

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014– 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; COUNCILMEMBERS: JIM WINDHAM; TERRY SMITH; SARAH DAVIS; GEORGE HOLT; DAVID EADY

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Dave Harvey, Police Chief; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; Vivian Harris, Mike Ready, Hoyt Oliver, LaTrelle Oliver, Kendra Mayfield from Emory College.

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

At this Public Hearing the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Oxford for FY2015. Attachment A

City Manager Bob Schwartz – State law requires we hold a public hearing prior to voting on the budget. This budget will be voted on June 2, 2014.

Bob referring to the **Budget Memo – FY2015**

Overall

- The total combined budget is just over \$4 million. The combined budget includes the general fund, the water and sewer fund, the electric fund, and the sanitation fund. The capital projects fund and 2011 SPLOST fund are separate budgets.
- This budget anticipates no increase in taxes. Each fund is projected to have a small surplus.
- The budget is submitted to City Council for its review. The budget has been prepared by the Mayor, the ad hoc budget committee (Councilmembers Holt, Smith and Windham), the city manager, and city clerk. The budget committee held three meetings to review the budget in detail.
- We used the Short Term Work Program to help guide the preparation of the capital budget.

Organization of the Budget

- The first two pages of the budget document show the summary totals for each fund and department. The detailed line item budget is shown on pages 3-12. The capital projects fund and the SPLOST fund are shown separately.

- The budget document contains several different totals for each account.
 - **FY2013 Actual** has the audited actual amounts for the fiscal year ending June 2013.
 - **FY2014 Budget** has the budgeted amounts as amended for the fiscal year ending June 2014.
 - The **Thru** column contains the current expenses for the fiscal year as of the most recent month.
 - **FY2014 Estimate** is our best guess for the totals by the end of June 2014.
 - **FY2015 Committee** is the recommendation of the budget committee.
 - **FY2015 Approved** is the budget amount approved by City Council.

Capital Budget

- FY2014 was the first year we budgeted separately for the Capital Projects Fund. For FY2015, Mayor Roseberry prepared the first draft of the five year budget for both the Capital Projects Fund and the 2011 SPLOST fund. The budget committee reviewed the capital projects in detail. We will review and amend both capital budgets as necessary.
- We have included all proposed capital projects to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. We have budgeted the payment received from the Municipal Competitive Trust to be deposited in the Capital Projects Fund. It should be noted that Municipal Competitive Trust is in the middle of a ten year payout and our last payment will be in FY2019. Attachment B

Mayor Roseberry – Referring to the Capital Budget and to further explain some of the items listed in the last column on page 3 of the Capital Budget defined STWP (Short Term Work Program) are items which are a part of the City of Oxford Comprehensive Plan. The general provisions schedule of the Oxford Comprehensive Plan states “The City of Oxford will nurture community by creating walkable and bikeable linkages between neighborhoods and parks and to central destinations encouraging families and students to live, work, play, shop and interact locally”. This is where we obtain the items we budget for as capital projects.

Citizen Concerns:

Hoyt Oliver asked if council has any idea of where they may acquire land for a city park. Mayor Roseberry expressed this is one of the items under review.

There being no further action the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

A copy of the Draft Budget is available upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauran Willis, CMC
City Clerk