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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 8, 2020
TIME: 6:48 P.M.
PLACE: Oxford Performing Arts Center
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 Performing Arts Center of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at approximately 6:48 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.

Lauren Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Spurlin stated each member of the Council had previously received a copy of the minutes of the November 24th, 2020 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, and Henderson; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Spurlin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Oxford Arts Council presented plaques to the Oxford Historic Churches that participated in the Alabama Bicentennial.

The Oxford Arts Council presented the Christmas Decorating Contest Awards.

Mayor Craft presented the following proclamation to Lauren Taylor.

Proclamation - Lauren Taylor Day

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Ordinance No. 2020- 29 – Ordinance annexing the property of Kenny Stratton of Reaves Road, Talladega County, containing 1.70 acres, more or less.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-29. 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 2020-29, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-29. 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 2020-29 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020- 30 – Ordinance annexing the property of Peggy Dabbs of Reaves Drive, Talladega County, containing 1.90 acres, more or less.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-30. 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 2020-30, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-30. 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 2020-30 was approved.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Peggy Dabbs to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 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 request from Peggy Dabbs to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Peggy Dabbs to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Peggy Dabbs to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 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 request from Kenny

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Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to zone undeveloped property located off Reaves Drive as Planned Development 1 (PD-1) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 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 request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Planned Development 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 request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Kenny Stratton/McIntosh, LLC to rezone property off Reaves Road from Residential 1 District (R-1) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property at and around Oxford Lake Park from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential District (R-1) and Planned Development (PD) 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 request from the City of Oxford to

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rezone property at and around Oxford Lake Park from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential District (R-1) and Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (GB).

David Hill addressed the Council concerning exactly what property around Oxford Lake Park was being rezoned.

Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, showed Mr. Hill a map of the property to be rezoned.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property at and around Oxford Lake Park from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential District (R-1) and Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (GB).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford to rezone property at and around Oxford Lake Park from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential District (R-1) and Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (GB).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from the City of Oxford to rezone property at and around Oxford Lake Park from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential District (R-1) and Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (GB) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards*, declared the hearing open and asked if anyone wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards*.

Trevor Knight addressed the Council concerning said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards* and asked if this amendment would apply to homes not built yet in his neighborhood.

Council Member Hubbard stated this amendment would apply to homes going forward but would not be retroactive.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards*.

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards*.

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Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, - *6. Property Development Standards* closed.

Ordinance No. 2020- 31 – Ordinance to zone the property of Kenny Stratton of Reaves Road, Talladega County, as Planned Development 1 (PD-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-31. 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 2020-31, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-31. 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 2020-31 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020- 32 – Ordinance to zone the property of Peggy Dabbs of Reaves Drive, Talladega County, as Planned Development 1 (PD-1)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-32. 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 2020-32, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-32. 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 2020-32 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 33 – Ordinance rezoning property located off Reaves Road, Talladega County, from Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 1 (PD-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-33. 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 2020-33, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-33. 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 2020-33 was approved.

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Ordinance No. 2020 – 34 – Ordinance rezoning property located off Reaves Road, Talladega County, from Residential 1 District (R-1), to Planned Development 1 (PD-1)

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-34. 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 2020-34, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-34. 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 2020-34 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020 – 35 – Ordinance rezoning property located at Oxford Lake from Flood Plain and Conservation District (FC), Residential 1 District (R-1), and Planned Development (PD) to General Business District (GB)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-35. 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 2020-35, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-35. 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 2020-35 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2020- 36 - Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance, Article 6, Section 6.03, Planned Development District, 6. Property Development Standards.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2020-36. 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 2020-36, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2020-36. 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 2020-36 was approved.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2020 – 136 – Resolution granting a one time \$50.00 pay raise for City employees in the month of December, 2020.

Resolution No. 2020 – 137 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Congressman Mike Rogers as a Member of the U. S. House of Representatives for District Office Space.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-136 through 2020-137. 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 the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2020-136 through 2020-137, were approved.

Council Member Hubbard thanked Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, for his leadership concerning amending the Property Development Standards in Planned Development Districts.

Mayor Craft thanked Hunter Gentry, Main Street Director, for the grant the City had received from Alabama Power in the amount of \$2,500.00 for signage for downtown. He stated the Christmas Parade would be this Thursday night.

Bill Bunn addressed the Council and asked that they consider doing something about 17 Spring Street and stated that it needed to be taken down.

Mayor Craft stated the City was working on taking down the structure at 17 Spring Street.

Council President Spurlin stated the next meeting would be on December 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council President Spurlin stated the Council would be entering into an Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation 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 entering into an Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the City Council to into an Executive Session to discuss possible pending litigation. 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 the Council entered into an Executive Session at approximately 7:21 o'clock p.m.

Council President Spurlin called the meeting back to order at approximately 7:38 o'clock p.m.

Council President Spurlin stated there was no further business to come before the Council tonight.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Hubbard made a motion to adjourn. Council President Spurlin declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:



Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
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