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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: July 8, 2025
TIME: 6:35 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 Performing Arts Center of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at approximately 6:35 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Keith Graben, 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 June 24, 2025 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 announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 323 McKibbin Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 323 McKibbin Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

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No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 323 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 323 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 400 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 400 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 400 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 400 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 401 W. Oak Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 401 W. Oak Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 401 W. Oak Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property located at 401 W. Oak Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH).

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Ben Watson, Live Oak Engineering, addressed the Council in favor of said request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH).

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Brenda Benefield to rezone property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH), closed.

Ordinance No. 2025- 32 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 323 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-32. 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.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-32, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-32. 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 2025-32 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025- 33 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 400 McKibbon Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-33. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 2025-33, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-33. 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 2025-33 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025- 34 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 401 W. Oak Street from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Institutional District (INST)

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Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-34. 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 2025-34, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-34. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 2025-34 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025- 35 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 49010 Alabama Highway 21 from Agricultural District (AG-1) to Garden Home District (GH)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-35. 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 2025-35, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-35. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 2025-35 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025- 36 – Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2023-23 and designating a certain portion of Choccolocco Street as a one-way street

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-36.

No one seconded the motion.

Council President Spurlin stated there was no unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-35 tonight and the ordinance would be introduced at their next Council Meeting.

Ordinance No. 2025- 37 – Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing its conveyance to the State of Alabama, Department of Transportation.

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-37. 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.

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Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-37, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-37. 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 2025-37 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2025- 52 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company, Inc. for a materials only bid for the Oxford West Industrial Park Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements in the total amount of \$251,175.02.

Resolution No. 2025- 53 – Resolution designating a new street name as Liberty Drive.

Resolution No. 2025 – 54 – Resolution declaring Alton L. Craft duly elected to the office of Mayor for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025 – 55 – Resolution declaring Phillip E. Gardner duly elected to the office of Council Member Place 1, Charlotte Hubbard duly elected to the office of Council Member Place 2, Mike Henderson duly elected to the office of Council Member Place 3, Ronald Chris Spurlin duly elected to the office of Council Member Place 4, and Steven Waits duly elected to the office of Council Member Place 5 for the term of office commencing on the first Monday in November, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025- 56 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 22 Michael Lane in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 57 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 218 McKibbin Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 58 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 225 E. Oak Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 59 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 35 Alan Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2025-52 through 2025-59. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 2025-52 through 2025-59, were approved.

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Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the Agenda and approve Resolution No. 2025-60, a resolution naming a street Bama Drive. 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 Resolution Number 2025-60 was approved.

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the Agenda and approve Resolution No. 2025-61, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Simple Grants for professional services specific to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson; 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 Resolution Number 2025-61 was approved.

Mayor Craft thanked all the staff that were involved in working and making the 4th of July celebration a huge success.

Chief Marcus Wood, Jacksonville Police Department and president of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, presented a Certificate of Accreditation to Chief Bill Partridge and Assistant Chief Daniel Phipps, for the Oxford Police Department.

Chief Partridge stated that the professional services unit had worked tirelessly on this for the past three years.

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 6:53 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
July 8, 2025: Regular Meeting