

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER, OXFORD, NEWTON, GEORGIA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; FRANK DAVIS, MAYOR PRO-TEM; COUNCIL MEMBERS JIM WINDHAM; TERRY SMITH; HOYT P. OLIVER; GEORGE HOLT**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Patsy Burke; Clark Miller, City Manager; Jody Reid, Ed Arthur**

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

**PLANNING/ZONING/STORMWATER/CEMETERY**

Hoyt Oliver

Councilman Oliver delivered the second reading to repeal present ordinances and adopt a revised ordinance for:

Chapter 11: An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Oxford, Traffic Control Ordinance, to repeal, revoke and supersede all ordinances in conflict, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date, and for other lawful purposes. This ordinance defines all streets as complete streets. It regulates the number of cuts that can be made. It has various traffic control measures. Oliver stated this ordinance changes all speed limits in the city to 25mph limits except those on Emory Street/Hwy 81 which is maintained by State of Georgia DOT.

Chapter 19: Conservation Subdivisions: An ordinance to adopt the code of the City of Oxford, Conservation Subdivision ordinance, to repeal, revoke and supersede all ordinances in conflict, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date, and for other lawful purposes.

Chapter 37: Buffers and Screening: An ordinance to adopt the code of the City of Oxford, Buffers and Screening requirements. Ordinance, to repeal, revoke and supersede all ordinances in conflict, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date and for other lawful purposes. This applies to new construction in nonresidential districts.

Chapter 39: Tree Ordinance: An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Oxford, Tree Ordinance, to repeal, revoke and supersede all ordinances in conflict, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date and for other lawful purposes. This ordinance states that arborist has to evaluate trees, and that a tree's canopy may not be topped.

One additional notice, Oliver included the new term limits have been established for the Trees, Parks and Recreation Board. They will now serve a three year term. The committee is made up of five members. They encourage new members and may also have visiting, nonvoting members from outside the city limits. The Trees, Parks and Recreation Board are responsible for electing their own chair person annually.

Chapter 41: Subdivisions and Land Development Regulations: An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Oxford, subdivision and land development regulations, to repeal, Revoke and supersede all ordinances in conflict, to provide for severability, to provide for an effective date, and for other lawful purposes. Oliver explained all streets must be complete street. This ordinance applies to new construction. It also requires a formal process of recommendations from Planning Commission and approval from the Mayor and Council. There will be time limits set under this new ordinance.

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Citizen Comments:

Mr. Ed Arthur of 210 Oxford Drive asked who is responsible for the trees along Emory Street. His concern is with large limbs falling on cars.

Oliver: All trees along Emory Street on the State route 81 rights of way are the responsibility of and are maintained by Georgia Department of Transportation. While many of these trees are dying and losing their branches the State DOT will not allow for the replacement of large trees along the rights of way.

There being no further discussion or comments the hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

These ordinances are to be adopted on Monday, December 5, 2011 council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Lauran S. Willis/City Clerk