committees that are involved in the Main Street Initiative. They were really impressed with the number of people we had in the committee training. Again, thank you to Rod and to Mary Helmer for being here.

Mr. Waits stated you guys do a great job of getting out in the public. That is important with the Fire Department, fire safety and EMS. Another thing the Chief and I were talking about is it is important for our kids to know our law enforcement officers and have a relationship with them. I think that is something special we have here in this town. That takes work and I appreciate that and it isn't going unseen from all three of you.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Smith stated he has no comments.

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated at this time we are going to take a motion from the Council and transfer from here into the Conference Room to complete tonight in a work session. The public is invited to attend as well. Mr. Waits called for a motion.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to continue in a work session. 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. Spurlin "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits stated we will adjourn from the work session.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President