

Memorandum

Date: December 9, 2013

To: Oxford City Council, et al

From: Mayor Jerry Roseberry

Subject: Called Meeting to Consider Placement of a Civil War Marker

Monday, 7:00 pm, December 16, 2013

Several weeks ago the city was asked to approve the placement of a marker at Old Church as part of the Civil War heritage driving trails in Georgia. The request was sent to the Oxford Historical Shrine Society for comment. The Historical Shrine Society has sent the request back to the city with the recommendation that a site across the street from Old Church be considered.

Some background

During the month of June in the year 2000, the Oxford Historical Shrine Society, the Newton County Historical Society and the Newton County Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau endorsed the project proposed by Georgia's Civil War Heritage Trails, Inc., to place markers along the path of the war. The Newton County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the project and committed funds to it. Georgia DOT approved the project and funded it with monies from the Federal, State and local governments.

Georgia DOT has requested that all participants return the needed documents before the end of December, 2013. Therefore, I have called a meeting for Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm for the City Council to vote on a resolution to approve placement of the marker on the city right of way at the northeast corner of Wesley and Fletcher Streets.

The city attorney has advised that the city is exempt from the normal sign permitting process per City Ordinance Code Chapter 40, Section 938. Members of the Planning Commission, Tree Board, Historical Shrine Society and all other citizens are invited to comment during the work session that will precede the called meeting.