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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 23, 2021
TIME: 6:32 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 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, February 23, 2021, at approximately 6:32 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Mayor Craft prayed the Invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the February 9th, 2021 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Patty Tiller, ARC of Cleburne and Calhoun Counties.

Proclamation – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Resolution No. 2021- 37 – Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Recreational Trails Program Grant Application requesting \$400,000.00 to replace the Hell's Gate Pedestrian Bridge.

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Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021-37. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2021-37 was approved.

Resolution No. 2021- 38 – Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to acquire appraisal services for the property located at 1501 Barry Street for the necessary highway expansion

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-38, a resolution to authorize the City Attorney to acquire appraisal services for the property located at 1501 Barry Street for the necessary highway expansion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2021-38 was approved.

Resolution No. 2021- 39 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Cory Etter for the Cider Ridge Golf Course.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-39, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Cory Etter for Cider Ridge Golf Course with consideration being given to items mentioned during the work session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: Council Member Waits. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2021-39 was approved.

Council Member Henderson asked if the Council should take some action concerning the proposed local legislation to take a portion of the ad valorem taxes to fund the Commissioner of License and Tax Collector's Office.

Mayor Craft stated this was an open ended tax on the schools, fire departments and on the cities in the county. He stated the county has not discussed this with any of the municipalities to his knowledge. He stated that the local mayors are asking the local legislative delegation to not pass this proposed bill.

Chief Sparks, Fire Department, stated that Mark Tyner, Calhoun County Administrator, had sent him numbers today. He stated the numbers he was given were that the City would lose \$96,000.00 per year, the Fire Tax would lose \$29,000.00 per year and that he did not give him any numbers for the school.

Council Member Waits asked where this money was going.

Chief Sparks stated they were going to use this money to fund the Commissioner of License and Tax Collector's Office. He stated these dollar amounts would go up in the future. He stated they could not get the local legislative delegation to meet with them.

Mayor Craft stated the mayors could not get the County Commission to meet with them.

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Council Member Hubbard asked if this legislation had been introduced.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, stated that the proposed bill could not be introduced until it had finished advertising which would occur this Friday.

Council Member Hubbard stated the municipalities would continue to be picked at in this manner until the municipalities lose all their revenue.

Council Member Henderson asked if there was any updates on the mall.

Mayor Craft stated he was having a Zoom meeting with the mall owners and he would give the Council an update on that meeting.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for March 9, 2021 to consider a condemnation at 226 Ross Street.

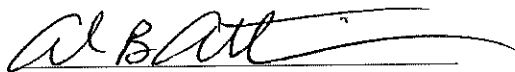
Patti Tiller thanked the Council for their support on the ARC of Cleburne and Calhoun County.

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 6:56 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
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