

**OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
A G E N D A**

1. **Honorary Councilmember** – Councilmember Terry Smith has appointed Laura McCanless of Wesley Street as councilmember of the month for February. She will join us for the January work session and the February council meeting.

GUESTS

2. **Newton 2050** – We want to keep everyone up to date so we will have a short briefing from Kay Lee of The Center about the status of the 2050 plan and the work being done on zoning ordinances.
3. **Newton Trails Agreement** – We have enclosed a draft agreement from Newton County Trails. This is a follow-up to the work session discussion we had with Florian Pohl in September 2013. A representative of Newton Trails will join us for this discussion.

FEBRUARY AGENDA ITEMS

4. **Planning Commission** – We have two vacancies to be filled for three year terms.
5. **Historic Shrine Sign** – We have enclosed a recommendation for the location of the historic shrine sign. Several citizens met with Mayor Roseberry to select this location.
6. **Council Committees** – This was discussed during the December work session. We have attached the draft of an ordinance to change our committees and committee appointments.
7. **Municipal Competitive Trust** – Renewal of the annual resolution and incumbency certificate with MEAG to designate authorized officials.
8. **Flood Zone Ordinance** – FEMA has updated the flood plain maps for our area. We will report on FEMA (U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency) required updates to our flood zone ordinance. We have enclosed the letter from FEMA and our current city code with the changes highlighted in red. The most significant change is to change the dates of the newly approved maps to March 17, 2014.
9. **Financial Policies** – We recommend first reading approval of the financial policies which have been excerpted from the city code along with the amendments we discussed at the work session. The copy we have attached has the changes we made during the December work session marked in blue.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. **City Limits Entrance Signs and Markers** – After a brief discussion at the December 16 work session, Council asked that we get price estimates for both brick and granite entrance signs. We have worked with Mike Brown of Printability to develop several alternatives. We have two prices each for brick and granite – all are for two large signs on Emory and six small monument style signs at the other entrances to the city. The final locations for each sign will depend on discussions with Georgia DOT. These are not final prices, but estimates only.
11. **History Plaza on Whatcoat** – We will continue the discussion of this project.
12. **Engineering Services** – We received 26 proposals for engineering services on Thursday, January 16. We will discuss our effort to narrow the selection.
13. **Ordinance to Prohibit Tree Cutting** – This was requested during our council retreat. David Strickland has prepared the attached draft ordinance. We also have attached two ordinances from other cities for you to review.
14. **Fleming Hall Construction** – We have had a citizen complaint about the construction of Fleming Hall. We have enclosed an email from Councilmember David Eady.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. **Budget Calendar** – This is the proposed calendar we will follow for the preparation and adoption of the budget for FY2015.
16. **Water Billings** – We have a short report detailing how we are billed each month for the water we purchase from Newton County Water and Sewer Authority.
17. **175th Birthday Committee Update** – We are now officially in our 175th birthday year. We have had several full committee meetings and all three subcommittees have been busy. The banners have arrived and are being installed.