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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 24, 2026
TIME: 6:34 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford City Hall
PRESENT: Mayor Alton Craft
Mr. Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore
Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Council Member
Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member
Mr. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Chris Spurlin, Council President

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, March 24, 2026, at approximate 6:34 o'clock p.m. Council President Pro Tempore Waits called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Dean Pierce, New Haven Baptist Church, prayed the Invocation.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the March 10, 2026 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Patty Tillison.

Proclamation – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

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Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to the players and coaches of the Oxford High School Boys Basketball Team.

Proclamation – Oxford High School Boys Basketball Team – 6A State Champions

Coach Van Meter stated that he could not explain everything the team and coaches had put in to winning this championship but he was proud of the way they represented Oxford. He stated they had represented the school and the city in the right way and if they had watched them play then they could tell.

Mayor Craft stated he had never seen a team like this and stated it was a pleasure watching this team. He stated the way this team played was amazing.

Council Pro Tempore Waits stated thanked the team for what they had done and how they did it. He stated it was impressive and they had set a standard with the way the played and represented themselves. He stated they were proud of that. He thanked Coach Van Meter, Coach Davidson and Mrs. Davidson as Oxford’s greatest fan.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated they would like to welcome and recognize the students participating in Student Government Day and stated Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, would read their names and positions into the record.

| Office | Winner |
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| 1. Administrative Police Clerk | Shania Harris |
| 2. Animal Control Officer | Jadyn Taylor |
| 3. Assistant Police Chief | Kaiidance Lewis |
| 4. Building Inspector | Kalina Russaw |
| 5. City Attorney (2) | Aaliyana Green, Chloe Middleton |
| 6. City Clerk | Alexandr Carroll |
| 7. City Council (5) | Genesis Walker, Annabelle Lamberth, Karrington Frazier, Diana Juan Lopez, Mykayla Young |
| 8. Superintendent of Education | Miley Wilkins |
| 9. City Judge | Ella Watts |
| 10. Director of Fleet Services | Ben Brady |
| 11. City Librarian | Terryon Russell |
| 12. Court Clerk | Daana Zuniga |
| 13. City Engineer | Jack Patterson |
| 14. Finance Director | Aldo Mejia |
| 15. Police Chief | Kimberly Leon |

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| 16. Jury Member (5) | Reagan Webb, Jackson C. Smith, Presley League, Aamari Ward, Evelyn Tepetlan-Campos |
| Jury Foreperson | Susannah Wood |
| 17. Mayor | Malaki Vanover |
| 18. Parks & Rec. Director | Haleigh Pruitt |
| 19. Police Dispatcher | Jessie Scott |
| 20. Police Lieutenants | Ashton Pearson, Christian Pilot, Justin Perrigo |
| Fire Chief | Autumn Furtick |
| 22. Assistant Fire Chief | Paizley Houck |
| 23. Fire Inspector | Pheby Milam |
| 24. Police Sergeants (4) | Haylie Ballard, Catherine Snouffer, Johnathan Lowry, Adyson Clark |
| 25. Director of Oxford Water Department | Sophia Gomez |
| 26. Public Defender (2) | Matthew Tippetts, Phillip Copeland |
| 27. Public Works Superintendent | Nicolas Rotando |
| 28. IT Director (Technology) | Braylon Starr |
| 29. Marketing Director | Danica Karr |
| 30. Performing Arts Center Director (OPAC) | Matthew Pointer |
| 31. Main Street Director | Payton Brooks |
| 32. Public Information Officer | Dixie Clark |
| 33. Special Event Coordinator | Kenleigh Dickerson |
| 34. Director of Oxford Healthcare Authority | Genesis Alvarez |
| 35. Paramedic(s) (2) | Jessica Zhu, Callie Roop |
| 36. 3-11 Director | Harley Norris |

Council President Pro Tem Waits stated the next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2026- 21 – Resolution designating a new private street as Darty Lane.

Resolution No. 2026- 22 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Sponsorship Agreement with Fishers of Men Ministries, Inc. for a bass tournament on Logan Martin Lake, October 13-17, 2026 in the total amount of \$8,000.00.

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Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2026-21 and 2026-22. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2026-21 and 2026-22, were approved.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the Agenda and approve Resolution Number 2026-23, a resolution awarding the bid for the 4th of July Fireworks Show from Pyro Shows in the total amount of \$54,450.00. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2026-23 was approved.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the Agenda and approve Resolution Number 2026-24, a resolution the Mayor to execute an agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Inc. for preparation of plans for a construction traffic operations study and conceptual drawings on Leon Smith Parkway from Oxford Exchange Boulevard to Golden Springs Bridge Road. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Resolution Number 2026-24 was approved.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to add to the Agenda and for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-07. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-07, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-07, an ordinance annexing the property of the City of Oxford at 39 CC Road, Talladega County, containing approximately 1.92 acres. 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, and Henderson; nays: none; absent: Council President Spurlin. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2026-07 was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that there was a big announcement last week that UAB and St. Vincents/Pell City Health Systems is partnering with the City of Oxford to build a free standing emergency department here in Oxford. He thanked Tom Dixon, Oxford Health Care Authority and Mayor Craft on their hard work on this project. He congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department for a successful Spring Break Pickle Ball Tournament.

Dr. David Leonard, 476 Northwood Drive, addressed the Council and stated that they needed a place for volleyball practice and indoor pool. He stated nobody could use the track at Choccolocco Park except for track meets. He stated the free standing ER was a brilliant idea.

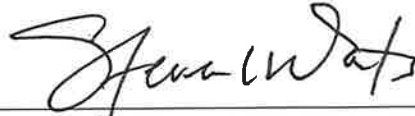
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Patty Tillison addressed the Council and thanked the Council for their continued support of the ARC of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties and the people that they serve. She stated they would be having two camps at Bynum Community Center this summer. She invited the Council to attend the special Olympics in Jacksonville on the 28th. She introduced Alise Traywick their board president and her sons, Josh and Tyler.

Council President Pro Tempore Waits stated they needed to set a public hearing for April 14, 2026, to consider a "Notice to Remove Public Nuisance" at 185 Harkins Drive sent to Mark Prescott.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Council President Pro Tempore Waits declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA



Steven Waits, Council President Pro Tempore

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
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