



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
Oxford Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Oxford City Hall

Meeting Recording Available at <https://youtu.be/5Wo8Tp7r8bU>

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady – Mayor
George Holt – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Mike Ready – Councilmember
Jim Windham – Councilmember
Lynn Bohanan – Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Andrew – City Manager
Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
C. David Strickland – City Attorney

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Jeff Wearing – Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Call to order: Hon. David S. Eady, Mayor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Agenda Adoption** (Attachment A)

Motion to adopt the agenda for the July 11, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

– Mike Ready

Second – Lynn Bohanan

Approved unanimously 6/0

4. **Consent Agenda** (Attachment B)

a. Minutes of the Regular Session June 6, 2022

b. Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting June 22, 2022

Motion to approve Consent Agenda – Mike Ready

Second – Lynn Bohanan

Approved unanimously 6/0

5. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Eady thanked the staff for their hard work on the July 4th parade.

Mike Ready reminded everyone about the public hearings on the millage rate on the following Monday.

6. Citizen Concerns

None.

7. Water Service Area Swap (Attachment C)

Mike Hopkins with Newton County Water and Sewer Authority (NCWSA) had previously spoken to the City Council regarding a service area swap, to be formalized as an amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). He had requested to speak to the City Council at this meeting about approval of the SDS amendment but withdrew his request this afternoon pending scheduling of a meeting to discuss the City of Oxford's concerns that were raised. The City Council reviewed and discussed the documents Mr. Hopkins provided.

8. Nomination for Dave Huber to serve on the Oxford Planning Commission

(Attachment D)

Motion to approve the nomination – Laura McCanless

Second – George Holt

Approved unanimously (6/0)

9. Review of SPLOST Budget (Attachment E)

Mayor Eady stated that communication with the Newton County Board of Commissioners has been a challenge regarding the next SPLOST budget. Bill Andrew had been advised the County was offering the same percentages as the 2017 SPLOST budget. However there had been no formal discussion. Mayor Eady was recently advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement had to be executed by July 19, 2022. Various breakouts between the cities and the county were discussed. The breakout portrayed in the handout is based on 2020 population numbers. The cities have discussed several other breakouts.

Jim Windham suggested requesting a larger portion for the repair of the water line on Haygood Avenue because it supports Oxford College.

Bill Andrew recommended that a Special Called Meeting be held prior to the Work Session on July 18, 2022 to vote on the final recommendation from Newton County.

Mr. Windham stated that the Dried Indian Creek restoration is important to the entire county and deserves a larger amount.

10. Task Order 1 for Atkins Engineering (Attachment F)

A task order has been prepared for general engineering services up to \$50,000 on a per hour basis. The purpose of this task order is for Atkins to handle some of the project and program management responsibilities that staff is not able to dedicate time to. This amount was approved in the FY 2023 budget.

Motion to approve the task order – Mike Ready
Second – Laura McCanless

Discussion:

George Holt asked if this request is for work that the City Council will know about. He also believes that some things in the list are things the City Manager does. Mayor Eady stated the purpose of this task order is to augment the band width of the City staff and to stay on top of issues such as working with GDOT on the City's projects that involve them.

Bill Andrew stated that the invoices will be shared with the City Council. Mayor Eady added that a report will be given to the City Council monthly.

Jim Windham asked if there would be another task order for \$50,000 when that money is used up. Mayor Eady stated he hopes the money will last through the fiscal year, but there may be another request if the need arises, which would require a budget amendment subject to the City Council's approval.

Approved unanimously (6/0)

11. **Invoices** (Attachment F)
No votes taken.

12. **Executive Session**

Jim Windham made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

Jim Windham made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. George Holt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

13. **Adjourn** 8:49 p.m.

Motion – Jim Windham

Second – Lynn Bohanan

Approved unanimously 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer