OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – 6:45 PM
CITY HALL

PRESENT: David S. Eady, Mayor; Councilmembers: George Holt, Jeff Wearing, Avis Williams, Laura McCanless, Lynn Bohanan.

Councilmembers not present: James Windham

Staff members present: City Manager Matt Pepper, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, Utility Superintendent Jody Reid, City Attorney David Strickland

OTHERS PRESENT: Stuart Swinea – Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC), Barbara Cole, Mike Ready, Cheryl Ready, Theresa Eady, Kevin Wilhite (Oxford Baptist Church), Gwendolyn Green, Dr. Lakliesha Izzard

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Hon. David S. Eady, Mayor.

Matt Pepper introduced Stuart Swinea from NEGRC, who explained that the grant being applied for is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to replace a water main along Oxford Road, Keel Street, Cat's Paw Court, Beakhead Court, and Perry Circle. Mr. Swinea presented information about the grant application requirements and application process (Attachment 1).

The maximum amount Oxford can apply for is $750,000. This is the second year that the City of Oxford is applying for the grant, as it was not approved for 2020. The environmental review, which encompasses much of the work to apply for the grant, was completed last year. Mr. Swinea is focusing this year on bolstering the justification for the grant to increase the likelihood of its award. The deadline is normally April 1 but has been extended this year to June 4, 2021.

Barbara Cole asked why the grant was not approved in 2020. Mr. Swinea advised that he was given that information and is incorporating changes into this year's application. Essentially, Oxford's position was not as strong as other cities that received the grants.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Eady adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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