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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 26, 2021
TIME: 6:43 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 26, 2021, at approximately 6:43 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 January 12th, 2021 meeting. Council Member Hubbard made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 2021- 06 – Resolution appointing Jonathan Mosley to the Commercial Development Authority.

Resolution No. 2021- 07 – Resolution reappointing David Ford to the Highland Health Systems Board.

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Resolution No. 2021- 08 – Resolution reappointing Greg Thrower to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Resolution No. 2021- 09 – Resolution reappointing John L. Burdette and Robert Fulton to the Oxford Water Works and Sewer Board.

Resolution No. 2021- 10 – Resolution reappointing Rusty Gann, Jennifer Yates, Jeremy Cruse, Norma Newman and Gerry Hamby to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Resolution No. 2021- 11 – Resolution reappointing Stanley C. Allen as Municipal Judge.

Resolution No. 2021- 12 – Resolution reappointing Bill Bunn, Nancy Burnell, Robin Leonard, Tonya Sargent, Sandra Pennington, Lorainne Busby and Shawn Jones to the Keep Oxford Beautiful Board.

Resolution No. 2021- 13 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an easement at 130 Marvin Jones Drive with Alabama Power Company.

Resolution No. 2021- 14 – Resolution authorizing an application to the United States Economic Development Administration for funding from the FY 2021 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program and authorizing a local cash match \$1,057,309.28.

Resolution No. 2021- 15 – Resolution reappointing Glenda Prestridge and Linda Rinehart and appointing John W. Rawlings and Candace Moser to the Oxford Library Board.

Resolution No. 2021- 16 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 254 Pace Street in the total amount of \$335.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 17 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1609 Joe Street in the total amount of \$284.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 18 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 3701 Valleyview Drive in the total amount of \$335.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 19 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1510 Parker Lane in the total amount of \$284.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 20 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 105 Bennett Street in the total amount of \$284.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 21 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 420 Southmoor Circle in the total amount of \$1,718.54.

Resolution No. 2021- 22 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 1609 Joe Street in the total amount of \$284.00.

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Resolution No. 2021- 23 – Resolution for the placement of a Municipal Lien on the property located at 25 Main Street in the total amount of \$14,819.00.

Resolution No. 2021- 24 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with The Nine for the design, hosting and maintenance of a website for Choccolocco Park.

Resolution No. 2021- 25 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor execute a lease agreement with PNC Equipment Finance for three (3) Pierce Enforcer Pumpers in the total amount of \$1,788,109.00

Resolution No. 2021- 26 – Resolution authorizing an extension of the CARES Act sick leave policy for City of Oxford employees.

Resolution No. 2021- 27 – Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to initiate eminent domain proceedings to acquire property located at 1501 Barry Street.

Resolution No. 2021- 28 – Resolution reappointing Phillip Keith Dunn and appointing Charles Estes to the Park and Recreation Board.

Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Resolution Numbers 2021-06 through 2021-28. 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 2021-06 through 2021-28, were approved.

Resolution No. 2021- 29 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate the purchase of property located off Leon Smith Parkway for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2021-29, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate the purchase of property located off Leon Smith Parkway for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. 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 Resolution No. 2021-29 was approved.

Council Member Henderson asked what the status was on replacing the awning at a Field of Our Own.

Mayor Craft stated they had received the final quote last week and work should begin very soon.

Council Member Waits commended the Fire Department in the use of their pumpers to run EMS calls. He stated this had been a huge undertaking and improved public safety in their community. He stated they had essentially doubled the amount of EMS calls that they respond to.

Council President Spurlin stated he appreciated their citizens' willingness to serve on City boards.

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Mayor Craft stated they had the grand opening of Planet Fitness and Smoothie King last week. He commended the Council for their leadership in the developments along Exit 185.

Council President Spurlin stated they needed to set a public hearing for January 12, 2021 to consider a condemnation at 3263 Airport Road.

Council President Spurlin stated the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real property and the good name and character of an individual not employed by the City 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 property and the good name and character of an individual not employed by the City.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Gardner made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate and the good name and character of an individual not employed by the City. 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 6:57 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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