

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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, S Quon Bridges, Ron Bullock, Al Woodlief, 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:

- Memorandum of agreement for the Courts Continuity of Operations Plan – The purpose of this C-COOP Plan is to assure continuity of operations and administration of justice in the event of an emergency situation that disrupts the health and safety, of court personnel or facilities.
- Budget amendment for the resurfacing of High Street.

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

The City of Oxford was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is Oxford’s 18th consecutive year receiving this award. Finance Director Hak Ung accepted the award on behalf of his staff.

The Mayor and Board recognized Cpl. Clarence Andre Threatt as the cities 2019 Officer of the Year

Presentation from Chief Coley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie McCoy – 408 Kingsbury Street – Spoke regarding blight and a survey that he had done.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to receive public input on the request from the UDO Committee on the request from the UDO Committee asking for consideration of placing a moratorium on any new internet sweepstakes establishments.

No discussion.

ORDINANCE PLACING A 60-DAY MORATORIUM ON ANY NEW INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES ESTABLISHMENTS ADOPTED.

Commissioner Bridges asked what prompted this request. Mr. John Tovey is on the UDO Committee, and he replied that the UDO Committee wants to research the effects of having so many of these types of businesses have on the community. Mr. Tovey and Mayor Sergent also explained that these machines are gambling; the goal is to look at the effects these businesses have had on surrounding towns.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE TO PLACE A 60-DAY MORATORIUM ON INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES ESTABLISHMENTS. THE VOTE WAS 5 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER BULLOCK VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

THE 2020 BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING DATES APPROVED.

Commissioner Bridges asked would there be no other notices of meetings? The Mayor and the City Clerk explained that this would not stop the meetings from being advertised by other methods, just not as a legal notice every month.

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING DATES. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVED THE DISPOSITION OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Public Safety Committee recommended donating a 1989 Grumman Fire Truck that needs to be disposed of either by sale or donation. The Public Safety Chairman Al Woodlief stated that the City advertised this vehicle with other Counties in North Carolina. This fire truck cost 167,000 in 1988. Now trucks similar to this on GovDeals are only bringing in between three and five thousand dollars. Fairfield Volunteer Department has been hard hit by two hurricanes and that the City of Oxford has a chance to show compassion and goodwill and donate this truck to them.

Commissioner Harris asked how they knew that there was a truck we wanted to dispose of at this time. Commissioner Woodlief stated that the Fire Chief and the City Manager advertised this.

Commissioner Bridges stated that he's not entirely sure how we can justify giving away a fire truck when the City doesn't have money to give the second chance program and the Boys and Girls club at budget time.

Fire Chief Cottrell explained that when the truck was advertised, no one wants to buy, but there were three asking if we would consider donating it.

Commissioner Currin stated that we should sell it.

COMMISSIONER WOODLIEF MADE A MOTION TO DONATE THE FIRETRUCK TO FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE VOTE WAS 5 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER CURRIN VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Woodlief made mention of the visitors in the audience – The Boy scout Troop 629 from the Masonic Home for Children. Randy Perry Assistant Scout Master and Troop members: Brock Perry, Cody Daniel, Parker Berg, and Lawson Perry.

ADD-ON ITEM 1) Granville County Memorandum of agreement for the Courts Continuity of Operations Plan – The purpose of this C-COOP Plan is to assure continuity of operations and

administration of justice in the event of an emergency situation that disrupts the health and safety, of court personnel or facilities. The first option is the Expo Center, and the City of Oxford is a second alternative.

COMMISSIONER WOODLIEF MADE A MOTION TO AGREE THAT THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM BE A SECONDARY LOCATION FOR THE GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT SYSTEM IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER THAT RENDERS THE COURTHOUSE UNSAFE TO USE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADD-ON ITEM 2) Adjustment of the paving initiative of the High Street, Belle Street, and Raleigh Street intersection. – To fix this intersection correctly, there needs to be additional milling and concrete. Over the years, there has only been milling on the sides of these streets, and concrete poured in the middle that has created a “crown” in the middle of the intersection. There will be an additional cost of \$ to fix this correctly.

After much discussion, including the funds that have already been spent and if any of the streets have come in under budget. Commissioner Currin stated that it’s hard to believe that, after the engineers looked at this before they submitted the contract, now they come back and say the price is going to double. Ms. Ratliff, City Engineer, stated that it could be done for the price of the original contract, but while it will look nice, it will still have the crown in the center of the intersection.

COMMISSIONER WOODLIEF MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF \$38,353 TO THE PAVING INITIATIVE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Approved the October 2019 Financial report.

Approved the following meeting minutes:

- *October 7 - Agenda Session
- *October 15 - Regular Session

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

BOARD COMMENTS

Commissioner Woodlief – congratulated everyone that won their elections.

Commissioner Bullock – Thanked the City on behalf of the Veterans for all the help with the Veterans Parade.

Commissioner Fields – Please keep Cheryl Hart and her family in their prayers, on the loss of Cheryl’s father.

Commissioner Bridges – Enjoyed the Veteran’s Parade. He would like more of the windmills next year. Congratulated Mr. Ung for the CAFR award and Chief Coley on the statistics for 2018.

Commissioner Currin – Stated that he and Mrs. Yount walked downtown and took a look at the Pedestrian crosswalks, and they have some ideas on what needs to be done for the citizens' safety. After some discussion, it was decided to schedule a Public Safety meeting.

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