

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2021
TIME: 6:38 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 11, 2021, at approximately 6:38 o'clock p.m. Council President Spurlin called the meeting to order.

Ron Allen, City Attorney, was present.

Alan Atkinson, City Clerk, was present.

Chief Gary Sparks, 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 April 27, 2021 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

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) 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 Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG).

Shawn Curry addressed the Council in favor of said zoning request from Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG). She stated that 5776 Highway 78 W. was only the part of the property being rezoned but the rest of the property did not yet have a road address. She stated it will all the have the same address eventually and it was a total of five acres.

Council President Spurlin asked if anyone else wished to address the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG).

No one else addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said zoning request from Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG).

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider a zoning request from Shawn Curry to rezone property at 5776 Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG) closed.

Council President Spurlin announced that was the time for the public hearing to consider the request from the City of Oxford and Brandon Joshua Horn, Jr. to vacate Ross Street between the intersections of McKibbon Street and Indian Street, 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 and Brandon Joshua Horn, Jr. to vacate Ross Street between the intersections of McKibbon Street and Indian Street.

No one addressed the Council either in favor of or in opposition to said request from the City of Oxford and Brandon Joshua Horn, Jr. to vacate Ross Street between the intersections of McKibbon Street and Indian Street.

Council President Spurlin declared the public hearing to consider the request from the City of Oxford and Brandon Joshua Horn, Jr. to vacate Ross Street between the intersections of McKibbon Street and Indian Street closed.

Ordinance No. 2021 – 11 – Ordinance rezoning property located at 5776 U. S. Highway 78 W. from Neighborhood Shopping Center (NSC) to Agriculture District (AG)

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-11. 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 2021-11, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-11. 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 2021-11 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2021 – 12 – Ordinance declaring real property surplus and authorizing its lease to BWL Properties, LLC.

Council Member Gardner made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried.

Unanimous consent of the Council having been given for the immediate consideration of Ordinance Number 2021-12, Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2021-12. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hubbard; and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Hubbard, Gardner, Waits, Henderson and Spurlin; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance Number 2021-12 was approved.

Resolution No. 2021-64 - Vacating a portion of Ross Street between the intersections of McKibbon Street and Indian Street.

Council Member Hubbard made a motion for the unanimous consent of the Council for the immediate consideration of Resolution Number 2021-64. 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 Resolution Number 2021-64, Council Member Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021-64. 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 Resolution Number 2021-64 was approved.

Resolution No. 2021- 65 – Resolution reappointing Karen Phillips to the Oxford Board of Education.

Council Member Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021-65. 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 Resolution Number 2021-65 was approved.

Resolution No. 2021- 66 – Resolution authorizing a one time allocation in the amount of \$120,000.00 and a monthly allocation for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$45,000.00 to the Oxford Health Care Authority

Council Member Waits made a motion to add to the agenda and approve Resolution No. 2021-66, a resolution authorizing a one time allocation in the amount of \$120,000.00 and a monthly allocation for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$45,000.00 to the Oxford Health Care Authority. 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 Resolution Number 2021-66 was approved.

Council Member Henderson stated that the Gulf South Conference Director had been very complimentary of the staff and facilities at Choccolocco Park.

Council Member Waits stated it was National Police Week and he wanted to thank Chief Partridge and his staff for their work. He stated some of the businesses in Oxford were honoring their officers this week. He stated he did not know of another community that was more proud of their police department than Oxford. He stated their main asset were their personnel.

Mayor Craft thanked the community for being involved in the National Day of Prayer. He stated they were honored to have a 99 year old veteran to pray.

Aimee Birchfield, Finance Director, stated that the City had a good year with their health insurance history and she did not recommend raising the rates in the coming year.

Chief Partridge, Police Department, stated that the Police Department had won the National Comprehensive Officer Safety Award. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing his department to have the necessary means to win that award.

Ladon Herring, 912 Edgewood Drive, addressed the Council and stated he was proud to be a resident of Oxford. He stated he got a burn permit from the Fire Department and he was told that if one person called and complained he would have to put the fire out. He stated that he did not think that was fair for one person to be able to "run the city".

Chief Sparks stated that was part of the nuisance ordinance.


Mr. Herring stated that there was property at 907 Edgewood Drive with grass over 12 feet high. He stated they needed more communication between departments to expedite the nuisance property problems.

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 7:02 o'clock p.m.

APPROVED
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXFORD, ALABAMA


Chris Spurlin, Council President

AUTHENTICATED:


Alan B. Atkinson, City Clerk
May 11, 2021: Regular Meeting