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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 28, 2023
TIME: 6:37 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President

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, February 28, 2023, at approximately 6:37 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.

Lem Burrell, Lakeview 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 February 14, 2023, meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

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, Gardner, Waits and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the City of Oxford Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 providing regulations to allow Short-Term Rentals within the City, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed

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Janie Haynes, Glen Davis Road, addressed the Council in opposition to said proposed ordinance amending the City of Oxford Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 providing regulations to allow Short-Term Rentals within the City. She stated she was totally against the short term rentals and there was one on her street.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed ordinance amending the City of Oxford Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 providing regulations to allow Short-Term Rentals within the City.

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed ordinance amending the City of Oxford Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 providing regulations to allow Short-Term Rentals within the City.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the City of Oxford Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 providing regulations to allow Short-Term Rentals within the City, closed.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the City of Oxford to enter into an easement agreement with E&H Land Company LLC, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed resolution authorizing the City of Oxford to enter into an easement agreement with E&H Land Company LLC.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said proposed resolution authorizing the City of Oxford to enter into an easement agreement with E&H Land Company LLC.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the City of Oxford to enter into an easement agreement with E&H Land Company LLC, closed.

Ordinance No. 2023 – 03 – Ordinance amending the City’s Zoning Ordinance 2017-20 adding Article 13 to provide a set of use regulations and establish minimum standards for Short-Term Rental Dwellings within the City

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-03. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-03, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance

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Number 2023-03. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-03 was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated he had spoke to Ms. Haynes about the short term rentals. He stated there were a lot of regulations in this ordinance to prevent any negative issues and if negative issues did arise the ordinance could be amended or repealed. He stated the Inspections Department and the Fire Department would be involved in the approval of any short term rentals. He stated that they were taking into consideration the concerns of the citizens with respect to the short term rentals.

Council Member Hubbard stated this ordinance was written so short term rentals could not just open without any regulation. She stated there was a permitting process before anyone could open a short term rental.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2023- 15 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Easement Agreement with E&H Land Company, LLC.

Resolution No. 2023- 16 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a NJCAA Championship Host Agreement with the National Junior College Athletic Association

Resolution No. 2023- 17 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$153,105.43 to BSN Sports for additional bleachers at the Choccolocco Park Signature Softball Field

Resolution No. 2023- 18 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for \$2,000.00 with Camp Lee for the provision of recreational activities to youth in Oxford

Resolution No. 2023- 19 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Settlement Sign-On Agreements related to the Opioid Epidemic

Resolution No. 2023 – 20 – Resolution awarding the bid from Allstar Productions for a “Lighting Instrument Package” at the Oxford Performing Arts Center in the total amount of \$185,828.70.

Resolution No. 2023- 21 – Resolution authorizing the issuance of a letter authorizing the construction and placement of a MAPCO gas station facility at the I-20, Exit 185 interchange.

Resolution No. 2023- 22 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the Rubato International Piano Competition from August 8-12, 2023 at the Oxford Performing Arts Center

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Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-15 through 2023-22. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-15 through 2023-22, were approved.

Council Member Hubbard stated they had all received a request from Mr. Bunn concerning recycling for funding to modify the trailer that had been purchased with grant funds. She stated this trailer was to be placed in the Bynum area. She stated the funding request was around \$4,000.00. She stated that they could discuss this funding at their next work session.

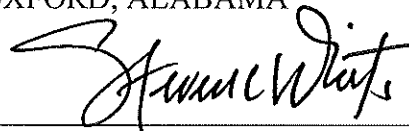
Council Member Henderson stated that representatives of the Muscogee Nation had recently been in Oxford and the surrounding area touring various sites. He stated the Fitness Court was now in place at Choccolocco Park.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated they needed to set public hearings for March 14, 2023, to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their February 7, 2023 meeting:

Zoning request from Martha Stokes to rezone property located at 763 Beck Road from Residential District (R-1) to Agricultural District (AG)

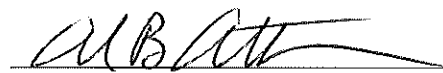
There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:53 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA



Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

February 28, 2023: Regular Meeting