

**OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 5, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – 110 W. CLARK ST. OXFORD, GA 30054
A G E N D A**

1. **Call to Order** – Interim City Clerk Stacey Mullen
2. **Organizational Meeting** – David Strickland, City Attorney, presiding.
 - a. Oath of Office for Mayor and Councilmembers continuing to serve:
 - i. David S. Eady – Mayor
 - ii. Erik Oliver – Post 1
 - iii. George Holt – Post 2
 - iv. Laura McCanless – Post 3
 - v. Mike Ready – Post 4
 - vi. Jim Windham – Post 5
 - vii. Jeff Wearing – Post 6
 - b. Mayor and Council Appointment and Oath for the Administrative Officers continuing to serve:
 - i. *C. David Strickland, PC – City Attorney
 - ii. *Cheryl Freeman – Municipal Solicitor
 - iii. Stacey Mullen – Interim City Clerk/Treasurer
 - iv. Mark Anglin – Chief of Police
 - c. ***Councilmember Laura McCanless will serve as the Mayor Pro-Tem for 2026 and 2027**
3. **Motion to accept the Agenda for the January 5, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. *Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting on December 8, 2025
 - b. *Minutes of the City Council Work Session on December 15, 2025
 - c. *Minutes of the City Council Special Called Voting Session on December 29, 2025
 - d. *2026 City Council Meetings Schedule
5. **Mayor's Report:**
 - e. Please note, the next Work Session will be held on Monday, January 26. It has been moved to accommodate the MLK, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 19. The Old Church will be hosting the Oxford College – MLK, Jr. Celebration at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 21.
6. **Citizen Concerns**
7. ***2026 City Holidays:** Please see attached memo and list of State Holidays (as requested).

8. **Authorization for the Mayor to Contract with Over and Under (construction) and Gresco (materials) for the Relocation and Undergrounding on E. Soule Street:** The power lines on E. Soule need to be moved from the south to the north side of E. Soule Street to accommodate the Multi-Use Trail from the intersection of Emory Street down along Mainstay Academy. In addition to relocating the lines, this project will underground the lines to improve the aesthetics and protect the lines from disruption. We have obtained the following bids:

- a. Over and Under - \$66,451.45
- b. Wesco - \$97,786.56
- c. U-tec - \$152,460.35
- d. Service Electric - \$188,250.00

All bids are for labor and equipment and do not include parts/supplies. So, we will need to add the Gresco parts/supplies for \$77,920.33 to the total project cost of \$144,371.78. The City has pledged \$1,315,398 in matching funds for the grant award of \$2,200,000.

9. ***Authorization for the Mayor to Order the PermaTrak Boardwalk and Handrail:** For the E. Bonnell Street Trail, AtkinsRéalis requested PermaTrak to provide a proposal for the boardwalk materials and the handrailing. Installation and footings are not included. Their proposed cost for the boardwalk and handrail material is \$532,630.00. By purchasing the material directly from the manufacturer, there are savings of 10% - 15%, in lieu of the contractor including the cost in their bid. We would also save on all the sales tax. By purchasing the material directly, we would expedite the overall manufacturing and construction process, helping to get the project completed by the October deadline. The current schedule calls for the Two Trails Project to be out for bid by 1/19/26, bids received on 2/12/26, Council consideration 2/16/26 and bid award on 3/2/26. That provides 8 months of construction. (7 ½ months to construct). This is considered a very short construction timeframe.
10. **Permit Fee Increase for the Oxford Farmers' Market:** Staff is requesting the annual permit fee for a Farmers' Market vendor be increased from \$5.00 per year to \$10.00 per year for those vendors who are 18 years of age or older. Additionally, we would like to charge \$20.00 per event for the three large Saturday market events we have during the year. For comparison, Covington charges \$10.00 for each regular market day.
11. ***Invoices:** Council will review the city's recently paid invoices over \$1,000.
12. **Executive Session:** An Executive Session could potentially be held for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Addressing Pending or Potential Litigation, and/or Personnel.
13. **Adjourn**

*Attachments