

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 22, 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

ABSENT: Mayor Leon Smith  
Mr. Chris Spurlin, 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.

David Harmon 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 excel in academics and character. Tonight we are recognizing Austin Rolfe, who is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Oxford Middle School. His mother is Dione Rolfe. Mr. Maniscalco who is Austin's principal is here tonight and we appreciate you being here supporting your students. Austin enjoys technology, video games, and soccer. At school he is involved in robotics, yearbook, and hopefully soccer. His favorite subject is Civics and his favorite teacher is Mr. Pope. When Austin grows up he wants to be either an aerospace engineer or an astronaut. He hopes to get a scholarship to Auburn University.

Mr. Waits stated congratulations Austin. We appreciate you and what you are doing.

Austin Rolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits thanked Austin and stated keep up the good work.

Mr. Waits stated that Mr. Spurlin is absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the September 8, 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Waits called for a motion to remove from the table Resolution No. 2015-87.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to remove Resolution No. 2015-87 from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2015-87 – Resolution accepting legal title to the property located at 104 and 108 Spring Branch Road.**

Mr. Waits stated this is an old hotel that as you are heading east bound on I-20 when you get off at Exit 185 if you look to the right. It is overgrown.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-87. 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. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Waits opened the public hearing to receive comments on the condemnation sent to Jeremy Slayton for a structure located at 990 Bynum Cutoff Road to show cause, if any, as to why the structure located on the property should not be condemned.

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

Mr. Waits declared the public hearing closed.

### **Resolution No. 2015-89 – Approving the actions of the Building Inspector that the building located at 990 Bynum Cutoff Road, be destroyed or removed as soon as possible according to Ordinance 212 of the City of Oxford.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-89. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is the old Auto Pride Car Wash in Bynum.

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

**Resolution No. 2015-90 – Authorizing the City Enforcement Officer to place a lien and/or tax assessment on the property located at 535 Taylors Chapel Road in the amount of \$4,000.00.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to Resolution No. 2015-90. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is a structure that was located across from the Coldwater School.

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

Mr. Waits thanked Mike Roberts, Building Inspector for his work on this and making it a safer environment for the school kids.

**Resolution No. 2015-91 – Awarding the bid for a heavy duty chassis with dump body and third axle.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-91. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated this is for two dump trucks and the total price is \$287,894.00 one of which is in the 2015 budget and the other will have to be addressed in the 2016 budget.

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

**Resolution No. 2015-92 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with One Stop Environmental for asbestos removal at 104 and 108 Spring Branch Road.**

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-92. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this is the hotel that we took ownership of a few moments ago and we will be hiring this company to remove some asbestos that is in the ceilings before we actually demolish the hotel.

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. Henderson "Yes" and Mr. Waits "Yea". The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2015-93 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Terracon Consultants for clearance air sampling on Spring Branch Road.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-93. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this is a contract for \$1,504.50. They will be monitoring the air when they remove the asbestos from that 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. Henderson “Yes” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. 2015-94 – Awarding the bid for fuel/gasoline for the City Garage.**

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-94. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mr. Waits stated the bid will be going to Jack Green Oil Company.

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

Mr. Waits stated the next item is not on the agenda but we would like to add it.

**Resolution No. 2015-95 – Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.**

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-95. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Waits stated this includes a three percent increase for the employees and a budgeted profit of \$113,148.00.

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. Henderson “Yes” and Mr. Waits “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits recognized Mrs. Hubbard for the next item relating to the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve a change order in the amount of \$210,964.00 for improvements to the Martin-Lett Gallery of Art, additional women’s restrooms and one level Box Office renovation and moving offices upstairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Waits called for comments or questions.

Mrs. Hubbard stated I would like to thank John Longshore for his work on this. Part of this came from a survey that he did for a need for additional women's restrooms. Thank you John and thank you Jane Batey, President of the Oxford Arts Council for being here tonight.

Mr. Waits asked Mr. Longshore when they will start this work and Mr. Longshore stated Monday. We appreciate your work and everything that is going on. It is great to see it flourish and we appreciate your leadership and all the work everyone puts in.

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

### **COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mr. Henderson stated he would like to remind everyone of Oxfordfest coming up on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and asked everyone to come out and support the event.

Mrs. Hubbard stated something for the Department of Archives and History, we recently applied for a grant to begin to archive and digitize items for our city. October is actually National Archives Month and I have some things here that I want to pass on to Amy Henderson, Library Director so that hopefully she can promote that in our city with maybe some bookmarks and a poster. Just recently I had someone come into the restaurant and give me some items that he wanted to give to our city. I know more and more we are going to have this happening. I am so happy that we have Amy and the group/team to begin to do this work. I don't think we have heard from the grant. I look forward to that and thanks to the Council for the support that in a match.

Mr. Waits stated I would like to publicly thank Police Chief Bill Partridge and his guys. I got to first hand unfortunately see them at work on my street but it was fantastic to see how they handled themselves, how efficient and professional the guys are. Just hearing the comments from all the neighbors of how proud they are of our Police Department in a situation like that. It was just really encouraging to hear, so chief please thank you guys for the work that they do and we appreciate your leadership.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Waits stated Mayor Smith is absent.

Mr. Waits stated we need to set a Public Hearing for October 13, 2015 to consider the following request which was approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their September 1, 2015 meeting:

A.) Re-zoning request from Jean Bain, Tommy Monroe and Stanley Bush to re-zone the property located at 119 Mattision Road to GB (General Business).

### **Visitors**

Mr. Waits called for any comments or questions from anyone present.

Bernie Proietty of 1318 County Line Road addressed about an addressing issue on County Line Road.

Mr. Waits stated we don't assign addresses but we can try to help you get it fixed. Mr. Waits stated right after this if I could get your phone number and we will see what we can do to help you out. We don't set the addresses so I can't tell you how they will resolve it but we can try to get you some help.

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

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Shirley Henson, City Clerk

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Steven Waits, Council President