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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: March 10, 2026
TIME: 6:30 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 City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at approximately 6:30 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Jerry Patterson, Calvary 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 February 24, 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 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 stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-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 Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-1).

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Elizabeth Cochran, Live Oak Engineering, addressed the Council in favor of the zoning request from Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-1) and stated she was there to answer any questions about the proposed project.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-1).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Friendship Properties, LLC to rezone property located off Carterton Heights (17 acres) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development District 1 (PD-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-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 Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1).

Ed Turner addressed the Council in opposition to a zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1). He stated the Planning Commission had denied this request four years ago and again this past February. He stated his property was adjacent to this property and the noise from light manufacturing would be a nuisance. He stated Jones Road was not capable of handling the kind of traffic that light manufacturing would bring. He stated there is no buffer between his property and this property.

Mayor Craft addressed the Council in opposition to a zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1). He stated at the Planning Board meeting this rezoning was denied unanimously. He stated the owners could state what exactly they planned to do with the property.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1).

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No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Johnny Morgan to rezone property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1), closed.

Ordinance No. 2026- 04 – Ordinance annexing the property of the Calhoun County Economic Development Council (approximately 156 acres in Talladega County).

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-04. 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 2026-04, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-04. 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 2026-04 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2026- 05 – Ordinance rezoning 17 acres off Carterton Heights (Friendship Properties, LLC) from Agricultural District (AG) to Planned Development 1 District (PD-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-05. 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 2026-05, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-05. 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 2026-05 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2026- 06 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 1108 and 1110 Jones Road from Planned Development District (PD) to Light Manufacturing District (M-1)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-06. 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.

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Council President Spurlin asked if there was a motion for approval of Ordinance Number 2026-06. There was no motion for approval of Ordinance Number 2026-06.

Council President Spurlin stated that Ordinance Number 2026-06 dies due to lack of motion for approval.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2026- 19 – Resolution appointing Council Member Henderson as the Voting Delegate for the Business Session of the Annual Convention of the Alabama League of Municipalities, April 30, 2026.

Resolution No. 2026- 20 – Resolution for a Sponsorship Agreement with the Alabama Northeast Division of the Fishers of Men for a tournament on May 30, 2026, in the total amount of \$2,000.00.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2026-19 through 2026-20. 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 2026-19 through 2026-20, were approved.


Council Member Henderson stated that the ceremony honoring Russ Baker and Sal Gardner on Friday night went very well. He stated it was the opening ceremonies for this year's Baseball for Youth. He congratulated the Oxford Basketball team for winning their State Championship.

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 6:48 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
March 10, 2026: Regular Meeting