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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 25, 2023
TIME: 9:13 A.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 Thursday, May 25, 2023, at approximately 9:13 o'clock a.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Terry Padgett, Meadowbrook 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 May 9, 2023, 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. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider an Ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said Ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code.

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No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said Ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider an Ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code closed.

Ordinance No. 2023-12 – Ordinance adopting the 2021 International Fire Code

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-12. 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.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-12, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; 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 Ordinance Number 2023-12 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2023- 68 – Resolution authorizing the City’s participation in the FY2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

Resolution No. 2023 – 69 – Resolution authorizing a tax abatement agreement for Kronospan OSB LLC (Calhoun County).

Resolution No. 2023 – 70 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Charitable Donation Agreement with Jerry and Sybille Goodson.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-68 through 2023-70. 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 2023-68 through 2023-70, were approved.

Council President Spurlin stated that Don Hopper, Calhoun County EDC, and representatives of Kronospan were present this morning and stated the City was very proud of the Kronospan facility. He stated this expansion would create 125 additional jobs and they were thankful for Kronospan being in Oxford.

Mayor Craft stated he would like to remind everyone that this was a three hundred and fifty million dollar addition for Kronospan.

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Council Member Henderson stated he would like to congratulate the Oxford High School Baseball Team for winning the State Championship. He stated that the Oxford High School Softball Team also made it to the State Tournament. He thanked the staff at Choccolocco Park for all their work during the State Baseball and Softball Tournaments. He stated he had heard the comment that visitors were impressed by how nice our people were.

Council President Spurlin stated that at the NJCAA Division I Softball Banquet he had heard comments from coaches about what a great facility Oxford has and how well they were treated by the staff.

Mayor Craft stated he had heard positive comments from the tournaments about the safety factors employed by the City.

Council Member Waits stated it is National EMS Week and he wanted to thank our EMS team. He stated he was incredibly proud of the quality of care provided by our EMS team and thanked them for taking care of their citizens.

Mayor Craft stated it was Public Works week and thanked the Public Works Department for all they do.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set public hearings for June 13, 2023, to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their May 2, 2023 meeting:

Zoning request from Phillip Haynes and Debra Wesson to zone property located at 915 McIntosh Road as Agricultural District (AG).

Zoning request from J & J Development Co., LLC (Clinton Ray) to rezone property located at 0 Sterling Point Lane from Central Business District (CBD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1).

Set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2023 to consider a condemnation at 548 W. 9th Street.

Set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2023 to consider a condemnation at 814 Boozer Drive.

Preston Hale, Oxford American Legion, addressed the Council and stated they recently had an Armed Forces Day Ceremony at Memorial Gardens and Dogwood Trail. He presented Mayor Craft with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the community and his support of veterans and the armed forces.

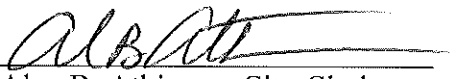
There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 o'clock a.m.

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APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
May 25, 2023: Regular Meeting