

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 13, 2016
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, 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.

Clint McCall of Meadowbrook Baptist Church of Oxford gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated we like to recognize students in our school system who have excelled in character and academics. Tonight we are going to be recognizing Cyan Duncan. Cyan is a second grader at Oxford Elementary School. Her parents are Joey and Selena Duncan. Cyan enjoys gymnastics, coloring and playing with friends. She is a competitive gymnast for the NSG Saltos. In her most recent meet, she placed 2nd All-Around. Her favorite subject in school is Science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Pilkington. When Cyan grows up she wants to be a horse trainer. Congratulations Cyan.

Cyan Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated great job Cyan and keep up the good work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the August 30, 2016 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. Gardner "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

Special Recognition: Firefighter Dan Futral

Mr. Waits recognized Fire Chief Gary Sparks.

Chief Sparks stated when we hired Dan in December of 2012, the next April he was deployed to Kuwait. He was gone six months and since then this year in January he was deployed again to return this August. He has had two deployments to Kuwait serving his country. Terry French of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) brought me this certificate back in May while Dan was still in Kuwait. Dan was selected as the Firefighter of the Year for the VFW. We wanted to wait until he got back to be able to present this to him. We are also giving him an award from the Fire Department, the Earl Haynes Award of Excellence. You all remember Earl and what he meant to us. I will read what it says. We wanted to thank you for not only for your service to the City of Oxford but for your service and giving of your time to go and protect us overseas. I know Jessica is back there along with the twin boys and you had to sacrifice time with them. We wanted to recognize you and this is nothing compared to missing time with them. It is a small token of our appreciation.

Mr. Waits stated Dan we appreciate you, your service to our city and country. Thanks to your family for giving of your time to.

Mrs. Hubbard stated especially the grandparents who are here tonight.

Chief Sparks stated they are going to have to slip out because Dan is in our EMT basic training class at our training center. We let him come in early to take his test but he has to get back to class.

Mr. Waits stated thank you Dan.

Resolution No. 2016-106 – Resolution where the City of Oxford wishes to engage the services of East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to undertake FHWA mapping for the City and to utilize the computer mapping program in support of its comprehension planning and mapping program with a local matching funds of \$7,200.00 and a total project cost of \$36,000.00 under Section 112.

Mr. Waits stated this is an 80/20 match and we heard from Robert Monroe, East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission in the work session. We do this annually and we have done it as for as many years as I can remember. We appreciate the work you do. They do our zoning, base map, annexations and all the mapping that is done for the City. They do a good job and we appreciate that.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-106. 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. 2016-107 – Resolution for surplus equipment at the City Garage.

Mr. Spurlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-107. 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. 2016-108 – Resolution authorizing the Council President to enter into a contract with Shannon Crutchfield for a rebranding project for the City.

Mr. Waits stated this is in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-108. 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.

Resolution No. 2016-109 – Resolution authorizing the Council President to enter into a Master Services Agreement with carbonhouse for a new website for the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-109. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated we heard from John Longshore, Director of the Oxford Performing Arts Center in the work session about this website.

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.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to make everyone aware of the Public Safety Awareness meeting session they are having at the Oxford Civic Center Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is for all the citizens to come by and see all the different agencies and what they do, all the services that they provide. I believe there will be some hot dogs and refreshments. It is also a way for us to show our support for public safety. Please help us by spreading the word.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Visitors

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

Mr. Waits stated I do see some residents from Blue Pond. How many are from Blue Pond? I shared the petition that we received from the Blue Pond residents in the work session. What we have asked is for the Council to take the next two week period between meetings to come out and see what we are talking about, look at it, and actually talk to the residents if they feel like they need to talk to the residents to get more information. We will be addressing that at the next Council meeting which will be in two weeks.

Amanda Wimpee was introduced as the new Assistant Finance Director. Mr. Waits stated we are excited to have you and you are working with an outstanding lady who has run the Finance Department for several years.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President