



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 – 6:30 PM
CITY HALL**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Andrew – City Manager
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
Larry Westmoreland – Police Lt.
Terry White – Police Officer
David Strickland – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Bolick (Atkins North America); Benjamin and Anna Katuizhinsky

1. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable David S. Eady, Mayor.

Jeff Wearing made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 17, 2023 Mayor and Council Special Called Meeting. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0). (Attachment A)

2. **Authorization for Mayor to Execute Task Orders for Whatcoat Street Intersection Realignment with W. George Street** (Attachment B)

Erik Oliver made a motion to approve the task orders with Jordan Engineering and Atkins. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Laura McCanless asked what the timeline is for the survey by Jordan Engineering. Bill Andrew advised they can start on it immediately. She also asked why a permit is needed from GDOT for the realignment. Brian Bolick with Atkins explained that George Street touches Whatcoat Street within the GDOT Highway 81 right-of-way, which requires an encroachment permit from GDOT.

The motion carried (6/1) with Jim Windham voting Nay.

3. **Burial of Residential Electrical Service Lines at 804B, 804C, and 804D Emory Street** (Attachment C)

Erik Oliver made a motion to accept the lowest material and contractor bids for residential electrical service lines being undergrounded and to enter into a repayment agreement with the property owners, Benjamin and Anna Katuizhinsky. Mike Ready seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jim Windham asked if the cost would be reimbursed by the property owners in one lump sum. The property owners stated they would agree to do so.

Laura McCanless asked if the contract with the property owners can include a bedrock clause. Jim Windham agreed that the contract should have this clause. It was also noted that the bid from U-Tec does not include a bedrock clause.

Mayor Eady asked what the difference is between the two options. Jody Reid explained Option 1 is to bury the entire line across all three properties. Option 2 is to bury two spans of line on one property. The property owners prefer Option 1.

Mayor Eady stated that a bedrock clause will be added to the contract with the approved bidder and the contract with the property owners for reimbursement to the City. David Strickland advised the contract with the property owners will incorporate the contract with the approved bidder by reference, which should address that the property owners are responsible for paying any amounts billed by the approved bidder for encountering rock.

Erik Oliver amended his motion to state that the City Council is approving a contract for the bid from Over and Under Contractors for Option 1 to perform the work and a contract with the property owners for repayment of the full cost. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

4. **Adjourn**

Jim Windham made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer