

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER, OXFORD, NEWTON, GEORGIA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS JIM WINDHAM; TERRY SMITH; FRANK DAVIS; GEORGE HOLT; LYN PACE; COUNCIL MEMBER EADY - ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Bowen, Hoyt Oliver, Anderson Wright, Claude and Eva Sitton, Tom and Sue Turner, Eduardo Tapia, Margaret Dugan, Officer James Pilgrim, Chief Dave Harvey

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor, and the invocation given by Council member Lyn Pace.

Pledge of Allegiance

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Smith, seconded by Windham, for the approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Mayor and Council Organizational Meeting. The Council vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Holt, seconded by Windham, for the approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2012 Special Called Meeting. The Council vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace, to accept the February 14, 2012 Planning Commission Minutes, the Council vote was unanimous.

Attachment A

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Smith, for the approval of the April 2, 2012 Agenda. The Council vote was unanimous.

Attachment B

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/PETITIONS

CITIZENS COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Mr. Tom Turner, 1301 Wesley Street

- Mr. Tom Turner of 1301 Wesley Street; addressed the Mayor and Council with his concerns regarding the privatizing of the sanitation for the citizens of Oxford. Turner said the sanitation department has already been reduced by 20 to 23% and asked the council how they plan to maintain a work force with a depleted system. Turner expressed the citizens have a right to know why the council is making this decision. He requested the council hold a Public Hearing to give all citizens a chance to voice their opinions.

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Citizen comments continued:

- Councilman Windham asked, Mr. Turner what changes would you suggest the city make to reduce cost of the operation of the sanitation.
- Turner, for one you could put the other truck driver we have as the driver on the sanitation truck and use temp's as loaders.
- Or, hire a new person at a lower rate of approximately \$8.00 an hour which would be much less than what you are currently paying.
- Turner concluded with saying that perhaps the council will consider having a Public Hearing for the citizens to be able to voice their opinions.
- Windham added that each monthly meeting and work session is open to all citizens to attend and voice any concerns they may have.

Mr. Claude Sitton, 1223 Wesley Street

- Mr. Sitton "Might I remind the council that this similar situation was attempted when Don Turner was Mayor to no avail". At that time it was proven not to be cost effective for the city or the citizens.
- Mr. Sitton expressed he is concerned with the cost and revenue impact this will have. On another note he asked council to look at what has occurred since Mayor Turner has left, the Fire Department has been turned over the Newton County, the Oxford Police Department has been reduced there's been one service after another has been dropped. Sitton added that Emory University provides 100%, 24/7 coverage policing. Porterdale provides 24/7 coverage. He asked council to keep in mind that to operate effectively we need to provide at least three Municipal Services. Sitton concluded with expressing a request for a Public Hearing for citizens to express their opinion.

Mayor Roseberry: We will allow the citizens a chance to express their concerns at the regular scheduled work session on April 16, 2012 at 6:00.

Councilman Windham: Before moving to the Mayors Report Windham introduced Eduardo Tapia as the intern student who will be continuing the work of the UGA Metropolitan Design Studio on the Town Center plans with the focus on boundaries of the college, the streets around the college in particularly Moore Street, Haygood and Pierce as well as Whatcoat and the area around the Old City Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Roseberry announced the next work session will be April 16, 2012 at 6:00 in the Oxford Community Center.

Clark Miller/City Manager

Windham spoke on behalf of Miller who was not present regarding the contract for the Pilot program with Sophicity. The program start date is April 1, 2012. The contract was received today for review and signatures. Luran and I met with Clint Nelms from Sophicity this morning regarding the 2012 Cost Analysis. Each council member and the mayor was given a copy of the Cost analysis audit and was ask to review it for further discussion at the April 16, 2012 work session.

George Holt/Finance

A motion was made by Holt seconded by Smith to approve a new healthcare plan for the city employees. The plan includes changing the current healthcare provider from United Healthcare to Humana with an effective date May 1, 2012. This plan reflects a change approved by the Finance Committee on March 26, 2012 which includes a change in the cost with the City paying 95% of the cost of the plan and the employee paying 5%. The plan will include dental insurance and an additional \$10,000 of life insurance at the cities expense. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment C

A motion was made by Holt seconded by Windham to approve the service proposal from Municipal Code Corporation for the Recodification of the City's Code of Ordinances at the cost of \$12,900 with an effective date to begin upon the completion of the Chapter 40 ordinance changes being reviewed by the City Attorney and Councilman Eady. The funding for this service will be included in the 2013 Fiscal year budget. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment D

David Eady/Planning/Zoning

Lyn Pace/Public Safety

Pace delivered the second reading, then made a motion seconded by Windham to adopt a Resolution to amend Chapter 30 Animal Control Ordinance; To Repeal all Conflicting Ordinances; To Provide for Severability, and effective Date; and for other purposes. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment E

Pace delivered the second reading, then made a motion seconded by Holt to adopt a Resolution to amend Penalties Chapter 31 General Offenses, Article II, by removing Section 31-117, Penalties of violation, and adding Chapter 31 General Offenses Article IV, Penalties, Section 31-401; Penalties of violation; to repeal all conflicting ordinances; Provide for Severability, and effective date; and for other purposes. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment F

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Pace delivered the second reading and then made a motion seconded by Holt to adopt an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 31, Article II, sections as follows: The council vote was unanimous. Attachment G-Q

Section: 31-206; Discharging Firecrackers or fireworks.

