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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: October 14, 2025
TIME: 6:43 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, October 14, 2025, at approximate 6:43 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 McCullough, Oxford First 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 September 23, 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 this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH).

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Deanna McElroy addressed the Council in favor of said zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH).

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Dean Harwell to rezone property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH), closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from John Mizzell to rezone property located at 202 Digby Road from General Business District (GB) to 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 zoning request from John Mizzell to rezone property located at 202 Digby Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from John Mizzell to rezone property located at 202 Digby Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from John Mizzell to rezone property located at 202 Digby Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Ordinance No. 2025- 46 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 120 Annie Drive from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Mobile Home District (MH)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-46. 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 2025-46, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-46. 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 2025-46 was approved.

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Ordinance No. 2025- 47 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 202 Digby Road from General Business District (GB) to 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 2025-47. 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 2025-47, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-47. 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 2025-47 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025- 48 – Ordinance annexing the property of Williams Legacy Holdings Inc., Alabama Highway 21 S., Calhoun County.

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-48. 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 2025-48, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-48. 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 2025-48 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2025- 89 – Resolution ratifying and confirming the Mayor's execution of a Major League Fishing Host Agreement with Major League Fishing, LLC

Resolution No. 2025- 90 – 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- 91 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 11 Alan Street in the total amount of \$8,382.34.

Resolution No. 2025- 92 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 940 Pinecliff Drive in the total amount of \$184.00.

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Resolution No. 2025- 93 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 218 McKibbon Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 94 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 25 Main Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 95 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1515 Forney Street in the total amount of \$184.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 96 – Resolution rejecting a bid for Audio and Video Equipment Improvements for the Oxford Civic Center and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with The ESB Group, Inc., for Audio and Video Equipment Improvements for the Oxford Civic Center in the amount of \$499,997.48

Resolution No. 2025- 97 – Resolution declaring certain vehicles/equipment surplus and authorizing their sale/disposal.

Resolution No. 2025- 98 – Resolution authorizing an amendment for Property Acquisition and Geotechnical Services for downtown structure removal and drainage improvements between the City and Three Notch Group in the total amount of \$101,230.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 99 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a MOU with the Oxford City Board of Education concerning the use of the external storm shelter at the Board of Education's CREATE Academy as an emergency storm shelter.

Resolution No. 2025- 100 – Resolution approving a Short Term Rental Permit request for 2820 McIntosh Road, Chinmayee Mokkapati.

Resolution No. 2025- 101 – Resolution approving a Short Term Rental Permit request for 700 Hale Street, Jonathan Jones.

Resolution No. 2025- 102 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Beverage Agreement with Oxford Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2025-89 and 2025-102. 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 2025-89 through 2025-102, were approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that he had attended the ribbon cutting for the new Wellborn Cabinets facility in the Industrial Park West. He stated they were thankful for the facility being located here in Oxford. He stated the Amazon warehouse on McIntosh Road had opened recently, also.

Council President Spurlin wished Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, a happy birthday.

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Jane Batey addressed the Council on behalf of the Oxford Community Chorus. She stated they 81 people enrolled as chorus members. She stated that 75 of those members will participate in their holiday concert on November 18th at the Performing Arts Center. She stated they were making plans for a patriotic concert for next summer.

Thomas Shelton, downtown business owner, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and asked that the Council look at the plan for the district and to look at other cities with similar districts before jumping to a decision on a downtown entertainment district.

Grant Whittle addressed, downtown resident, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated he was very excited about a possible arts and entertainment district in the downtown area. He stated that he and his wife often drive to Trussville to visit their entertainment district. He stated he trusted the Council to have an entertainment district that is family friendly.

Gwen Parrish, 505 Main Street, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated she and her husband were both downtown business owners and residents. She stated they were raising their family here. She stated their family visit all the businesses downtown and stated she trusted that Oxford would develop an entertainment center the right way. She stated they supported the development of a downtown entertainment district.

Alyssa Baxley, 508 Main Street, downtown business owner, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated an entertainment district would be an overlay of the current zoning in place. She stated the current businesses serving alcohol were all responsible parties and the overlay would allow for a mixed use area. She stated the overlay could be adjusted over time as necessary.

Anjuli Thompson, downtown business owner, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated she was intrigued by the idea and wanted to learn more about what a downtown entertainment district would entail.

Adam Morris, downtown business owner, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated he did not know a lot about the entertainment district and would like to learn more about it. He stated they feel safe in downtown Oxford. He stated they have concerns with the bar opening downtown. He stated the lack of an entertainment district is not necessarily stopping businesses from locating downtown. He stated there were nine locations downtown currently selling alcohol.

Council President Spurlin stated if an entertainment district opened in downtown the City would have certain guidelines and enforcement tools.

Council Member Hubbard stated that the proposed business for downtown that would be more than 50% sale of alcohol had not come before the City Council for approval yet.

Will Freeman, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, addressed the Council concerning a downtown entertainment district and stated the city has a lot of passion to support new businesses and make

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everyone feel safe. He stated he was learning what would be contained within an entertainment district. He stated they needed to keep it respectful for the business owners, the churches and the families.

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 7:23 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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