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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: August 23, 2022
TIME: 6:44 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 Oxford City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at approximately 6:44 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Pastor Zach VanGieson, Lakeview Baptist Church, 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 August 9, 2022 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits.

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.

Council President Spurlin stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2022- 92 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1612 Woodland Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 93 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1315 Maria Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

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Resolution No. 2022- 94 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 25 Main Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 95 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 2132 Harrell Drive in the total amount of \$437.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 96 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 218 McKibbin Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 97 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1321 McPherson Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 98 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 423 Taylors Chapel Road in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 99 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1312 Dogwood Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2022- 100 – Resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of a “Concrete Pad Construction and Installation” to Steam Out (Jason Reed) in the total amount of \$42,770.00.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2022-92 through 2022-100. 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 the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2022-92 through 2022-100, were approved.

Bill Bunn, Keep Oxford Beautiful, addressed the Council and stated that last week Robin Leonard and he had attended the Alabama Recycling Coalition annual meeting and ADEM had presented checks from the Alabama Recycling Fund. He stated there was tremendous interest in the State of Alabama concerning recycling. He updated the Council on different State wide recycling initiatives and local recycling activities. He stated that the City through Keep Oxford Beautiful had received a check for \$37,614.00.

John Longshore, OPAC Director, addressed the Council and thanked them for their support of the Rubato International Piano Competition, He also thanked for their support Alabama Power, the Alabama Tourism Department, Webb Concrete and Greg Cheryl Potts. He stated they 21 competitors from nine different countries and the feedback had been incredibly positive. He thanked the Oxford School System for their support with the live streaming of the event. He thanked Brian Graves, Anniston Star, for their coverage of the event.

Chief Sparks, Fire Department, addressed the Council and stated on September 11th they would be having a memorial service at Liberty Park at 4:00 p.m.

Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, addressed the Council and stated that the Council had passed a resolution on August 27, 2019 condemning the structure at 61 Alan Street and how

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allowed the owner a 60 day grace period before demolition would begin. He stated on November 24, 2020 they allowed the owner another 21 day grace period for the owner to try and sell the house. He stated that nothing had happened with the home and that it could be demolished but he was not sure whether the house could be repaired. He asked if the Council had an interest in the City having the house repaired and charging that back against the property. He stated the lien on the property would be for the repairs in that scenario. He stated he felt the owner owed more on the house would be worth. He stated he did not know what the cost to repair the home would be and whether it would be worth it.

Council Member Waits stated they needed to look at whether this was actually serving a public purpose.

The consensus of the Council was to go forward with the demolition.


Council Member Hubbard stated they needed to look at the issue of absentee owners and the lack of upkeep or attention to empty lots.

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 7:10 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
August 23, 2022: Regular Meeting

