

**Oxford Mayor and Council**  
**Work Session**  
**Monday, January 22, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**Oxford City Hall**  
**110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia**  
**Agenda**

**1. Mayor’s Announcements:**

- a. Grant Update: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program – Adi'a Smith (NEGRC) and Bill Andrew will conduct a Public Hearing on January 25 at 6:30 PM to review the possible use of these funds. Our intention is to apply for funds to build a sidewalk and bike/pedestrian bridge over I-20 on Emory Street.
  - b. Grant Update: Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities – Atkins Engineering is considering three routes for the \$2.2M in grant funding from the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget. The routes are: 1) E. Bonnell to Bob Williams Pkwy, 2) W. Bonnell to Cousins Middle School, and 3) Old Church Trail to Hull/Oxford Road. There will be a presentation by Atkins Engineering at the February 5 Council Meeting. We will need to vote for this at that meeting or at a Special Called Meeting soon after in order to make the grant deadlines. The City has pledged \$1.3M for this project and these funds will be the “match” for the RAISE grant.
2. **Committee Reports:** The Trees, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Sustainability Committee and The Old Church Venue Committee will update the Council on their recent activities.
  3. **\*FY 2023 City of Oxford Audit Report:** This report will be presented by Samuel Latimer, CPA, CFE with Rushton Accounting and Business Advisors.
  4. **\*City of Oxford Media Productions Regulation, as Recommended by the Planning Commission –** The City does not currently regulate this activity.
  5. **\*City of Oxford Short-Term Rental Regulation, as Recommended by the Planning Commission –** The City does not currently regulate this use.
  6. **\*Amended Agreement for Newton County Water & Sewarge Authority (NCWSA) Sanitary Sewer Flow Study –** In addition to the flow study the NCWSA is conducting with Carter & Sloope on the Turkey Creek Basin, which we are paying \$16,840 of \$84,200 (20%), we asked if Carter & Sloope could additionally study Catova Creek. Attached is their proposal for that effort for a cost of \$16,400.
  7. **\*Oxford-Covington Wastewater Capacity Agreement –** The City of Covington is offering 18,000 gallons per day of sewer capacity in their wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$22.00/gallon or \$396,000.00. We are still in negotiations with Archer but we currently have them agreed to pay \$62,429.25 for water and \$462,000.00 for 38,500 gpd of sewer (\$12.00 per gallon). Future capacity for Archer would be at \$27.53/gallon or whatever the going rate will be.
  8. **\*Transfer of Funds to Georgia Fund 1 Account:** To limit funds in low interest-bearing accounts, we are requesting a transfer of funds. Please see the accompanying memo from Ms. Brooks.
  9. **\*City Hall Landscape Plan:** We have received two bids for a more sustainable landscape plan for the area around City Hall, please see attached.

10. **\*FY 2024 Capital Budget Amendments:** These budget amendments are being suggested so the City can combine the first and second year of paving projects. This will lower mobilization costs and provide for higher volumes and thus encourage lower unit pricing.
11. **Other Business:**
12. **Work Session Meeting Review:** Mayor Eady will review all the items discussed during the meeting.
13. **Executive Session:** An Executive Session could potentially be held for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Addressing Pending or Potential Litigation, and/or Personnel.

\*Attachments