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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 12, 2026
TIME: 6:29 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, May 12, 2026, at approximately 6:39 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Greg Turner, 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 April 28, 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

Chief Phipps, Police Department, announced the promotions of Lieutenant Williams and Deputy Chief of Police Josh Miller.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Chad Pearson LLC to rezone property located at 103 Sterling Pointe Lane from Light Manufacturing District (M-1) to Central Business District (CBD), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request

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from Chad Pearson LLC to rezone property located at 103 Sterling Pointe Lane from Light Manufacturing District (M-1) to Central Business District (CBD).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Chad Pearson LLC to rezone property located at 103 Sterling Pointe Lane from Light Manufacturing District (M-1) to Central Business District (CBD).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Chad Pearson LLC to rezone property located at 103 Sterling Pointe Lane from Light Manufacturing District (M-1) to Central Business District (CBD), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Angelia White to rezone property located at 1615 Coldwater Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1), declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Angelia White to rezone property located at 1615 Coldwater 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 request from Angelia White to rezone property located at 1615 Coldwater 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 Angelia White to rezone property located at 1615 Coldwater Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that this was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2), declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2).

Ronald Michael Clark, owner of 837 Beck Road, addressed the Council in opposition to said request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2). He stated he had a well that was ten feet from the fence line of the property to be rezoned. He stated the health department had told him that nothing could be placed within 100 yards of his well. He stated the rezoning would have an adverse effect on his well and his property.

Council President Spurlin stated it was his understanding that two duplexes would be placed on the property to be rezoned.

Mr. Clark stated that there would be four septic tanks and they would have to be 100 feet from his well.

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Kristi Durham, Planning and Inspections, stated they were not aware of Mr. Clark's concerns the night of the Planning Board meeting. She stated she spoke to Mr. Clark two days after the meeting.

Dale and Cindy Bates addressed the Council in favor of said request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2). He stated he had grown up around that property and the well Mr. Clark referred to had not been in service for fifty years and he had been working on this property for 21 years. He stated the buyers for the property stipulated the rezoning from AG to R-2. He stated they had been trying to get this property rezoned since February. He stated the well had been filled in. They stated the duplexes would better the neighborhood.

Mr. Clark stated the well had not been filled in.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Cindy Bates to rezone property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2), closed.

Council President Spurlin stated that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the Calhoun County Economic Development Council to zone property located at 53184 U. S. Highway 78 as General Manufacturing District (M-2), 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 Calhoun County Economic Development Council to zone property located at 53184 U. S. Highway 78 as General Manufacturing District (M-2).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the Calhoun County Economic Development Council to zone property located at 53184 U. S. Highway 78 as General Manufacturing District (M-2).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the Calhoun County Economic Development Council to zone property located at 53184 U. S. Highway 78 as General Manufacturing District (M-2), closed.

Ordinance No. 2026- 10 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 103 Sterling Pointe Lane from Light Manufacturing District (M-1) to Central Business District (CBD)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-10. The motion was seconded by Council

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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 2026-10, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-10. 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 2026-10 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2026- 11 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 1615 Coldwater Road from General Business District (GB) to Residential 1 District (R-1)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-11. 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 2026-11, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-11. 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 2026-11 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2026- 12 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 817 Beck Road from Agricultural District (AG) to Residential 2 District (R-2)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: Council Member Waits. The motion failed.

Council President Spurlin stated that Ordinance No. 2026-12 did not receive unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration. He stated the ordinance would be on the next Council agenda.

Ordinance No. 2026- 13 – Ordinance zoning property located at 53184 U. S. Highway 78 as General Manufacturing District (M-2)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2026-13. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; 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 2026-13, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2026-13. 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 2026-13 was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2026-32 – Reappointing Karen Phillips to the Oxford Board of Education.

Resolution No. 2026- 33 – Resolution declaring certain equipment surplus and authorizing their sale/disposal.

Resolution No. 2026- 34 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Sponsorship Agreement with BassTactix Alabama for the BassTactix State Championship on Logan Martin Lake, April 28 through May 1, 2027 in the total amount of \$10,000.00.

Resolution No. 2026- 35 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with Kimberly Appraisal to perform appraisal services.

Resolution No. 2026- 36 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to engage in negotiations with Jarrod and Miranda Palmer to purchase certain real property located at 504 Bynum Cutoff Road.

Resolution No. 2026- 37 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Consulting and Design Services agreement with Game Day Associates for field design and civil engineering services at Oxford Lake Park.

Resolution No. 2026- 38 – Resolution appointing Adam Maniscalco as Municipal Court Prosecutor and Sheila Field as Municipal Court Appellate Prosecutor.

Resolution No. 2026- 39 – Resolution authorizing the termination of Community Development Block Grant Agreement (CDBG) #LR-CM-PF-22-001 and an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant Agreement (ARC) #AL-21193-2023 and further authorizing the reimbursement of grant funds to ADECA.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2026-32 through 2026-39. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waits; 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 2026-32 through 2026-39, were approved.

Council Member Waits stated that they had not voted on whether to adopt or not to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-12 that night. He stated the only vote was for unanimous consent on

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whether they could consider the ordinance that night. He stated this would give the Council two more weeks to research this proposed rezoning before the ordinance is voted on.


Council Member Henderson stated that School Mountain Bike Team won a state championship and they wanted to congratulate them on that achievement. He stated the High School Girls Softball team would be playing in the state tournament.

Mayor Craft stated he appreciated C. E. Hannah fifth and sixth grade hosting a 250 year anniversary celebration. He stated this is championship month and Choccolocco Park would be very busy. He thanked Talladega Race Track and all other involved with A League of Their Own celebration.

Council President Spurlin stated this National Law Enforcement Week, and they were glad to have officers attending the meeting and thanked them for what they do.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Waits made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase and/or sale of real estate. 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 Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:51 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA



Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

May 12, 2026: Regular Meeting