

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; COUNCILMEMBERS: JIM WINDHAM; LYN PACE; SARAH DAVIS; DAVID EADY; COUNCILMEMBER: TERRY SMITH AND GEORGE HOLT WERE OUT OF TOWN

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Dave Harvey, Police Chief; Jody Reid, Utility Superintendent; David Strickland, City Attorney; Hoyt Oliver, LaTrelle Oliver, Anderson Wright, Mike Ready, Dr. Melvin Baker, Neal and Carol Penn

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor and the invocation given by Lyn Pace.

Pledge of allegiance

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace to accept the Agenda for the August 4, 2014 Mayor and Council meeting. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment A

Mayor Roseberry announced Dr. Melvin Baker as the Honorary Councilmember for August 2014 as appointed by Councilmember Jim Windham and presented him with a Proclamation as appreciation for his participation. Attachment B

A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Windham for the approval of the Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed, motion is approved. Attachment C

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Davis for the approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Public Hearing on Millage. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment D

A motion was made by Eady, seconded by Windham to accept the Minutes of the June 3, 2014 and July 8, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment E and F.

A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Windham to accept the Minutes of the June 3, 2014 Trees, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment G

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/PETITIONS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS/CONCERNS

None

2050 Plan – Regarding the appointment of one Oxford resident to serve on a panel of Newton County citizens examining proposed changes to the Newton County code relative to lot sizes in certain areas of Newton County and Transfer of Development Rights in certain areas of Newton County. Mayor Roseberry presented an update of the Newton County Panel of Study Baseline Ordinance as follows.

Newton County Panel to Study Baseline Ordinances.

The Newton County 2050 Plan Baseline Ordinances has been presented to Newton County citizens several times over the past few weeks.

The presenters have been professional planners and members of the Newton County Collaborative.

The presentations have been at public schools throughout the county and another public meeting is scheduled for Oak Hill Elementary on August 7, 2014.

Hundreds of citizens have attended the meetings and expressed their opinion and asked many questions and made some suggestions.

The most discussed subject (and most controversial) has been the minimum lot size for rural and conservation areas in Newton County and the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR).

The Leadership Collaborative, including the Newton County Board of Commissioners, the Mayors of Newton County Cities and members of the Board of Education (BOE) and the Newton County Water and Sewer Authority (NCWSA), have agreed that Newton County Citizens are strongly opposed to the 20 acre minimum.

In an effort to resolve the issue, the Newton County Board of Commissioners, the Mayors of Newton County Cities, members of the BOE and the NCWSA have agreed to appoint a panel of Newton County citizens to study the issue of the minimum lot size and TDRs and make a recommendation that the panel believes to be fair and equitable for all concerned.

The citizens have made it clear they do not want professional planners or elected officials on the panel.

The panel will have no legal authority and its recommendations will be just that – recommendations.

The panel will be made up of distinguished members of the Newton County community, none of whom will be elected officials.

The panel will have access to professional planners, legal advice and other assistance as needed.

The panel will name a chairperson and a vice chairperson.

The panel will decide when and where it will meet and when its job is complete.

I am recommending to this council that you approve the nomination of Dr. Melvin Baker to serve on the panel as Oxford's appointee.

Jerry D. Roseberry

Mayor Attachment H

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Davis to accept Dr. Melvin O. Baker to serve as Oxford's appointee on The Newton County 2050 Panel to Study Baseline Ordinances. The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed. The motion approved.

Projects Status Report

City Manager Bob Schwartz presented a status report of projects which are either completed or being worked on including: The Emory & Asbury Water lines, LMIG street resurfacing, Moore street water line, preparing an ordinance regulating solar panels, City Boundary Survey/Markers and City Master Plan Implementation. Attachment I

Video Systems

Chief Dave Harvey presented a recommendation for the approval of the purchase order for the replacement video systems to be installed in four patrol cars at the cost of \$21,073.40.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Davis to accept the recommendation for the purchase order for the replacement video systems for the four patrol cars from L3 Mobile-Vision, Inc. in the amount of \$21,073.40.

The vote was 5 in favor with 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment J

INVOICES OVER \$1,000.00**Routine Monthly Bills Paid**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
C. David Strickland	Attorney Fees (July)	1,697.95
City of Covington	Qtr. 3/31/14 – 6/30/14 Sewer charges	10,308.00
GMA	GMEBS Retirement Fund (July)	6,383.59
GMA	GMEBS Retirement Fund (August)	6,383.59
Humana	Employees Health Insurance (August)	6,201.59
Newton County Water & Sewer	Monthly Billing (July usage)	5,619.76
Newton County BOC	Cornish Creek Monthly Billing (June 2014)	15,522.00
Sophicity	IT in a Box (July)	1,402.87
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Southeastern Power Admin	SEPA Energy Cost (June Billing Period)	3,116.74
<u>PURCHASES/CONTRACT LABOR</u>		
Apollo Staffing	Temp Services Week Ending 6/15/2014	1,063.58
Designed Install/Jim Williams	Replace driveway on Oxford Road as a result of water main break	2,700.00
Designed Install/Jim Williams	Replace broken concrete on walking trail	2,300.00
Gerald Whitley General Cont.	Repair/Stain and add benches to Gazebo @ George St. & Cemetery	2,525.00
Latham Home Sanitation	Monthly Sanitation Fees (July)	5,528.74
MasterCard	Osborne Coin/Jekyll Hotel/GA Assn.-Chief Conf. /Other	2,493.22
McNair/Mclemor/Middlebrook	Preparation for FY2014 Audit	1,270.00
SanTech Products Inc.	55 Gallon Drum of Mosquito Spray	1,705.64
Service Electric Co.	Emory Dining Hall/Contractor Work	20,900.00

APPROVED CONTRACTS		
AED Brands, LLC	Capital Budget Item 4-Defibrillators for Police Department	5,612.00
Carter & Sloope	Water Syst. Improvement May 4 – June 15	7,695.00
Paving Project	Various Contractors (Attached Spread Sheet) Total all Contractors	136,652.42

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Davis for the approval of the invoices. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved. Attachment K

Mayor Roseberry called for a five minute (5) recess announcing council will be entering into an Executive Session to consider real estate acquisitions.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace to enter into an Executive Session at 7:45 pm. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace to authorize Mayor Roseberry and City Attorney David Strickland to move forward with negotiations to acquire properties discussed. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Eady to come out of the Executive Session at 8:15 pm. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

A motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace to adjourn the regular session at 8:16 pm. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauran Willis
City Clerk