OXFORD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE:

February 13, 2024

TIME:

6:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Oxford City Hall

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mayor Alton Craft

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 13, 2024, at approximately 6:30 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin 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 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 January 23, 2024 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: none. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD).

Amanda Henry, daughter of Jimmie Couch, addressed the Council in favor of said request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD). She stated that Mr. Couch had died in 2017. She stated that the adjacent properties were zoned commercial.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Jimmie Couch to rezone property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD), closed.

Ordinance No. 2024- 01 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 1907 and 1911 Golden Springs Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-01. 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 2024-01, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-01. 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 Ordinance Number 2024-01 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2024- 02 – Ordinance annexing the property of Danny and Kathy Butterworth, 3768 McIntosh Road, Talladega County.

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-02. 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 2024-02, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-02. 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 Ordinance Number 2024-02 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2024- 03 – Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article IV, "Boards and Commissions", Section 2-285, of "The Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford requiring nominees and appointees of City boards be residents of the city unless the Council makes an exception for an appointment or nominee.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-03. 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 2024-03, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-03. 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 Ordinance Number 2024-03 was approved.

Council President Spurlin recognized Council President Pro Tempore Waits.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits made a motion to add to the Consent Agenda, Resolution Number 2024-16, a resolution to name and designate a new street that will make a loop from Boiling Springs Road to Leon Smith Parkway as Parkway Crossing. 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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2024- 04 — Resolution awarding the bid and authorizing a contract for Downtown Structure Demolition with Complete Demolition Services, LLC in the total amount of \$118,997.00.

Resolution No. 2024- 05 — Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lake Management Contract with Jones Lake Management dba Aqua Services for professional aquatic weed and algae control service at Oxford Lake and Choccolocco Park in the total amount of \$24,240.00 per year.

Resolution No. 2024- 06 – Resolution to suspend the rule requiring the City Council to meet on the second Tuesday of March, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall and to schedule a Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

Resolution No. 2024- 07 – 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. 2024- 08 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 165 Reaves Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2024- 09 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1100 Ingram Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2024- 10 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 92 Ada Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2024-11 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 2310 Dale Court in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2024- 12 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 57 Alan Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2024-13 — Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 131 West Oak Street in the total amount of \$2,230.16.

Resolution No. 2024- 14 — Resolution awarding the bid for three (3) 2023 Ford Explorer Police Utility Vehicles to Sunny King Ford in the total amount of \$42,920.00 per vehicle.

Resolution No. 2024- 15 — Resolution amending the FY 2024 Budget and authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Toyota Highlander for the Building and Inspections Department in the total amount of \$43,641.00.

Resolution No. 2024- 16 — Resolution to name and designate a new street that will make a loop from Boiling Springs Road to Leon Smith Parkway as Parkway Crossing.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2024-04 through 2024-16. 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 2024-04 through 2024-16, were approved.

Council Member Henderson stated there had been a lot of positive feedback concerning the NPFL Professional Fishing Tournament co-hosted by the City the weekend before.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set public hearings for February 27, 2024, to consider:

(a) a condemnation at 35 Alan Street

- (b) request from Stan Bush, Diann F. Caulder, Karleen Pate, Katey Pate, Patricia Kerr and PAC Enterprises, LLC to vacate an alley running southwesterly off Mattison Road.
- (c) a zoning request from Danny and Kay Butterworth to zone property located at 3768 McIntosh Road as Agricultural District (AG)

Council President Spurlin stated the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and asked Ron Allen, City Attorney, to certify said purpose of the Executive Session.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, stated he did certify that the Council was adjourning into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. 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 the Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:44 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, ALABAMA

Chris Spurlin, Council Fresident

AUTHENTICATED:

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

February 13, 2024: Regular Meeting