

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 – 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, Frank Strickland, S Quon Bridges, Ron Bullock, and Patricia Fields. Also present were City Manager M. Alan Thornton, City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, and City Clerk Cynthia Bowen.

Absent: Commissioner Al Woodlief

CALL TO ORDER

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

Dr. Bruce Beck with West Oxford Baptist Church gave the prayer; the Pledge to the flag followed, led by Commissioner Currin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. 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

Ms. Helen Amis was presented with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. Since 1963, North Carolina’s governors have reserved this, their highest honor, for persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments.

Lisa Gingue, Owner of The Hub on Main, was nominated by the Downtown Oxford Economic Development Corporation as an NC Main Street Champion. Ms. Gingue was awarded and recognized, at the Breakfast with Main Street Champions Ceremony, on March 14th during the 2019 NC Main Street Conference held in Salisbury and tonight at the Regular Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Thomas – 207 E. Front Street – Mr. Thomas spoke regarding the new water tank; he wanted to encourage the Board to put a Pepper on our Water Tank and to ask about the resurfacing.

George Summers – 328 Forest Road – Mr. Summers does not like the fact that the Police Office is closed at night. If the PD is supposed to be a safe-zone, how can it be safe if it’s closed?

Marshall Tanner – 208 College Street - Mr. Tanner supports putting a pepper on the water tank.

J.B. Murray – 507 Roxboro Road - He received a ticket for being over his time in a handicapped parking space. Wants someone to look into making all parking by the courthouse handicapped with no time limit.

Eddie McCoy – 408 Kingsbury Street – Mr. McCoy spoke regarding the trash on Henderson Street. He wants the City to clean it up before the rats take over the neighborhoods. He wants the Mayor and the City Manager to ride around and take pictures of the trash.

Mayor stated that she did take pictures approximately a week before the Board meeting and sent them to Mike Felts, County Manager because the trash stretches from the County into the City Limits.

Commissioner Bullock stated that there is a joint County and City trash pick-up day scheduled for April 18th. There is also an item on tonight's agenda aimed at cleaning up the trash.

City Manager Thornton stated that we would welcome the citizens to come out and help with the trash pick-up.

Commissioner Currin stated that he had been out to pick up trash there and the next day it looked like no one had done anything.

On all comments, Commissioner Bridges is concerned about the PD office being closed. Commissioner Strickland stated that the PD has been closed for almost five years.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON A CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION ORDINANCE FOR 3 +/- OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE HARDEES PROPERTY LOCATED ON INDUSTRY DRIVE.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

No one wished to speak.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

A CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION ORDINANCE FOR 3 +/- ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE HARDEES PROPERTY LOCATED ON INDUSTRY DRIVE ADOPTED.

No discussion.

COMMISSIONER FIELDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION ORDINANCE FOR 3 +/- ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE HARDEES PROPERTY LOCATED ON INDUSTRY DRIVE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

2019 MUNICIPAL RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE ADOPTED.

The State Archives amended the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for municipal records. According to G.S. §121-5 and G.S. §132-8, state and local governmental entities may only destroy public records with the consent of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), the Division of Archives and Records. Retention schedules are the primary way that the Division of Archives and Records gives its consent to state and local governments to destroy their records.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 MUNICIPAL RECORDS AND RETENTION SCHEDULE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE OXFORD POLICE CHIEF, AS THE DESIGNATED OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION ON ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

The original request was for Police Chief Alvin Coley to be appointed as the Designated Official however after some discussion Commissioner Strickland suggested making the Designated Official the City of Oxford Police Chief thereby eliminating the need to reappoint in the event of retirement or resignation.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF OXFORD AS THE DESIGNATED OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NC ABC COMMISSION ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION ADOPTED TO CHANGE THE CITY OF OXFORD'S MEDICAL INSURANCE TO NCHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH GALLAGHER.

COMMISSIONER FIELDS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE HEALTHCARE PLAN CITY OF OXFORD FROM THE NCLM's MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH INSURANCE POOL. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVED SIGNING A CONTRACT WITH THE NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION PRISONS FOR THE INMATE LABOR PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER BULLOCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SIGNING A CONTRACT WITH THE NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTION PRISONS FOR THE INMATE LABOR PROGRAM. WITH COMMISSIONERS STRICKLAND, CURRIN, BULLOCK, BRIDGES, AND FIELDS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND COMMISSIONERS HARRIS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE. **THE MOTION PASSED 5 TO 1.**

APPROVED THE 750K ELEVATED TANK PAINT COLOR SCHEME AND LOGO.

Mayor Sergent read a statement from Commissioner Woodlief stating that he has heard from many residents that would like to see a representation of the Hot Sauce Contest on the new elevated tank. He requested the Board revisit this issue. The recommended paint scheme is a three-tone blue. Starting with the lightest color at the top and gradually darkening until you reach the bottom of the tank. The lettering on the tank will be "**Oxford** above **Historic Walkable Friendly**" The wording of the tank shall face approximately north and south so it will be visible from Lewis Street.

Commissioner Bridges did request that we look into putting something temporarily on the water tank during the Hot Sauce Contest.

COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAINT COLOR SCHEME AND LOGO AS APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

APPROVED A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR \$100,000

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Appointed Mark Pace to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Approved the March 2019 Financial report.

Approved the following meeting minutes:

- *March 4 - Agenda Session
- *March 12 - Regular Session

COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bridges – stated what a wonderful gesture to honor Ms. Amis with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award.

Commissioner Strickland – asked everyone to come out and support the National Day of Prayer.
Mayor – Thanked City Manager and Interim Human Resources Director for their work finding a better insurance option for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Cynthia Bowen, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor