

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, OXFORD, NEWTON, GEORGIA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; DAVID S. EADY, MAYOR PRO-TEM, COUNCIL MEMBERS JIM WINDHAM; FRANK DAVIS; GEORGE HOLT; LYN PACE

OTHERS PRESENT: Penny Windham, Paul Warfel and Gary McAdams from MEAG POWER

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor

Mayor Roseberry suggested everyone look through the proposed budget and speak up and ask any questions they might have in regard to the General Fund Budget.

Mayor Roseberry, the city signed the official resolution today on the LOST distribution tax. It is now official that Oxford will get 3.02 percent of what the county collects on the LOST sales tax revenue beginning January 1, 2013.

Mayor Roseberry also asked the audience withhold any questions until the council has opportunity to go through the budget then you will be ask to offer any questions or comments you have.

Mayor Roseberry announced there will be no vote on the budget at this meeting. Following this hearing there will be a regular meeting of the council and there will be the first reading of the budget at that time. On June 18, 2012 at 6:00 in the Community Center, there will be another Public Hearing on the budget, following that there will be a Called Meeting for the second reading and vote for the budget. We are required by the State Law to have the budget ready by July 1, 2012.

Clark Miller review of Budget Summary Page:

Miller: Read through the Budget Summary as attached.

Jim Windham: Would you go back over the sanitation fund.

Miller: \$143,000 is the income, and \$221,667 is what's going out.

Windham: for 2013?

Miller: There's about \$45,000 cheaper than doing it ourselves and it's a half a temp less in the overall budget which is another \$14,000.

Eady: Does the sanitation still include all other services, leaf pick up and chipping?

Miller: Yes all street pickup services outside of solid waste and recycling.

Eady: It would look a lot better if this could go into a street column.

Miller: We are actually contracting to spend approximately \$60,000 for solid waste and recycles.

Holt: Isn't it because of our cost code with the State the reason we have to show streets pick up under sanitation rather than streets?

Miller: yes, As far as I know right now it does. I'm going to look into it further.

Eady: It's a little misleading because it's not sanitation.

Roseberry: The auditors refer to it as solid waste.

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Roseberry: Two days a week for solid waste and we still don't have \$75,000 in salaries, and contract labor wages.

Miller: You have David's salary and you have the driver of the vehicle, who is a temp. On chipper day we use two guys a lot of times to do that because they are not using the hose they are actually loading it onto the chipper which is faster.

Eady: Do the expenditures on the water/sewer reflect the water project?

Miller: Yes, and in electric there is also \$90,000 in capital.

Eady: In the police expenditure figure does it include capital. Miller: Yes, the car, gas and computer etc.

Windham: Are we making anything off the dumpsters at College Walk?

Miller: Yes, the last I checked we were making money from them on sanitation.

Holt: Jody, are we still hauling items to the landfill?

Jody: Stuff like old pole tops and other items like that.

Holt: So am I to understand that starting next month we won't have a landfill bill other than occasional.

Jody: Yes, other than things like pole tops things like that that won't fit in chipper.

Mayor Roseberry:

We will talk about the capital then we can adjourn the public hearing.

Clark has included the Capital in the budget. As I have read the combined budget summary page one. The revenue is \$6,028,029, Expenditures \$5,745,291 with a surplus of \$282,738. This is what we will be voting on as the budget.

Roseberry, the Capital budgets do not have to be expended during the fiscal year, you can carry them forward to another year. We will not spend all the funds in the capital budget in the coming year. The number I have based on the last work session and the first hearing are, water and sewer \$1,290,000.00, electric \$90,000 and general fund \$61,000, there will also be unassigned funds put in the capital budget in the amount of \$564,686.00 of which can be used on any project the council chooses.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Davis to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:59 pm. The council vote was unanimous with Councilmember Terry Smith not in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted;

Lauran Willis
City Clerk