

Oxford Mayor and Council
Work Session
Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
Oxford City Hall
110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia
Agenda

1. **Mayor's Announcements:**
2. **Committee Reports:** The Trees, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, and the Sustainability Committee.
3. ***2025 City Council Meetings Schedule and City Holidays**
4. ***Consideration to Authorize the Mayor to Accept the 2025 Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) - Trees Across Georgia Grant:** The City has received a grant of \$75,150 (U.S. Inflation Reduction Act Funding through the (GFC)) to restore the riparian environment around Catova Creek. Due to serving an economically distressed area, this funding does not require a match. This work is to be completed by January 31, 2026. The removal of the invasive plants and subsequent native plant restoration will improve the environment for the stream corridor and the experience while using the Catova Creek Trail.
5. ***Discussion of the Task Order (TO) from Carter & Sloope for Smart Meters:** Through this TO, Carter & Sloope would oversee the bidding for water and electric smart meters, the bidding for the installation of the meters, assist in the management of the construction and installation of the meters, and verify all meters are working correctly. The total TO cost is \$95,800. The City has budgeted \$300,000 for this project. It is likely more funds will be necessary in FY 2026 to complete this project.
6. ***Review of City Hall Landscape proposal from Shades of Green:** The City budgeted \$50,000 for this project and has spent \$5,329, leaving \$44,671 available. In addition to the costs associated with the landscaping, staff are pursuing information on what the total costs will be for repairing the City Hall cistern, as the pump does not work at present.
7. ***Discussion on Applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant:** In my recent discussion with Brian Bolick and John Boudreau (AtkinsRéalis) it was suggested we consider applying for SS4A funds for a Planning and Demonstration Grant to align all of our traffic and street signage with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and create a plan to tie together our bike/pedestrian facilities with the new SR 81 bridge and fully integrate the schools, employment centers, public service facilities, and shopping in the area. This would include a wayfinding plan. See attachment 007 for Reconnecting Communities Worksheet. The Notice for Funding Opportunity is due out in March 2025 and NEGRC has indicated they could assist with the application. See <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A> for more information on the grant. This plan of action would not result in new signage being installed; however we would be able to apply for substantial implementation funds in 2026 and our

\$20,000 would go much further in planning a larger scope of action. This federal grant would require bids for all planning and design.

8. ***Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem** – The current Mayor Pro Tem is Erik Oliver. His one-year term runs out in January 2025.
9. ***Appointment of City Solicitor, City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge**
10. **Other Business:**
11. **Work Session Meeting Review:** Mayor Eady will review all the items discussed during the meeting.
12. **Executive Session:** An Executive Session could potentially be held for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Addressing Pending or Potential Litigation, and/or Personnel.

*Attachments