

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 – 7:00 PM CITY HALL

# ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

## **APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:**

Marcia Brooks - City Clerk/Treasurer Bill Andrew – City Manager Mark Anglin – Police Chief David Strickland – City Attorney

# OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Cole, Jane Fadely

- 1. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable David Eady, Mayor.
- 2. <u>Erik Oliver made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 7, 2025 Mayor and</u> <u>Council Regular Meeting. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was</u> <u>approved unanimously (7/0)</u>. (Attachment A)
- 3. <u>Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Ready</u> <u>seconded the motion.</u>

Discussion:

Mayor Eady noted that the title of the March 25, 2025 minutes should reflect the Capital Budget rather than the Operating Budget.

## The motion was approved unanimously (7/0)

4. Mayor's Report

None.

## 5. Citizen Concerns

Nick Cole thanked the City for installing the fountains in Asbury Street Park. He also asked if the City is finished with paving.

6. Newton County Request to Continue Use of Community Room for a Polling Place During 2025 and 2026 (Attachment C)

Erik Oliver made a motion to approve the request of Newton County. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Erik Oliver made a motion to move the June 16, 2025 Work Session to June 23, 2025 and move the December 1, 2025 Regular Session to December 8, 2025. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

7. Consider a Task Order from AtkinsRealis for Coordination between Oxford and GDOT on the New I-20 Bridge (Attachment D)

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the task order. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

8. Consideration of a Task Order from AtkinsRealis for a Sign Inventory and Traffic Control Plan (Attachment E)

<u>Erik Oliver made a motion to approve the task order. Jeff Wearing seconded</u> <u>the motion.</u>

Discussion:

Laura McCanless does not support this expense by the City, especially considering there were no other bids.

#### The motion carried (6/1) with Laura McCanless voting Nay.

9. Revised Proposal from TSW for Planning Services (Attachment F)

#### <u>Mike Ready made a motion to approve the proposal. Jim Windham seconded</u> the motion.

Discussion:

Erik Oliver expressed discomfort with the speculative aspects of the project and prefers that it just be a rewrite of the code. Laura McCanless requested that all Council committees should be represented at the initial stakeholder meeting. Erik Oliver also requested that Councilmembers also be included.

## The motion carried (6/1) with George Holt voting Nay.

#### 10. Annual Electric Utility Pole Replacement – Materials (Attachment G) See #11.

11. Annual Electric Utility Pole Replacement – Labor (Attachment H)

Erik Oliver made a motion to approve the materials quote from Gresco and the bid of Over and Under Contractors, Inc. for the labor. His motion also includes approval of a budget amendment to move \$45,000 from 510-4600-117300-001 Power System Upgrades to 510-4600-541402-001 Electric System Improvements to cover the full cost. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

12. Invoices (Attachment I)

The City Council reviewed invoices paid for \$1,000 or more in the month of March 2025.

13. Executive Session

Erik Oliver made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Jim Windham made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

14. Adjourn

Jim Windham made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marcia Brooks City Clerk/Treasurer