

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION Monday, September 18, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; and Councilmembers: George Holt; Melvin Baker; Jim Windham; David Eady; Mike Ready and Sarah Davis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Pepper, Assistant City Manager; Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; Dave Harvey, Chief, Darryl & Teresa Welch, Terri Fullerton, Audrey Fullerton, Pam Helton, Bob Schwartz, Todd Cain, Kendra Mayfield, Norma Jones, Georgette Izen, Josh Roberts, Robert Bayless, Steve Roan, Louise Eady, Mike Besaw, Michael McQuaide, Lisa Dorward, Judy Greer, Patsy Burke, Donna Sneed, Jeff Wearing.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor Agenda A

Mayors Announcements

Bob Schwartz – Lifetime Service Award - Mayor Roseberry introduced Pam Helton from Georgia Municipal Association and said she is here to present our former City Manager, Bob Schwartz with an award.

Pam presented Bob with a Lifetime Service Award for his service as Oxford's first professional city manager. He assisted the city's elected officials, employees, and citizens during the transition to a different form of government. He was also recognized for his contributions to other cities in Georgia before coming to Oxford. Attachment B

Staff Recognition – Roseberry congratulated and presented Cory Alt with a Certification of Achievement for the completion of the course of study required to obtain the GED General Education Diploma. Attachment C

Proclamation – Roseberry recognized all of the city employees with a proclamation expressing gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding work and recovery from the damaged caused by hurricane force wind and rain on September 11, 2017 and declared September 18, 2017 City of Oxford Employee Day. Attachment D

AMC Studios/ Sundance TV – Roseberry said he received a request from AMC Studios requesting permission to film a brief scene on Wednesday, October 4th in the Historic Oxford Cemetery for a TV series, Hap and Leonard. Roseberry said he has discussed the request with members of the Historic Oxford Cemetery Foundation and there are no objections as long as proper respect is paid to existing grave sites, and the city has someone on site and the site is restored properly. In addition AMC Studios will make a \$5,000 contribution to the Oxford Historical Cemetery Foundation.

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Holt to approve the request from the AMC Studios. The motion was approved 7/0.

2017 Annual Retreat

Roseberry announced having received no objections, the 2017 Annual Retreat will be October 27, at City Hall.

Whatcoat Street Parking Lot East Side

Kendra Mayfield from Oxford College presented a revised parking concept for the parking lot. After much discussion Mayor Roseberry announced this item will follow on the regular session at 7:00 for a vote. Attachment E

Asbury Street Parking Lot

Council asked at its previous meeting for a new design that would not include the East side of Whatcoat as a parking lot and to see if they can straighten or realign Asbury St to include more green space or a buffer between the street and the Church and bring back a new proposal. There was no conclusive discussion regarding the Asbury Street Parking Lot.

N. Emory Street Project

There have been several proposals and discussions. A new proposal was presented which takes into consideration several ideas with emphasis on the need to treat the project as a public health matter that needs to proceed. Mayor Roseberry presented the new plan and explained the timeline and details with positive response from many of the citizens. Roseberry said this item will be voted on at the regular session following at 7:00pm. Attachment F

Executive Session

This item was moved to the regular session at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Lauran Willis, CMC/FOA City Clerk