

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING FY 2024 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OXFORD CITY HALL MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 – 6:00 PM

PRESENT: David S. Eady, Mayor; Councilmembers: Jeff Wearing, James Windham, Erik Oliver, George Holt

Staff members present: City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, Police Chief Mark Anglin

OTHERS PRESENT: Curtis Jackson

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks. Comments/questions about the FY 2024 Budget Proposals from Curtis Jackson, 506 Haygood Ave., Oxford, GA:

- Does the City expect to increase property taxes?
 Bill Andrew: The City expects the value of individual properties to increase, which is by law an increase in property taxes.
- Donations from film industry are inadequate for the level of disturbance they cause to residents. They should be charged more.
 Bill Andrew: The City of Oxford Planning Commission is currently developing a film permit process with standardized fees.
- 3. Mulch why does it cost \$20,000?

 Bill Andrew: A different standard of mulch is required for playground areas. It must be put down twice per year. This is the cost to put down this type of mulch twice per year.
- 4. Why does the City plan to build a sidewalk/trail through the Giles property? It would be better to spend this money establishing connectivity with the City Pond developments.

 Mayor Eady: The City has been awarded a grant to run the trail through the proposed area.
- Does the City expect Georgia Hwy. 81 to remain two-lane?
 Mayor Eady: The City hopes to build a pedestrian bridge with federal funds at some point in the future. The City also plans other traffic calming mechanisms within the City limits.

Mayor David Eady adjourned the public hearing at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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