

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 28, 2017
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. Mike Henderson, Council Member

ABSENT: Mr. Phil Gardner, Council Member

The meeting was called to order by Council President Chris Spurlin and Alan Atkinson, City Clerk of the City, served as the Clerk of the meeting.

Lem Burell of Lakeview Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Spurlin stated tonight we have Miley Wilkins to lead us in our pledge. Anna Lee is a 4th grader at Coldwater Elementary School. Her parents are Jonathan and Mandy Wilkins. Mandy enjoys playing soccer, reading, drawing and playing video games on the computer. At school, she is involved in Jacket Sing-Stations, the Broadcast Team, Safety Patrol and Avanti. Her favorite subject is reading, and her favorite teacher is Ms. Davis, but Miley holds a special bond with all her teachers. When Miley grows up, she wants to be a dentist.

Miley Wilkins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting. Mr. Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin called for any comments or questions; there being none, on roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2017- 25 - Ordinance amending Section 13-33 of the City Code “Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places”. (Second Reading)

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Henderson stated that he appreciated the Council's support of this ordinance. He stated this ordinance would limit smoking in designated outdoor recreational areas.

On call of the roll on Mr. Henderson's motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-25 and Mr. Waits' second to said motion the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2017- 26 – Ordinance limiting the use of Oxford Lake Park in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, as amended.

Mr. Spurlin stated that for the Council to consider Ordinance No. 2017-26 tonight they would need a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. There was no motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration made.

Mr. Spurlin stated they would not consider Ordinance No. 2017-26 tonight.

Mr. Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Tyler Laymon to re-zone the property located at 620 Beck Road from General Business to Residential, declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Crystal Laymon addressed the Council in favor of said request from Tyler Laymon to re-zone the property located at 620 Beck Road from General Business to Residential.

Mr. Spurlin asked if anybody else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said re-zoning request.

Mr. Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a re-zoning request from Tyler Laymon to re-zone the property located at 620 Beck Road from General Business to Residential closed.

Ordinance No. 2017- 27 - Ordinance rezoning property located at 620 Beck Drive from General Business to Residential.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration permitting Ordinance No. 2017-27 to be adopted at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-27. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2017-27 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017 – 143 – Resolution granting a one time \$50.00 pay raise for City employees in the month of December, 2017.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-143. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 144 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Calhoun County 911 to provide fire telecommunications and radio dispatch services.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-144. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Chief Sparks, Fire Department, addressed the Council and stated that all their emergency traffic would now go through Calhoun County 911 beginning January 1, 2018. He stated all dispatching would come directly from Calhoun County 911. He stated this should allow for quicker response times by the Fire Department.

On call of the roll on Mr. Henderson’s motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-144 and Mrs. Hubbard’s second to said motion the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 145 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 220 Mountain Avenue.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-145. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 146 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1412 Dogwood Drive.

Mr. Waits made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-146. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 147 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1301 Jackson Avenue.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-147. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 148 – Resolution for an appropriation to the ARC of Calhoun/Cleburne Counties.

Mr. Spurlin stated that Tim Cooper had come before the Council and stated they had students who had qualified for the Special Olympics in paddle boarding. Mr. Spurlin stated that this appropriation would provide funds to purchase equipment for the students to practice and compete in the paddle boarding event.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-148. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Spurlin called for comments or questions. On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2017- 149 – Resolution for an appropriation to the Center for Applied Forensics at JSU.

Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-149. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waits.

Mr. Spurlin stated that the Oxford Police Department and the Center for Applied Forensics at times worked closely together.

On call of the roll on Mrs. Hubbard’s motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-149 and Mr. Waits’ second to said motion the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard “Yea”, Mr. Waits “Yea”, Mr. Henderson “Yea” and Mr. Spurlin “Yea”. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Waits thanked the Police Department for their work at the Oxford Exchange keeping the traffic flowing and making everyone feel safe. He stated he had heard comments from citizens regarding the towers at the Oxford Exchange and how safe they felt due to the police presence. He stated public safety is critical in retail environments.

Mr. Spurlin stated he had also heard positive citizen comments concerning the towers at the Oxford Exchange. He stated one of the smoke alarms installed by the Fire Department at a home had helped save a boy and his mother when the house caught on fire at Thanksgiving.

Mr. Spurlin stated the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate and asked Ron Allen, City Attorney, to certify said purpose of the Executive Session.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, stated he did certify that the Council was adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mrs. Hubbard made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Henderson.

On roll call the votes of the Council were as follows: Mrs. Hubbard "Yea", Mr. Waits "Yea", Mr. Henderson "Yea" and Mr. Spurlin "Yea". The motion carried unanimously and the Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:46 o'clock p.m.

Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

Chris Spurlin, Council President