

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OXFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OXFORD CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Oxford met at the above-mentioned time and place. All members of the Board and local news media were notified of the same as well as the purpose of the meeting.

Present: Mayor Jackie Sergent, MPT Calvin (C.J.) Harris, Jr., Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, S Quon Bridges, Ron Bullock, John Tovey, Teresa Gilreath, and Patricia Fields. Also present were City Manager M. Alan Thornton, City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, and City Clerk Cynthia Bowen.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Reverend Jenny Wilson gave the prayer, the Pledge to the flag followed, led by Commissioner Danny Currin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

COMMISSIONER WOODLIEF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

*The Mayor requested that the Board allow a change to the order of the delegations and allow the presentations to be given before the audit report.

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CHANGE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR SERGENT

Mayor Sergent read the opening remarks statement as stated on the agenda with no conflicts of interest noted.

DELEGATIONS

Harold Slaughter was presented with a plaque for his heroic actions and his immediate response on December 15, 2019, to save another’s life.

Gina Christine Chappell was presented with a plaque for her heroic actions and going above and beyond the call of duty on December 18, 2020, to save another’s life.

The 2018-2019 Audit Report will be presented by Carleen Evans of Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP.

2018-2019 AUDIT REPORT ACCEPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Salzhauser – 3120 Little Mountain Creek Road – Ms. Salzhauser has lived in Granville County for almost 25 years Her husband Charles her spent most of those 25 years traveling the world, big game hunting. Her home is holding well over 200 trophy mounts. Many local people have toured her little museum. She stated that finds children are most knowledgeable and interested and they seem to recognize the animals before their parents do. She invited each of the Commissioners to come and visit the museum and see what she is offering the City of Oxford.

Foster Yacos – 4678 Fielding Knot Road – USO DropBox – Came before the Board to ask permission to put a USO box inside City Hall.

COMMISSIONER TOVEY MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW THE USO BOX TO BE PLACED IN CITY HALL. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Anne Miller – 319 Kingsbury Street – Clarification of Crime Issues – She was asking that there be some clarification as to what is happening in the City with the crime and gunshots that have been heard in the City. She praised the PD for the job that they have done in the years that she has lived here. Mayor Sergent took the opportunity to remind citizens about the Citizens in Action meeting taking place on January 28th.

CITY CLERK AUTHORIZED TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION FOR NON-CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION.

Andrew Swanner, on behalf of Oxford Preparatory School, is petitioning for a non- contiguous annexation of 16+/- acres located at 6041 Landis Rd. The applicant is taking the necessary steps to apply for a special use permit to build the lower school.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City of Oxford the result of her investigation.

Commissioner Gilreath asked about a previously denied request for annexation; Mayor Sergent explained that if the City approves the annexation, it must provide water and sewer and in that case, the person requesting annexation did not need sewer only water, so annexation was not necessary.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO INVESTIGATE THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE PETITION FOR NON-CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS SIGNED AND GIVEN TO THE CITY CLERK TO KEEP ON FILE.

No discussion or vote.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY 11TH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING REGARDING APPROVAL FOR A 58 +/- PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ON LEWIS STREET.

The development will consist of commercial/offices, townhomes, and single-family homes. The developers would like approval of the submitted masterplan in order to move forward for developing the property as proposed.

COMMISSIONER TOVEY MADE A MOTION TO HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Approved the December Financial report.

Approved the following meeting minutes:

- *December 2 - Agenda Session
- *December 10 - Regular Session

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BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Fields – Received three phone calls regarding activity in Warehouse Square asking if there could be an increase in police presence there on Friday afternoons and into the evenings.

MPT Harris – Expressed his appreciation to the Police Department and their dedication to a tough job.

Commissioner Currin – clarified that it was said that there are only three patrol officers but there are more and Oxford is patrolled twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Commissioner Bridges – reminded everyone that there was a report given recently on the by Chief Coley on the crime statistics and Oxford’s numbers are good. He acknowledged that it’s good to see citizens at Board meetings and expressing their concerns and wants the public to be aware that the Board will do what is needed to support the PD in their efforts.

Commissioner Tovey – acknowledged the Finance Department and City Manager Thornton on a great financial audit.

Commissioner Gilreath – had the opportunity to watch our water and sewer department at work, and she was impressed by the work that is being done and complemented the safety measures taken.

Mayor Sergent - requested citizens aid in becoming a reading buddy, because a child that stays in school is less likely to become a part of the problems that we as a society are facing now.

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Cynthia Bowen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor