



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
MONDAY, August 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; COUNCILMEMBERS: JIM WINDHAM; SARAH DAVIS; GEORGE HOLT; DAVID EADY; MELVIN BAKER; MIKE READY.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; Dave Harvey, Police Chief; David Strickland, City Attorney; Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Hoyt and LaTrelle Oliver, Judy Greer, Jeff Wearing, John Burson, Josh Roberts, Genevieve Antoine.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor.

The purpose of the Special Called Meeting was for discussion of the city's sign ordinance in regards to the U. S. Supreme Court decision in Reed v. Town of Gilbert and Georgia Code Section 16-7-58.

City Attorney David Strickland reported on the Supreme Court ruling regarding sign ordinances "Reed v Town of Gilbert". Strickland said that other cities are experiencing some of the same issues as Oxford regarding their sign ordinances based on this ruling. Strickland said the safest action for now that he would suggest, is not to show prejudice with religious signs no more than you would political signs. Strickland will be attending a seminar in September with ACCG/GMA to get more information regarding this ruling and how to better advise council regarding there sign ordinance.

After discussion with Q&A's, Mayor Roseberry said this will be put on an agenda for a vote. The sign request from Allen Memorial will return to the Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.