



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
OXFORD CITY HALL
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

PRESENT: David S. Eady, Mayor; Councilmembers: George Holt, Jeff Wearing, Mike Ready, Laura McCanless, James Windham.

Staff members present: City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, Chief of Police Mark Anglin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Art Vinson, Laurie Vinson, Mike McQuaide

The public hearing was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Hon. David S. Eady, Mayor.

Mayor David Eady discussed the FY2023 proposed Operating and Capital Budgets. He stated that the increases requested by the Trees, Parks, and Recreation Board are included in several different places in the budget. Remaining funds in SPLOST 2017 and projected excess funds were discussed as well as the anticipated new SPLOST referendum.

Laura McCanless stated she thought the Online Bill Pay model would cover the cost of accepting payments online. Marcia Brooks stated we are not currently covering the cost. Harris just changed merchant service providers, and she wants to see how the costs are going to work out.

Ms. McCanless also asked why the College Walk Dumpster Fee is not paid by the owner. George Holt stated that each resident at College Walk is being charged a garbage fee to offset the cost of the dumpster.

City Manager Bill Andrew stated that they have factored in increases of 7.65% for employees effective on their anniversary date. The increases will consist of a COLA of 5.1% based on the percentage the federal government is giving employees this year, and a 2.5% increase based on performance. Mr. Andrew stated that Marcia Brooks pointed out that the Employee Police and Procedures Manual states that step increases based on performance are granted every other year.

Ms. McCanless asked about the status of trying to pay for the software upgrade out of FY 2022 funds. Mayor Eady stated it does not appear that will work out, so the cost has been left in the FY 2023 budget.

Mike McQuaide asked if the excess SPLOST 2017 funds can be used for anything. Mayor Eady stated that it can be used for any of the categories the SPLOST 2017 funds were originally designated for. Laura McCanless asked if they can be used for alternative Transportation projects. Mayor Eady stated he believes they must be used for roads, bridges, and sidewalks.

Jeff Wearing asked if the excess SPLOST 2017 funds can be used for wayfinding signage. Mayor Eady stated he does not think so.

Mike McQuaide asked why the City is indicating an increase in Electric revenue in the budget. Mayor Eady stated that the Electric revenue is expected to go back up to 2019 levels after a couple of volatile years due to Oxford College being partly or completely closed due to COVID-19. He expects it to level off at that level.

Mr. McQuaide asked if details of the \$200,000 allocated for a Town Center DDA project can be shared. Mayor Eady stated this information cannot be shared right now, but soon the DDA will be sharing information about it with the City Council.

Adoption of the budgets is planned for June of 2022.

Mayor Eady adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer

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110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia
A G E N D A**

Public Hearing for the FY 2023 Budget

This Public Hearing on the FY2023 Budget is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Oxford. A copy of the budget is available in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall for public inspection.

The City Council will review the Budget during its meeting after the Public Hearing on May 16, 2022. The Council is scheduled to adopt the Budget at its regular meeting on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are planned to be held at the Oxford City Hall 110 West Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia.

1. Call to Order, Mayor David S. Eady
2. Review of the FY 2023 Budget
3. Questions/Public Comment
4. Adjourn.

Project Description	FY2023			FY 2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	Five-Year Total	Comments
	City Funds	External Funds	Subtotals						
General			108,333					108,333	
City Limit Monument Sign and Landscape Improvements	60,000		60,000					60,000	\$60K budgeted each year (FY20-22)
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (2)	15,000		15,000					15,000	\$12-24K budgeted each year (FY19-22)
Finance Software Upgrade	33,333		33,333					33,333	Share of \$99K to upgrade software
Wayfinding Plan and Design Standards - Develop and Implement									
Parks, Landscapes, and Recreation			2,465,000	200,000	200,000	-	-	2,865,000	
Dried Indian Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail	250,000	1,900,000	2,150,000					2,150,000	\$900K in Congressional funding; \$1M in GOSP grant funding
Nature Parks on Giles and Little Properties				200,000	200,000				Plan and implement improvements
Coke Street Trail from Watson to Richardson Street	300,000		300,000					300,000	Preliminary plan complete; design/engineering and construction remains
Grounds Maintenance Equipment - Lawnmower	15,000		15,000						Preference to electric zero-point-turn mower with mulch guard or rear discharge
Security Cameras at Asbury Street Park									
Wi-Fi at Asbury Street Park									
Streets, Drains, Sidewalks, and Street Lamps			2,150,226	4,120,344	1,094,608	1,053,359	1,056,273	9,474,811	
Street Repairs and Resurfacing (annual schedule)	575,226	25,000	600,226	600,344	574,608	533,359	536,273	2,844,811	\$200K was budgeted previously for each year FY22-26; 10-year schedule
E. Clark Street Improvements								-	\$450K was budgeted in FY22 but not spent; could be integrated with street repair/resurfacing
Whatcoat Street Improvements	300,000							-	\$300K was budgeted each year FY20-22; could defer until town center phase one completed
Emory Street Sidewalk (Soule to Richardson Street)	1,500,000		1,500,000					1,500,000	\$100K/year budgeted previously (FY19-22) for sidewalks; \$180 city funds budgeted in FY19 and FY20
Emory Street Sidewalk Replacement (Post Office to Soule Street)	300,000							-	\$100K budgeted previously each year (FY19-22)
E. Soule Street Improvements (full-depth reclamation, etc.)	500,000			3,500,000				3,500,000	Need external funding (Georgia DOT?)
Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements and Reporting	50,000		50,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	130,000	Several ditches need cleaning out and pipes bored-out/replaced
Emory Street/Highway 81 Complete Streets Plan and Development					500,000				Assumes cost-sharing with GDOT
Emory Street/Highway 81 Bridge and Connectivity over I-20							500,000		Assumes cost-sharing with GDOT and City of Covington
City-Wide Complete Streets Plan and Development						500,000			Might be eligible for GDOT funding
Electric Utility			133,333	450,000	100,000	150,000	100,000	933,333	
Electric System Improvements	100,000		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	500,000	Annual pole replacement and system upgrades
Vehicle Replacement			-	50,000		50,000			Assumes pickup truck replacement
Finance Software Upgrade	33,333		33,333						Share of \$99K to upgrade software
Smart Meters			-	300,000					\$300K was budgeted each year in FY19, FY20, and FY21
Water and Sewer Utility			1,150,381	885,000	585,000	585,000	585,000	3,790,381	
Water Line Replacement	238,954	878,094	1,117,048	585,000	585,000	585,000	585,000		Originally budgeted for SFRF Grant+ARPA and Capital Funds
Smart Meters			-	300,000					\$300K was budgeted each year in FY19, FY20, and FY21
Finance Software Upgrade	33,333		33,333						Share of \$99K to upgrade software
Police Department			50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	150,000	
Patrol Vehicle(s)	50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		High repair/maintenance costs suggest need to replace existing vehicles
Downtown Development Authority			200,000	-	-	200,000	200,000	600,000	
Architecture and Engineering for Town Center Development	200,000		200,000			200,000	200,000		Funds may be reimbursed to the city with financing for construction
TOTAL	4,554,179	2,803,094	6,257,273	5,655,344	2,029,608	1,988,359	1,991,273	17,921,858	