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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 25, 2022
TIME: 6:24 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

The City Council of the City of Oxford, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at approximately 6:24 o'clock p.m. Council President Pro Tempore Waits called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

David Harmon, Meadowbrook Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Hunter Gentry, Main Street Director:

Proclamation - City of Oxford's 170th Anniversary

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Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Jaclyn Willis, EMACC and president of the Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun County.

Proclamation – Human Trafficking Awareness

Jaclyn Willis addressed the Council and thanked them for their support and commended the City for their Human Trafficking Awareness education efforts.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Jay Prince to rezone property located at 349 Taylors Chapel Road from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Jay Prince to rezone property located at 349 Taylors Chapel Road from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Jay Prince to rezone property located at 349 Taylors Chapel Road from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Jay Prince to rezone property located at 349 Taylors Chapel Road from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), closed.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1).

Gary Morrison addressed the Council in favor of said zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Gary Morrison to rezone property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1), closed.

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Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Brenda Holmes to rezone property located at 0 Taylors Chapel Road (2.2 acres) from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Brenda Holmes to rezone property located at 0 Taylors Chapel Road (2.2 acres) from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Brenda Holmes to rezone property located at 0 Taylors Chapel Road (2.2 acres) from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Brenda Holmes to rezone property located at 0 Taylors Chapel Road (2.2 acres) from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Wanda Bolt Fontaine to rezone property located at 5460 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Wanda Bolt Fontaine to rezone property located at 5460 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Wanda Bolt Fontaine to rezone property located at 5460 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Wanda Bolt Fontaine to rezone property located at 5460 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), closed.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Lorenda Wleklinski to rezone property located at 5500 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Lorenda Wleklinski to rezone property located at 5500 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Lorenda Wleklinski to rezone property located at 5500 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG), closed.

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Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Lorenda Wleklinski to rezone property located at 5500 U. S. Highway 78 West from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG).

Ordinance No. 2022 – 06 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 349 Taylors Chapel Road from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-06. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-06, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-06. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-06 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2022 – 07 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 1822 and 1824 Bynum Boulevard from General Business District (GB) to Residential District (R-1)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-07. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-07, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-07. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-07 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2022 – 08 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 0 Taylors Chapel Road (2.2 acres) from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

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Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-08, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-08 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2022 – 09 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 5460 U. S. Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-09. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-09, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-09. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-09 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2022 – 10 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 5500 U. S. Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center District (NSC) to Agricultural District (AG)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-10, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-10 was approved.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2022- 03 – Resolution accepting for public use and maintenance Alexis Lane, Mollie Lane and Tiffany Lane

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Resolution No. 2022- 04 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Championship Venue Agreement with the Alabama High School Athletic Association and Jacksonville State University

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Number 2022-03 and Resolution Number 2022-04. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2022-03 and Resolution Number 2022-04 were approved.

Don Hudson, Parks and Recreation Director, addressed the Council and stated the Championship Venue Agreement was a cooperative agreement between the City, Jacksonville State University and Alabama High School Athletic Association. He stated they were very pleased and proud to be hosting Alabama High School Athletic Association baseball tournament. He stated this was a one year contract.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated that when Choccolocco Park was designed this was the type of event they had envisioned for the venue.

Ordinance No. 2022 – 11 – Ordinance declaring real property surplus at 516 W. Oak Street and authorizing its sale

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council Members present having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2022-11, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2022-11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2022-11 was approved.

Resolution No. 2022- 05 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation in an amount not to exceed Twenty Six Thousand Fifty Dollars and no/100 (\$26,050.00) for the Rubato International Piano Competition

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution Number 2022-05, a resolution authorizing an appropriation in an amount not to exceed Twenty Six Thousand Fifty Dollars and no/100 (\$26,050.00) for the Rubato International Piano Competition. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays:

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none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2022-05 was approved.

Resolution No. 2022- 06 – Resolution authorizing an expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for the marketing of the Jacksonville State Softball program

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution Number 2022-06, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for the marketing of the Jacksonville State Softball program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2022-06 was approved.

Council Member Henderson congratulated the Oxford High School Boys and Girls basketball teams for winning the County Championship this year. He also congratulated the High School Green Power teams on their performance.

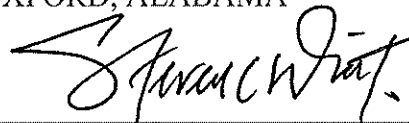
Mayor Craft thanked Jaclyn Willis and Junior League of Anniston-Calhoun County for their efforts combating human trafficking. He commended the Parks and Recreation Department for bringing the high school baseball and softball tournaments to Choccolocco Park.

Gordon Atkinson, 1801 Oakdale Street, addressed the Council concerning the traffic problems on Leon Smith Parkway and the need for another exit from Choccolocco Park. He stated there was a stray dog problem in his neighborhood.

Ben Stewart, Assistant Fire Chief, thanked everyone for their help with the Green Power Event.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA



Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

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