Section: 31-207; Disturbing Public Assemblies.

Section: 31-209; Lewd Houses.

Section: 31-211; Removal of Sand Dirt, Grass or Grassroots.

Section: 31-212; Obstruction Streets and Damaging Public Property.

Section: 31-213; Gambling Houses, Rooms, Tables, Alleys or other places.

Section: 31-214; Gambling; to repeal all conflicting ordinances.

Section: 31-215; Open and or used wells.

Section: 31-216 Moving or Concealing City Property.

Section: 31-219; Maintaining a Disorderly House.

Section: 31-220 Noise Control

Frank Davis/Streets/Sidewalks/Solid Waste

A motion was made by Davis seconded by Holt to adopt a Resolution further defining the duties and responsibilities of the Oxford Zoning Administrator, and to Repeal, Revoke and Supersede all Resolutions or Ordinances in Conflict. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment R

Davis informed all that the RFP's have been sent out for the Sanitation. There is no further information until after the bid request closes on April 10, 2012.

Terry A. Smith/Utilities/Public Works

A motion was made by Smith seconded by Davis to adopt a Resolution naming Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor, Clark Miller City Manager and Terry Smith, Council Member over Utilities as the authorized officials to communicate with MEAG Power, City decisions with respect to the Trust by jointly executing written directions to MEAG Power and the Trustee. The council vote was unanimous. Attachment S

James H. Windham/Buildings & Grounds/Park/Trees

Jim gave an update on the Internship of the UGA College student working on the Master Plan and again introduced Eduardo Tapia and asked everyone to welcome him and encouraged anyone who has any ideas pertaining to the study to come by and share them with Eduardo.

Jim gave an update on the Remodel of the Old City Hall building. He informed everyone the engineering design is in progress.

Invoices Over 1000
Routine Monthly Bills Paid

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BB&T	Loan Payment for Community Center/City Hall March	6,146.25
BB&T	Loan Payment for the Mtn. Facility Feb	7,405.94
United Healthcare	April	6,814.68
Wagner Services	March	1,473.00
Southeastern Power Admin	SEPA Energy Cost February	2,885.28
N.C. Water & Sewer	Plant O & M February	6,297.95
NC BOC	Water Purchase Cornish Creek, Feb	10,875.00
NC BOC	Landfill Fees February	1,669.22
GMEBS	Retirement Trust February	6,787.76
GMEBS	Retirement Trust March	7,049.59
<u>PURCHASES/CONTRACT LABOR</u>		
Associated Staffing	Temp Service 3/5 – 3/9	1,251.12
Associated Staffing	Temp Service 3/12 – 3/16	1,203.00
Associated Staffing	Temp Service 2/20 - 2/3	1,058.65
Alexander Royston, LLP	Legal Services for February	6,075.00
Alexander Royston, LLP	Legal Services for December (Left off of Jan Agenda)	2,200.25
HD Supplies	S&M for Underground College Project	1,478.56
HD Supplies	S&M for Underground College Project	1,631.75
Woco Pep	Gas & Diesel Fuel Invoice March 8	4,789.64
Oxford Historical Cemetery	Six Months Subsidy	5,000.00
Carrie McKnight	Reimb Sewer Tap with exchange of Easement	1,700.00
City of Covington	Electrical Assistance due to power out from Storm	1,151.17
<u>APPROVED CONTRACTS</u>		
MHB Paving, Inc.	Patching road on Emory, Longstreet & Oxford Dr.	5,888.58
Marable-Pirkle, Inc.	Underground Service behind Tennis Courts/Labor	12,100.00
Marable-Pirkle, Inc.	Underground Electric at College Labor & Equipment	48,400.00
Marable-Pirkle, Inc.	Underground Electric Assist with Power Out	6,922.52
Roberts Tree Service	Removal of (7) trees on the Trail W. Soule & Clark St.	2,800.00
Roberts Tree Service	Removal limbs Whatcoat & Pierce Street	1,050.00
SCG Construction	College EL Project/Installing 4-2" Conduits Moore St.	3,300.00
SCG Construction	College EL Project/Install 1-4" & 2-2" Conduits Wesley St.	2,750.00
Carl's Honey Do Svc.	Remodel Bathrooms Old City Hall	3,500.00
Carl's Honey Do Svc.	Final Remodel Bathrooms Old City Hall	6,240.00

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A Motion was made by Davis seconded by Windham for the approval of the above invoices. The council vote was unanimous.

A Motion was made by Windham seconded by Smith to adjourn at 7:58. The council vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauran S. Willis
City Clerk