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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 12, 2021
TIME: 6:27 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 Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Oxford, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at approximately 6:27 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Chief Sparks, Oxford Fire Department, 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 December 22nd, 2020 meeting. Council Member Henderson made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gardner.

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 announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG), 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 Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG).

Chris Moates addressed the Council in favor of said zoning request from Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG). He stated he bought the property recently and it had horses on the

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property then but it was not zoned to have horses. He stated he did want to have horses on the property.

Council Member Henderson asked if any of the neighbors had expressed any opposition to this rezoning.

Mr. Moates stated at the Planning Commission hearing no one had opposed the rezoning.

Council Member Waits stated there was a tree buffer between this property and the neighbors.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Chris Moates and Shannan Manix to rezone property at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG), closed.

Ordinance No. 2021 – 01 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 234 DeArmanville Drive N. from Residential District (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG)

Council Member Henderson made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-01. 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 2021-01, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-01. 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 2021-01 was approved.

Mayor Craft addressed the Council concerning an emergency COVID purchase for Regional Medical Center of personal protection equipment (PPE) in the total amount \$17,999.80. He stated the Council had passed a Resolution No. 2020-28 which allowed the Mayor to appropriate and expend funds for just such a purpose as this. He asked if the Council wished to pass a resolution concerning this emergency purchase of PPE for Regional Medical Center.

The consensus of the Council was to add to the Consent Agenda a resolution authorizing the Mayor to appropriate up to \$18,000.00 for the purchase of personal protection equipment for Regional Medical Center.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2021- 01 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation for a Cascade System for the Fire Department in the total amount of \$54,798.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 02 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation under Amendment No. 772 for Auto Custom Carpets, Inc. in defraying expansion cost in the total amount of \$70,091.95.

Resolution No. 2021- 03 – Resolution ratifying and approving an appropriation in the total amount of \$75,000.00 as compensation for real property acquired under condemnation proceedings.

Resolution No. 2021- 04 – Resolution awarding the bid and authorizing a contract for Concessions and Catering for the Parks and Recreation Department with Jeff Hornsby

Resolution No. 2021- 05 – Resolution authorizing an appropriation of up to \$18,000.00 for Regional Medical Center of the purchase of personal protection equipment.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2021-01 through 2021-05. 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 2021-01 through 2021-05, were approved.

Council Member Henderson asked when they would be able to proceed on the expansion of Leon Smith Parkway.

Mayor Craft stated they were trying to obtain one other small piece of property that the bank had foreclosed on and they could proceed. He stated he did not foresee obtaining this piece of property as being a problem.

The Council discussed informing the public of the upcoming work through various sources including the City's magazine.

Mayor Craft stated they were also considering stockpiling dirt for future expansion of Leon Smith Parkway.

Council Member Hubbard stated they were looking forward the ribbons cuttings at Planet Fitness and Smoothie King.

Council Member Henderson asked if anything was ever worked out with McIntosh Trails.

Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, stated that Smith Douglas had sent an agreement.

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Mayor Craft stated that the City had asked them not to block traffic and to clean up the work areas and stated they have done a much better job. He stated that Mr. Roberts had asked them to fix some problems. He stated they had agreed to the PD-1 regulations for the area.

Council Member Waits stated the Police Department and the EMACC Center had gotten some national recognition this week for their facial recognition software.

Lamar Carter addressed the Council concerning the revenues and expenses for the Festival of Lights this year.

Mayor Craft stated they would be getting proposal to the Council concerning the management of the golf course.

Council Member Hubbard asked where they were on having a restaurant at the golf course.

Mayor Craft stated that the food vendor was waiting to see what happens when the new president takes office concerning shutting down venues due to COVID.

Bill Bunn addressed the Council concerning nuisance properties located at 1220 Circle Drive and 1219 Friendship Road. He stated the City Inspections Department had cited these properties before but they were still a problem. He stated the City needed to take legal action against these two properties. He stated these properties had been a nuisance for years.

Council President Spurlin asked Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, if he had these two addresses.


Mike Roberts, Inspections Department, stated they had worked these two properties legally as far as he could take it and they had turned it over to the Street Department to take action.

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 6:59 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk

January 12, 2021: Regular Meeting