



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, October 15, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; and Councilmembers: George Holt; David Eady; Jim Windham, Mike Ready, Jeff Wearing and Sarah Davis.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Matt Pepper, Assistant City Manager; Dave Harvey, Chief; Stacey Mullen, Deputy City Clerk; Scottie Croy, Maintenance Worker II; Hoyt Oliver, Cheryl Ready, Art Vinson, Laurie Vinson, Judy Greer, Peggy Madden, Louise Eady, Mike McQuaide, Darryl Welch, with the Covington News, Randy Simon, Laura Gafnea, Danielle Miller and Dean Douglas Hicks of Oxford College.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor.

**Agenda** (Attachment A)

**Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Roseberry announced an invite from Newton County to celebrate the new Community Resource Center on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 8:30am-10:30am, with the ribbon cutting at 9:30am. This event will take place at 8205 Hazelbrand Rd in Covington.

**Campus Life Center Project**

Randy Simon with Oxford College presented plans to make hardscape and landscape improvements within the city's right-of-way, in front of the Campus Life Center building. The council will vote on whether to approve the plans on the November 5, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. (Attachment B)

**107 W. Clark Street Renovation Project**

Councilmember Wearing discussed the details of the renovation project as it relates to the termite infestation. He reported that Cleary Exterminating discovered active termites under the garage. Though currently not active, the house also experienced termite damage in the past. Cleary estimated about 25% of the garage had been infested with termites. He presented a quote from JACO with costs to repair the termite damage to the garage for \$15,000, termite repair to restore the house for \$4,500 and demolition of the garage for \$8,500. Councilmember Wearing requested a vote to decide on the completion of the termite repair, including whether it would be cost effective to repurpose the garage. **A motion was made by Jeff Wearing, seconded by David Eady, to approve for JACO to repair the termite damage and stabilize the floor at the house and to demolish the garage. The motion was approved 7/0.** (Attachment C)

**Uniform Contract**

Councilmember Wearing gave an update regarding the current contract with Cintas. Due to the current leasing rate with Cintas, the city is researching a more cost-effective option, which may result to either uniform purchasing or leasing at a lower cost. Cintas has agreed to a meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 to negotiate a better rate. A letter of intent to either cancel or continue service will be required to submit to Cintas by December 23, 2018, which would give time to bring the matter back before the council by the next Regular Session Council Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>, no later than the November 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session Meeting.

**First Reading to Amend the Code Section 40-536.- Livestock and Fowl**

City Manager Matt Pepper advised that this was the first reading to amend Sec. 40-536. - Livestock and Fowl to allow for the keeping of up to six chickens in the RR, R-30, R-20 and R-15 residential zoning districts. The amendment requires chickens to be contained within the property at least 20-ft from all property lines. The proposed amendment will require a second reading and a vote for the Regular Session on November 5<sup>th</sup>. (Attachment D)

**Mayor and Council Retreat**

Mayor Roseberry announced the agenda for the upcoming Mayor and Council Retreat on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor advised that this year's focus would be on the city's long-term financial sustainability. The guest speakers in attendance would be Charles Hall, CPA; Mike Hopkins, Executive Director of Newton Co. Water & Sewer Authority; Holly Bisig with MEAG Power; Danielle Miller and Laura Gafnea with Oxford College, and Jim Dove & Mott Beck with Northeast GA Regional Commission (NEGRC).

**Standby Capacity Charge**

Based on figures provided by Chau Nguyen of Electric Cities of GA, Councilmember Eady gave an analysis of the impact of revenue loss projection for the city with customers who installed the 4kw PV solar systems. The analysis was broken down in three groups: cost impact for 10 customers, 60 customers and 100 customers. For the group of 10 customers with solar panels, the annual cost impact was estimated just under \$3,000; for the group of 60 customers (which is just under 10% of the customers in Oxford) the annual cost impact was just over \$17,000; and the cost impact for the 100 customers was \$28,700. Councilmember Eady advised that the projections were optimistic for the market penetration for solar panels in Oxford. He expressed that the number of people estimated to have solar panels installed in Oxford would be a handful. (Attachment E)

**A motion was made by Jeff Wearing, seconded by Sarah Davis to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Mullen, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk