

Oxford Mayor and Council
Work Session
Monday, February 17, 2025 – 6:45 P.M.
Oxford City Hall
110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia
Agenda

1. **Mayor's Announcements:** The City's Arbor Day Celebration will be held at City Hall on Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
2. **Mike Hopkins, Executive Director of the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority:** Mr. Hopkins would like to make some remarks concerning his appreciation for the service by our former council member, the late Terry Smith.
3. **Committee Reports:** The Trees, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, and the Sustainability Committee.
4. ***Proposal from TSW:** During the Council Retreat staff was directed to find a path to update the City's Planning, Development, and Zoning Code to meet the likely development pressures along Oxford Road and Airport Road. Mr. Caleb Racicot will be present to review this proposal and answer questions.
5. ***Arbor Day Proclamation for 2025:** Please see attached. This will need to be signed by Mayor Eady prior to our next voting meeting due to the event being this coming Saturday.
6. **Proposed Enhancements for Asbury Street Park:** As earlier directed by the City Council, Mr. Erik Oliver has ideas he would like to share with the Council for enhancements at Asbury Street Park.
7. ***Discussion of White Oaks:** Shades of Green would like to make a case for the White Oaks being planted at City Hall. Please see the attached PDF.
8. ***Review FY 2026 Budget Schedule:** Staff wanted to make the Council aware of the budget schedule and request that any special budget initiatives would be brought into the process as soon as possible.
9. **Update on The Old Church Facilities Improvements:** Recently, staff was asked about status of the contract with THE Event LLC and their construction management of the facilities update at The Old Church for weddings, etc. THE Event LLC has indicated they would not wish to take on the general contracting work without having a management contract for events at The Old Church. And with the relatively small number of events being discussed as acceptable, they did not see how that could be financially viable. So, staff needs direction from the Council on next steps.

10. Other Business:

- a. Questions or concerns on the City Manager Update.
- b. Staff is seeking direction from the Mayor and Council on any recommendations for changes to the 4th of July Parade and Festival. Staff is beginning to start that planning process and wanted to confirm we are good to go as last year.

11. Work Session Meeting Review: Mayor Eady will review all the items discussed during the meeting.

12. Executive Session: An Executive Session could potentially be held for Land Acquisition/Disposition, Addressing Pending or Potential Litigation, and/or Personnel.

*Attachments