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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 12, 2023
TIME: 6:26 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, 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, December 12, 2023, at approximately 6:26 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Horace Carson, Antioch 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 November 28, 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 Spurlin called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Oxford Arts Council presented the Christmas Decorating Contest Awards.

Ordinance No. 2023- 31 – Ordinance annexing the property of Michael Roper, 711 County Line Road, Talladega County.

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Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-31. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-31, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-31. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-31 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 32 – Ordinance annexing the property of Dana Reid, 3115 Lindenwood Drive, Calhoun County.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-32. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-32, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-32. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-32 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 33 – Ordinance annexing the property of Vivian and Alvin Harris, 3119 Lindenwood Drive, Calhoun County.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-33. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-33, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-33. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-33 was approved.

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Ordinance No. 2023- 34 – Ordinance annexing the property of George and Linda Hill, 3099 Apple Valley Lane, Calhoun County.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-34. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-34, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-34. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-34 was approved.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Michael Roper to zone property located at 711 County Line Road as Residential 1 District (R-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Michael Roper to zone property located at 711 County Line Road as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Michael Roper to zone property located at 711 County Line Road as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Michael Roper to zone property located at 711 County Line Road as Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Dana Reid to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Dana Reid to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Dana Reid, 3115 Lindenwood Drive, addressed the Council in favor of said request to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Dana Reid to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Dana Reid to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Dana Reid to zone property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

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Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Vivian and Alvin Harris to zone property located at 3119 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Vivian and Alvin Harris to zone property located at 3119 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Vivian and Alvin Harris to zone property located at 3119 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Vivian and Alvin Harris to zone property located at 3119 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from George and Linda Hill to zone property located at 3099 Apple Valley Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from George and Linda Hill to zone property located at 3099 Apple Valley Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from George and Linda Hill to zone property located at 3099 Apple Valley Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from George and Linda Hill to zone property located at 3099 Apple Valley Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Meagan Jonathan Ent. (Glenn Ford) to rezone property located at 119 Hamric Drive W. from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Meagan Jonathan Ent. (Glenn Ford) to rezone property located at 119 Hamric Drive W. from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Meagan Jonathan Ent. (Glenn Ford) to rezone property located at 119 Hamric Drive W. from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Meagan Jonathan Ent. (Glenn Ford) to rezone property located at 119 Hamric Drive W. from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB), closed.

Ordinance No. 2023- 35 – Ordinance zoning property located at 711 County Line Road as Residential 1 District (R-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-35. The motion was seconded by Council

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Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-35, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-35. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-35 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 36 – Ordinance zoning property located at 3115 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-36. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-36, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-36. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-36 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 37 – Ordinance zoning property located at 3119 Lindenwood Drive as Residential 1 District (R-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-37. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-37, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-37. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-37 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 38 – Ordinance zoning property located at 3099 Apple Valley Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1)

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Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-38. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-38, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-38. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-38 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 39 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 119 Hamric Drive W. from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-39, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-39 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2023- 40 – Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing its lease to BWL Properties, LLC.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-40. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2023-40, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2023-40. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2023-40 was approved.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2023 – 140 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Construction Agreement with the State of Alabama (ALDOT) for Industrial Access Road Improvements to include the widening and addition of a turn lane on CR-93 and extend existing industrial access road at Oxford West Industrial Park

Resolution No. 2023 – 141 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the bid by Buster Miles Ford for three 2023 Ford Expedition XL 4x4 SSV in the total amount of \$153,000.00.

Resolution No. 2023 – 142 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the bid and enter into a contract with Home Team Pest Defense for pest control services at City facilities in the amount of \$1,043.00 per month.

Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the FY 2024 Budget and make an appropriation to the State of Alabama Firefighters Emergency Relief Fund in the total amount of \$5,000.00.

Resolution No. 2023 – 144 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor execute an application for Appalachian Regional Commission fund assistance and committing \$1,860,400.00 in both in-kind and local cash match for water and sewer infrastructure improvements to service the Oxford West Industrial Park.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-140 through 2023-144. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Hubbard and Waits. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2023-140 through 2023-144, were approved.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set public hearings for December 19, 2023, to consider the following requests which were approved by the Oxford Planning Commission at their November 7, 2023 meeting:

Zoning request from Alvia Moore to zone property located at 2200 Peek Drive as Residential District (R-1).

Zoning request from Nora Becerra Nunez and Gerardo Mancillas to zone property located at 2114 Rose Avenue as Residential District (R-1).

Zoning request from Charles Forbes to zone property located at 1821 Airport Road as Residential District (R-1).

Zoning request from Steven Blohm to zone property located at 1709 Samantha Drive as Residential District (R-1).

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Zoning request from Susan and Timothy Harryman to zone property located at 840 Oak Hill Road as Residential District (R-1).

Rick Hardin, Cider Ridge, addressed the Council about the proposed rock quarry in Cleburne County near the city of Oxford. He stated he had concerns about the noise and dust that the quarry may generate. He stated he had concerns about the possible decrease in home values on properties near the rock quarry such as Cider Ridge and the Sunny Eve area. He stated he had spoken to Mr. Taylor, the owner of the proposed rock quarry.

Council President Spurlin stated the proposed rock quarry was not in the city and was being permitted by the State of Alabama. He stated he did not know of anything they could do as a city to limit something not in the city. He stated the State of Alabama was scheduling a public hearing concerning this proposed rock quarry and that would be the time for the area citizens to express their concerns.

Council Member Henderson stated perhaps the City could write a letter expressing their concerns about the operation of the proposed rock quarry so near the city.

Mayor Craft stated they were asking the State of Alabama to conduct the public hearing in Oxford so the citizens would not have to travel to Montgomery to express their concerns.

Council President Spurlin asked Mr. Hardin to speak with the City Attorney to give him any specific concerns that could be included in a possible letter.

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 7:04 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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