

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM Oxford City Hall

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady – Mayor
George Holt – Councilmember
Jim Windham – Councilmember
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Mike Ready - Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Andrew – City Manager Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer Jody Reid – Utilities/Maintenance Supervisor C. David Strickland – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: None

- 1. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. David Eady, Mayor.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. A motion was made by Mike Ready, seconded by George Holt to amend the agenda to include voting on proposed DDA members. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0). Mike Ready made a motion to accept the amended Agenda for November 14, 2022. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0). (Attachment A)
- 4. Mike Ready made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda for November 14, 2022. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0). (Attachment B)
- 5. Mayor's Announcements

Due to the State's Run-Off Election on December 6, 2022, we will not be able to meet at City Hall on December 5th, as voting equipment will be set up. We may move our meeting venue or the meeting date. The City Council agreed to set the meeting date for December 12th.

Sincere thanks for the service of Council Member Lynn Branham Sammons, who has announced her resignation from the City Council, effective November 9, 2022.

6. Citizen Concerns

Jody Reid will be in touch with Latham Home Sanitation about the possibility of once-a-month pick-up for bulky items.

- 7. The Oxford Cemetery Association has requested the City to consider an additional access road in the NW corner of the cemetery (Attachment C) Should the Council consider the addition to this project be included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan in our next budget? Mayor Eady stated he is waiting on an updated cost amount. City Manager Bill Andrew estimated the amount to be \$14,000-\$15,000. While waiting for a decision on when to make the repairs, it was decided that a movable barrier and/or appropriate signage should be placed at the end of the paved section of the road.
- 8. <u>City-Wide Sign Plan</u> (Attachment D)

 <u>Mike Ready made a motion to proceed with the purchase of four City Limit signs, one sign for Old Church, and one sign on Watson Street for Asbury Street Park. Jim Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).</u>
- 9. Consideration of City Code Changes recommended by the Oxford Planning Commission (Attachment E)

The Oxford Planning Commission proposes changes to the following City Ordinances: Nonconforming Use (Section 40-712), Development Permit Requirements (Section 40-841) and Building Permits (Section 40-842). If this wording is accepted, staff will work to get it into a first-read format for an ordinance adoption at the next voting meeting.

A motion to approve the code changes was made by Laura McCanless. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wearing. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

10. Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted
Communities Grant Application (Attachment F)
A motion was made by Jim Windham, seconded by Mike Ready to approve the grant application.

Discussion:

Laura McCanless expressed concerns about applying for this grant and including road improvements as part of the work. She also feels that the property owners adjacent to this path will not be happy about the path coming so near their properties.

Mayor Eady pointed out that the application is due this coming Friday.

The motion carried unanimously (6/0)

A motion was made by Mike Ready, seconded by Jeff Wearing to appoint David Allen and Molly McGehee as DDA members. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

11. Invoices (Attachment G)

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the announcement of the Archer plant.

12. Executive Session

None.

13. Adjourn

Jim Windham made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wearing. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Brales

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City Clerk/Treasurer