



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
ANNUAL RETREAT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 – 9:00 AM
The Center for Community Preservation and Planning**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady - Mayor
Jim Windham – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember
Erik Oliver – Councilmember
Mike Ready – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Andrew – City Manager
Mark Anglin – Police Chief

ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT PRESENT

George Holt – Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike McQuaide

Agenda (Attachment A)

Discussion: Alignment of City of Oxford Comprehensive Plan/Short-Term Work Program (STWP) and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Attachment B)

Mayor Eady began the discussion by giving a recap of long-term and short-term priorities identified in last year's annual retreat:

Short-term:

1. Farmers Market upgrade
2. Police accreditation
3. Further automation of city functions
 - BS&A conversion
 - Smart meters
 - Electronic timeclocks
4. Staffing
 - New positions in City Clerk's office and PD
5. Council Room AV updates
6. Preserving green buffers
7. Customer service redesign (space issues in City Hall)

Long-term:

1. Resolve tax issues related to Oxford College non-institutional properties
2. Vibrant downtown
3. Interconnected trails
4. I-20 bridge
5. Improved school system
6. Traffic diversion/bypass/calming, especially on Hwy. 81 and streetlamps
7. Quality residential housing
8. Stormwater utility fund/program

Bill Andrew proposed pursuing the Phillips property on Williams Road for possible annexation. It has potential for industrial development, and the City would have an opportunity to provide utilities to a development. It would be better for the City to also benefit from the property taxes. Zoning would need to be changed to attract developers.

Mayor Eady facilitated a discussion of the goals listed in the Short-Term Work Program (STWP), starting with accomplishments.

Action Items:

1. Investigate cost for GIS participation with Newton County.
2. Mayor Eady wants a strategic plan from the TPR Board.
3. Hire a consultant to update building and zoning code ordinances – will probably need a budget amendment to add funds to Legal/Professional.
4. Monitor Main Street's appetite/intentions regarding Yarbrough House.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer