

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 24, 2017  
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 Alan Atkinson, City Clerk of the City, served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Reverend Scott Smith of Antioch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Spurlin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Juanita Curvin to re-zone the property located at 598 Beck Road and 0 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Juanita Curvin addressed the Council in favor of said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

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No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Juanita Curvin to re-zone the property located at 598 Beck Road and 0 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential closed.

Ordinance No. 2017- 21 - Ordinance rezoning property located at 598 Beck Road and 0 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential.

Mr. Waites made a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-21 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

Mr. Waites made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-21. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2017-21 was approved.

Mr. Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Janese Humphries to re-zone the property located at 35 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Alan Singleton addressed the Council and stated he had purchased the property located at 35 Burtram Drive and he was in favor of this rezoning.

Mr. Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Janese Humphries to re-zone the property located at 35 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential closed.

Ordinance No. 2017- 22 - Ordinance rezoning property located at 35 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-22 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-22. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr.

Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2017-22 was approved.

Mr. Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Lawrence Horton to re-zone the property located at 63 Burtram Drive and a small strip next to 63 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Lawrence Horton to re-zone the property located at 63 Burtram Drive and a small strip next to 63 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential closed.

Ordinance No. 2017- 23 - Ordinance rezoning property located at 63 Burtram Drive and a small strip next to 63 Burtram Drive from General Business to Residential.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-23 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2017-23 was approved.

Mr. Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from LBC Acquisitions to re-zone the property located at 1900 Golden Springs Road from General Manufacturing to General Business, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from LBC Acquisitions to re-zone the property located at 1900 Golden Springs Road from General Manufacturing to General Business closed.

Ordinance No. 2017- 24 - Ordinance rezoning property located at 1900 Golden Springs Road from General Manufacturing to General Business.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-24 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner;

and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-24. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2017-24 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 120 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into lease-purchase agreements with PNC Equipment Finance LLC.

Mr. Spurlin stated this was a lease-purchase agreement for three fire trucks.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-120. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-120 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 121 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into lease-purchase agreement with Community First National Bank.

Mr. Spurlin stated this was a lease-purchase agreement for 50 sets of turn out gear for the Fire Department.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-121. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-121 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 122 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an event agreement with the owners of the Quintard Mall.

Mr. Spurlin stated this agreement would allow the Trick or Treat on Main Street event to take place at the Quintard Mall because of the ongoing construction in the downtown area.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-122. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-122 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 123 – Resolution for change order at the Recreation Complex.

Mr. Spurlin stated this would be the final change order to close out the Sports Complex.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-123. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Waits thanked Fred Denney, Project Manager, for working with him on this change order. He thanked Eugene Turner Construction, the general contractor on the project, for working with them to choose local contractors to work on the project and buying local building supplies. He stated by using Acker Electric, a local contractor, they were able to reduce their field lighting cost by approximately \$500,000.

On call of the on Mr. Henderson's motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-123 and Mr. Waits' second to said motion the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-123 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 124 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Simplex Grinnell for annual fire sprinkler system inspections.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-124. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-124 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017- 125 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 2009 Park Avenue.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-125. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-125 was approved.

Mr. Spurlin stated they needed to add an item to the Agenda from a presentation made to the Council during their work session by John Longshore, Director, Performing Arts Center, and recognized Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-126, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Kokora Exhibits in the substantial form as presented to the City for a dinosaur exhibit at the City Sears building from November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 through January 28, 2018 and approve the expenditure of up to \$90,000 for the exhibit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Gardner "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-126 was approved.

Mrs. Hubbard asked Hunter Gentry, Main Street Director, to address the Council concerning the Bi-Centennial Celebration.

Hunter Gentry, Main Street Director, addressed the Council and stated the Bi-Centennial Celebration was ongoing from 2017 through 2019 and they needed a resolution passed authorizing

the formation of a Bi-Centennial Committee so that they could apply for grant money and to begin works on their plans for the Bi-Centennial Celebration.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-127, a Resolution authorizing the formation of a Bi-Centennial Committee for the purpose of applying for grant monies and planning Bi-Centennial activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Gardner “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2017-127 was approved.

Mr. Henderson congratulated the Oxford High School Football Team for winning their region’s regular season championship.

Chief Sparks, Fire Department addressed the Council and stated Public Safety Night Out would be November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Civic Center. He stated all the public safety agencies would be involved and many of the area churches. He stated it would be a good opportunity for people to see the equipment used by the various public safety agencies. He stated this Sunday there would be an open house for the new Friendship Fire Station from 2-4 p.m.

Mr. Waits thanked Chief Sparks for the Fire Department’s smoke alarm initiative which had prompted him to check the smoke alarms in his home and 4 out of 6 smoke alarms in his home were not were working.

Mrs. Hubbard invited everyone to attend Trick or Treat on Main which would be held at Quintard Mall from 4-7 p.m. this Saturday.

Mayor Craft thanked the Council for their hard work and helping with the completion of Choccolocco Park. He thanked Council Member Waits for helping with the project.

Bill Bunn, 2017 Cheatwood Drive, addressed the Council and stated the intersection of Friendship Road, Oak Hill Road and Little John Drive is causing a traffic gridlock. He stated traffic heading east on Friendship and wanting to turn left onto Little John are blocked by traffic heading west and someone wanting to turn left onto Oak Hill which is blocked by east bound traffic when someone is trying to turn left into Little John. He stated Little John and Oak Hill are offset and does not make a normal four-way intersection. He stated if the council could pass an ordinance to install traffic signs warning motorists (“DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION”) on Friendship before the two roads, Little John and Oak Hill, when there are cars trying to turn left onto either Little John or Oak Hill, this may help to stop the gridlock.

Mayor Craft stated they could look at this situation and look at the feasibility of putting a turning lane at these intersections.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.

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Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

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Chris Spurlin, Council President

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