



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Via Teleconference**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady – Mayor
George Holt – Councilmember
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Avis Williams – Councilmember
Jim Windham – Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Andrew – City Manager
Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
C. David Strickland – City Attorney
Cheryl Freeman – Municipal Solicitor

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Lynn Bohanan – Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ready, Mark Anglin, Laura Gafnea (Oxford College), Mary Glenn Landt, Art Vinson, Kevin Wilhite (Oxford Baptist Church)

1. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. David Eady, Mayor.
2. Invocation – Rev. Kevin Wilhite, Oxford Baptist Church

Organizational Meeting

Marcia Brooks, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to C. David Strickland, City Attorney.

C. David Strickland administered the Oath of Office to Mayor David S. Eady and Councilmembers George Holt, Jeff Wearing, Laura McCanless, Jim Windham, and Mike Ready.

C. David Strickland administered the Oath of Office to Cheryl Freeman, Municipal Court Solicitor, and Marcia Brooks, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Jeff Wearing made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Anglin as Chief of Police. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

C. David Strickland administered the Oath of Office to Mark Anglin, Chief of Police.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Jim Windham made a motion to amend the agenda for the January 3, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting to add an item for appointment of a new member to the Planning Commission. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).** (Attachment A)

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

Laura McCanless made a motion to nominate Mary Glenn Landt to the Oxford Planning Commission. George Holt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

5. **Laura McCanless made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).** (Attachment B)

6. Mayor's Announcements
None

7. **Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022**
Gorge Holt made a motion to nominate Mike Ready as Mayor Pro Tem for 2022. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

8. **Citizen Concerns**
None.

9. **Consider a Final Plat for the Minor Subdivision of 202 Fletcher Street** (Attachment C)
Lynn Bohanan has requested approval for a minor subdivision of 202 Fletcher Street. The Oxford Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

Mike Ready stated that when the issue came up in the Planning Commission meeting, he recused himself because he knew he would be voting in tonight's meeting.

George Holt made a motion to approve the final plat for the minor subdivision of 202 Fletcher Street. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

10. **Contract with Carter & Sloope Consulting Engineers for the CDBG Water Line Replacement Project** (Attachment D)

Carter & Sloope assisted the City of Oxford with the application for this project. The present contract is for performance of all engineering responsibilities associated with completion of the project. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

Mike Ready made a motion to approve the contract with Carter & Sloope Engineers for the CDBG Water Line Replacement Project. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

11. **GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application** (Attachment E)
The City of Oxford recently signed an agreement for completion of a paving analysis. Staff recommends setting aside this year's LMIG grant to combine it with next year's grant to perform

roadwork based on the priorities identified in the paving analysis. East Richardson Street will be listed as the next work to be performed on the application. The road(s) actually paved may change depending on the results of the paving analysis.

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the LMIG application. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

12. **Invoices** (Attachment F)

Mary Glenn Landt asked what property was purchased by the City. Mayor Eady stated it is the property behind Palmer Stone Elementary.

George Holt asked if Rayford Tree Care is who the City is using for pruning trees near electric lines now. Bill Andrew stated this was work performed during the Christmas break on the campus of Oxford College at the request of Beryl Budd. There had been some damage to vehicles necessitating this work. Mr. Budd obtained two bids and wanted an arborist available to ensure the trees were not damaged.

Mr. Holt asked what was done with the old rifles when new ones were purchased for the Police Department. Mr. Andrew stated that they were sold to a local purchaser by Chief Harvey. Mr. Holt asked if bids were received. Mr. Andrew stated he does not think bids can be obtained for firearms.

Mr. Windham requested that the sign for the Farmers Market be used as a jumping off point for coming up with a sign identity for the City of Oxford. He would like this topic added to the January Work Session agenda.

13. **Executive Session**

Jim Windham made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate matters. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

14. **Adjourn**

Jim Windham made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer