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MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 3, 2025
TIME: 10:14 A.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 City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Monday, November 3, 2025, at approximate 10:14 o'clock a.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Jerry Starling, Angel Grove Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

Briggs, Brooks and Braxon Haynie 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 October 28, 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 Chris Spurlin administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Alton Craft.

Judge Shannon Page stated that twenty years ago his wife and he had made the decision to raise their family in Oxford and he stated every day that decision is validated by the Mayor and Council of Oxford. He stated it speaks volumes that the Mayor and City Council were re-elected in an uncontested election this year and speaks to the job they were doing for the City.

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The Honorable Shannon Page administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members: Phil Gardner, Charlotte Hubbard, Mike Henderson, Chris Spurlin and Steven Waits.

Council Member Waits nominated Council Member Spurlin to serve as Council President. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner. There were no other nominations; 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 Member Henderson nominated Council Member Waits to serve as Council President Pro Tempore. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner. There were no other nominations; 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 Member Waits made a motion to appoint Ron Allen as City Attorney. 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.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to appoint Council Member Hubbard as the Council Liaison to the Planning Commission. 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 Member Hubbard made a motion to appoint Council Member Gardner as the Council Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Department. 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.

Ordinance No. 2025- 49 – Ordinance amending Section 2.71, Order of Business, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oxford, Alabama: Procedural Ordinance.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-49. 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 2025-49, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-49. 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 2025-49 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2025-50 – Ordinance affirming Chapter 2, Section 2-6 of the City Code, City Depositories

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Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2025-50. 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 2025-50, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-50. 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 2025-50 was approved.

Council President Spurlin announced that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Martinez Hall to rezone property located at 1335 Butler Street 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 zoning request from Martinez Hall to rezone property located at 1335 Butler Street 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 zoning request from Martinez Hall to rezone property located at 1335 Butler Street from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Martinez Hall to rezone property located at 1335 Butler Street from General Manufacturing District (M-2) to General Business District (GB), closed.

Ordinance No. 2025- 51 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 1335 Butler Street 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 2025-51. 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 2025-51, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-51. 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 2025-51 was approved.

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

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Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 2025 – 104 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation and purchase of Rescue Airbag Systems for the Fire Department from North American Fire Equipment Inc. (NAFECO) in the total amount of \$40,221.00.

Resolution No. 2025- 105 – Resolution declaring certain equipment surplus and authorizing its donation to Martha's Hope.

Council Member Waits made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2025-104 and 2025-105. 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 2025-104 and 2025-105, were approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that it was unusual for the Mayor and Council to be re-elected without any opposition, and he hoped that meant the citizens were happy with the services the City provides and the with the decisions made by the Council. He stated it has been a great experience for him to serve the City and to serve with this Council.

Council Member Waits stated he wanted to thank his family. He thanked the citizens that were present for the meeting. He thanked the staff for all their work.

Council Member Hubbard thanked everyone present and she stated they looked forward to working on new projects over the next four years. She stated they appreciate the support of the citizens and the staff.

Council President Spurlin thanked al who were present that day. He stated they continually get compliments on the job that the departments and employees do. He stated he was thankful he grew up in this city and has a chance to serve and give back to the city. He stated the elected officials and employees were team members here and he appreciated the commitment to the city.

Mayor Craft stated they had top notch employees and he appreciated all their hard work. He thanked all the families supporting them.

Danny Shears, Calhoun County Commissioner, stated that he was proud of this Mayor and Council. He stated he is always proud to say he is from Oxford, Alabama. He stated Oxford is a shining star in the State of Alabama. He stated Oxford has tremendous leaders and he looks forward to the next four years with this Mayor and Council.

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 10:36 o'clock a.m.

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APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
November 3, 2025: Regular Meeting

