



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
Oxford Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 6, 2022 – 7:06 PM
Oxford City Hall

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady – Mayor
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember
George Holt – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Mike Ready – Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Andrew – City Manager
Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
Jody Reid – Utilities/Maintenance
Superintendent
C. David Strickland – City Attorney

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Jim Windham – Councilmember
Lynn Bohanan – Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Gafnea (Oxford College)

1. Call to order: Hon. David S. Eady, Mayor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Agenda Adoption** (Attachment A)

Motion to adopt the agenda for the September 6, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – Jeff Wearing

Second – George Holt

Approved unanimously 5/0

4. **Consent Agenda** (Attachment B)

- a. Minutes of the Public Hearing 6:30 p.m. on August 1, 2022
- b. Minutes of the Regular Session Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. August 1, 2022
- c. Minutes of the Work Session August 15, 2022

Motion by Mike Ready to amend August 1, 2022 Regular Session minutes to reflect that when Laura McCanless stated that 29% of an Oxford property owner's tax payment is for school and county taxes, she meant 29 mills.

Second – George Holt

**Motion to accept Consent Agenda with amended minutes for August 1, 2022 Regular Session – Mike Ready
Second – George Holt
Approved unanimously 5/0**

5. Mayor's Announcements

None.

6. Citizen Concerns

None.

7. Turkey Creek Path Concrete Repair (Attachment C)

A motion to approve the quote by American Field Maintenance for \$2,950 was made by Laura McCanless

Second – George Holt

The motion was approved unanimously (5/0).

8. Removal and City Storage of Whatcoat Street Sign and the Catherine Boyd Cemetery Monument (Attachment D)

A motion to approve the quote by American Field Maintenance for \$6,215 was made by George Holt

Second – Laura McCanless

The motion was approved unanimously (5/0).

9. Request by Mauldin & Jenkins to increase audit fees by 7%. (Attachment E)

Mauldin & Jenkins has submitted a request to increase audit fees for the FY 2022 audit by 7% over the fee originally proposed. This would increase the fees for the FY 2022 audit from \$20,000 to \$21,400 (increase of \$1,400). The request was made because the firm lost money on the previous fiscal year's audit.

George Holt asked if there is a contract with Mauldin & Jenkins. Marcia Brooks explained that there is no multi-year contract. The City Council approved their five-year proposal last year. Their idea of a contract is an engagement letter which is executed each year at the beginning of the audit.

A motion to approve the increase was made by Mike Ready

Second – Laura McCanless

The motion was approved unanimously (5/0).

10. Recommendation to Change Credit Card Providers for In-Person Services and to Add Online and IVR (Phone) Payments for Citations (Attachment F)

A motion to approve changing credit card providers for in-person services was made by Mike Ready.

Second – Laura McCanless

The motion was approved unanimously (5/0).

A motion to approve adding online and IVR (phone) payments for citations was made by Laura McCanless with the caveat that the web page must display the credit card transaction fee.

Second – Mike Ready

The motion was approved unanimously (5/0).

9. **Invoices** (Attachment G)

George Holt asked what the current pay rates are for temporary workers vs. the amount the city pays the temporary service. He wanted to ensure that someone is keeping an eye on this cost. Jody Reid explained that some of the Public Works positions have been vacant and it has taken time to fill them. Temporary workers were used throughout the summer for grounds maintenance.

10. **Executive Session**

None.

13. **Adjourn** 7:23 p.m.

Motion – George Holt

Second – Mike Ready

Approved unanimously 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer