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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 24, 2023
TIME: 6:45 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, October 24, 2023, at approximately 6:45 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Greg Ford, Grace 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 October 10, 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, Waits and Henderson; nays: none; abstentions: Council Members Gardner and Spurlin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Ashley Barton, Keitha Kirk, Shirley Dewberry, Sonja Randle, and Robin Campeau:

Proclamation – National Colonial Heritage Month

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2023- 119 – Resolution encouraging the success and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with Azure Oasis Realty Group LLC concerning the development of a residential project.

Resolution No. 2023- 120 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an installment payment agreement with Arrow Capital Solutions Inc. for the PowerScale OneFS operating system for the East Metro Area Crime Center in the total amount of \$303,340.23.

Resolution No. 2023 – 121 – Resolution appointing members to the Historic Main Street Oxford Board.

Resolution No. 2023- 122 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Engineering Services Agreement with CDG, Inc. for the structure removal and drainage improvements in the downtown area in the total amount of \$111,378.00.

Resolution No. 2023- 123 – Resolution to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the second Tuesday of November, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and to schedule a Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Resolution No. 2023- 124 – Resolution authorizing reimbursement to the City Attorney and the City Judge for expenses incurred attending the Alabama Associates of Municipal Attorneys and Judges Fall Law Conference November 2-4, in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Resolution No. 2023- 126 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Host Site Agreement with the National Pro Fishing League LLC for a professional bass fishing tournament on Lake Logan Martin.

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2023-124 and Resolution No. 2023-126 and to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-119 through 2023-123 and Resolution No. 2023-124 and Resolution No. 2023-126. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; 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 2023-119 through 2023-123 and Resolution No. 2023-124 and Resolution No. 2023-126, were approved.

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the Agenda and approve, Resolution No. 2023-125, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Sain Associates for the development of a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the City of Oxford in the total amount of \$150,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, and Henderson; nays: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution No. 2023-125 was approved.

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Council Member Hubbard stated she served as a non-voting member on the Historic Main Street Board and had been advised by the City Clerk she could vote on the resolution appointing her to the board.

Council Member Henderson stated that tonight is the Public Safety Night Out at the Oxford Exchange.

Council President Spurlin stated they added a resolution tonight making Oxford a host site of The National Pro Fishing League and they were excited about that development.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for November 14, 2023, to consider the following request which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their October 3, 2023 meeting:

Zoning request from Lydia Edwards to rezone property located at 69 Colton Drive from Residential District (R-1) to Agricultural District (AG).

Zoning request from Hunter Graham and John T. Davis to rezone property located at 69 Reaves Drive from Residential District (R-1) to Garden Home District (GH).

Justin Deal addressed the Council and stated that he was present doing news replays of the Council meetings.

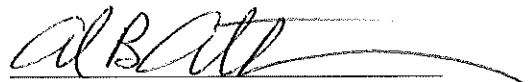
Eugene Allen, 86 Victoria Place, addressed the Council and stated he had addressed the Council about storm drain issues in the past and the City had made some improvements, but he felt there were still issues that needed to be fixed in that area.

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 6:59 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
October 24, 2023: Regular Meeting

