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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 12, 2024
TIME: 6:29 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford Performing Arts Center
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member

ABSENT: 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 Performing Arts Center of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at approximately 6:29 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Greg Turner, Oxford First Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

Connor Heaton 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 February 27, 2024 meeting. Council Member Hubbard made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits.

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 Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Sandra Hancock and Christie Renfroe, Oxford 311.

Proclamation – National 311 Day

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Patty Tillison.

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Proclamation – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Presentation – Vision One

Students from C. E. Hannah, Oxford Middle School, Oxford High School and Alexandria High School addressed the Council meeting about Vision One and what it means to them and the community.

Mayor Craft stated that meeting with these young students had been an amazing experience for him and the City staff. He stated this year the students had gone out into the community and gotten involved with the citizens.

Council President Spurlin thanked the Mayor for starting the Vision One program and stated they were excited to have these young people involved in their city.

Council President Spurlin stated that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Michael B. Ray to zone property located at 3084 Gunnells 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 Michael B. Ray to zone property located at 3084 Gunnells Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Michael B. Ray to zone property located at 3084 Gunnells Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Michael B. Ray to zone property located at 3084 Gunnells Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from James and Teresa Denney to zone property located at 200 Denney 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 James and Teresa Denney to zone property located at 200 Denney Road as Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from James and Teresa Denney to zone property located at 200 Denney Road as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from James and Teresa Denney to zone property located at 200 Denney Road as Residential 1 District (R-1).

Ordinance No. 2024- 07 – Ordinance zoning property located at 3084 Gunnells Lane as Residential 1 District (R-1)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-07. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members

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

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-07, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-07. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2024-07 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2024- 08 – Ordinance zoning property located at 200 Denney Road as Residential I District (R-1)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-08, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2024-08 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2024- 09 – Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II, "Keeping of Livestock, Rabbits and Fowl", of "The Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford, Alabama

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-09. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2024-09, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-09. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2024-09 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Resolution No. 2024- 28 – Resolution declaring certain vehicles/equipment surplus and authorizing their sale/disposal.

Resolution No. 2024- 29 – Resolution approving a Short Term Rental Permit request for 204 McCullars Lane.

Resolution No. 2024- 30 – Resolution adopting the Senior Center Code of Conduct.

Resolution No. 2024 – 31 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor execute an application for Appalachian Regional Commission fund assistance and committing \$891,614.00 in both in-kind and local cash match for water and sewer infrastructure improvements to service the Oxford West Industrial Park.

Resolution No. 2024 – 32 – Resolution to amend the Engineering Services Agreement with CDG, Inc. for professional engineering services performed relative to the structure removal and drainage improvements in the downtown area to include an additional \$2,700.00 for lead and asbestos testing for two structures.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2024-28 through 2024-32. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Waits, and Spurlin; nays: none; absent: Council Members Gardner and Henderson. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2024-28 through 2024-32, were approved.

Council President Pro Tempore thanked Calhoun County Commissioners Danny Shears and Terry Howell for their support of their youth. He thanked the students from Oxford and Alexandria for their involvement in the meeting.

Council Member Hubbard stated that Vision One could grow to promote regionalism and they were looking forward to that.

Council President Spurlin stated that it had been mentioned tonight that a lot goes on at Choccolocco Park other than sports. He stated they have a rodeo coming up at the end of this month and a fishing rodeo coming up in June for the youth of the area.

Mayor Craft welcomed and thanked the students and parents from the Alexandria community for being at the meeting and stated he appreciated them being involved in their community.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for March 26, 2024, to consider a condemnation at 65 Moore Street

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13 o'clock p.m.

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APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA



Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
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