



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, February 1, 2021 – 7:04 PM  
Via Teleconference**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

David Eady – Mayor  
George Holt – Councilmember  
James Windham – Councilmember  
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember  
Laura McCanless – Councilmember  
Avis Williams – Councilmember  
Lynn Bohanan – Councilmember

**APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:**

Matt Pepper – City Manager  
Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer  
Jody Reid – Public Works Supervisor  
Dave Harvey – Chief of Police  
C. David Strickland – City Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Wilhite (Oxford Baptist Church), Mike Ready, Art Vinson, Laura Gafnea (Oxford College), Barbara Cole, Cheryl Ready (Chair, Trees, Parks and Recreation Board), Theresa Eady, Gwendolyn Green, Dr. Lakliesha Izzard, Anderson Wright.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. David Eady, Mayor.
2. Invocation – Rev. Kevin Wilhite (Oxford Baptist Church).
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **A motion was made by Avis Williams to accept the Agenda for February 1, 2021. Lynn Bohanan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).**  
(Attachment A)
5. **A motion was made by Avis Williams to accept the Consent Agenda for February 1, 2021. Lynn Bohanan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).** (Attachment B)
6. **Planning Commission Recommendations/Petitions**  
None.
7. **Citizen Concerns**  
None.
8. **2021 Arbor Day Proclamation** (Attachment C)  
Mayor Eady read a proclamation designating February 1, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Oxford.

9. **Presentation of the Friend of Trees Award** (Attachment D)

Cheryl Ready presented this year's Friend of Trees Award to Jody Reid and his team in the Public Works Department of the City of Oxford. She thanked them for their tireless efforts and support of the Trees, Parks and Recreation Board's mission.

10. **Planning Commission Appointment**

Mayor Eady announced that Jeremy Baker has been nominated to serve on the Planning Commission.

**Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the nomination of Jeremy Baker to serve on the Planning Commission. James Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).**

11. **Downtown Development Authority Appointments**

Mayor Eady announced that two currently serving appointees have been nominated for reappointment on the Downtown Development Authority: Ray Wilson and Laura McCanless.

**Avis Williams made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ray Wilson and Laura McCanless to the Downtown Development Authority. Lynn Bohanan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

12. **Invoices** (Attachment E)

The Council reviewed the invoices paid by the City of Oxford for \$1,000 or more in December 2020.

James Windham asked if the new hot water at the Oxford Mail Center is a tankless model. Jody Reid stated the old one, which was leaking, was replaced with a new commercial model with a tank. Mr. Windham stated that in the future when these types of situations arise, the City should make an effort to repair/replace equipment with energy efficient solutions whenever feasible.

13. **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Laura McCanless to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. James Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).**

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks  
City Clerk/Treasurer