

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 9, 2014
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Leon Smith
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member

ABSENT: 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.

Terry Padgett of Meadowbrook Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Waits stated tonight we are recognizing Kendall Lee. Kendall is a first grader at Oxford Elementary School. Her parents are Mark and Karen Lee. Kendall enjoys ballet, gymnastics and Girls in Action. She is a member of the choir at Golden Springs Baptist Church where she is also involved in Mission Friends. She is an awesome big sister to her little brother and she loves animals, especially kittens. At school Kendall is involved in fundraisers, Dancing Through The Decades, and bucket filling. Her favorite subject in school is science and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Herring. When Kendall grows up she wants to be a veterinarian.

Mr. Waits recognized Debbie Nelson, Principal at Oxford Elementary School. We appreciate you and we are proud of our school system. The great thing about our school system is our leadership and we appreciate the great job you do.

Kendall Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Waits stated 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 August 26, 2014 regular meeting. Mrs. Hubbard made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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 any old business; there was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2014-14 - Ordinance annexing the property of Amanda Carnes of 2200 Lark Lane, Talladega County, containing 2.24 acres, more or less.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2014-14 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

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 called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-14. There was no motion. Mr. Waits stated the Ordinance will fail without a motion. I will be happy to speak with you, Ms. Carnes after the meeting.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2014-15 - Ordinance to zone the property located at 2200 Lark Lane to R-1 (Residential).

Mr. Waits stated Ordinance No. 2014-15 is not applicable due to the failure of Ordinance No. 2014-14.

Ordinance No. 2014-16 - Ordinance annexing the property of Amanda Carnes of 2210 Lark Lane, Talladega County, containing 1.00 acres, more or less.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2014-16 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gardner.

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 called for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2014-16. There was no motion. Mr. Waits stated this Ordinance will die without a motion.

Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2014-17 - Ordinance to zone the property located at 2210 Lark Lane to R-1 (Residential).

Mr. Waits stated Ordinance No. 2014-17 is not applicable due to the failure of Ordinance No. 2014-16.

Resolution No. 2014-67 - Authorizing the Alabama Department of Revenue to administer and collect lodgings tax levied by the City of Oxford.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-67. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits recognized Alton Craft, Finance Director for any comments. Mr. Waits stated essentially this is having the Alabama Department of Revenue to collect our lodgings tax.

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. 2014-68 – Approval of easements and agreements at Victoria Place (regarding Curtis, Busby and Bunn).

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-68. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Waits stated this is part of a process of getting these easements and agreements to solve some drainage issues in the area of Victoria Place.

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.

Set a Budget Meeting for September 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Oxford Civic Center.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to set a Budget Meeting for September 16th at 5:30 p.m. 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.

Mr. Waits stated there is one item we would like to add to the agenda tonight.

Resolution No. 2014-69 – Authorizing an extension to the contract with Shooter's Alley, LLC.

Mr. Waits stated we will be extended this contract until November 1, 2014. This is a contract for purchase of City owned property formerly known as the Center Star Building.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-69. 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.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Waits called for Council Comments.

Mrs. Hubbard stated she would like to thank the Beautification Board. They came and shared some information they gathered on signage, gateway signage and Beautification Award signage. They also reported on the cleanup of the City in the different areas. Our next area is going to be off Circle Drive the last Saturday of the month. Bill Bunn and Rod Harris, Main Street Director are here and we appreciate the work they do and the excitement that is growing from cleaning up the City one Saturday at a time.

Mr. Waits stated we appreciate what you do.

Mr. Henderson stated I received a notice today that Donnie Adams is going up in the ladder truck for a weekend starting September 19, 20 and 21 to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. I know the Fire Department has been participating for years. I appreciate you continuing to do that. It is a good cause and I know it is related to ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). That has sort of hit home with one of my family members has this disease and I appreciate what you do. Thank you for doing that.

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.

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

Shirley Henson, City Clerk

Steven Waits, Council President