



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM
CITY HALL**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

David Eady - Mayor
George Holt – Councilmember
Jim Windham – Councilmember
Laura McCanless – Councilmember
Jeff Wearing – Councilmember
Mike Ready – Councilmember
Erik Oliver – Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Marcia Brooks –City Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Andrew – City Manager
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
Jody Reid – Utilities Supervisor
Kole Houston – Utilities Worker
David Strickland – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Gafnea (Oxford College), Nick Cole, Jane Fadely

Agenda (Attachment A)

1. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor Eady shared updates concerning the renaming of Catova Creek.

2. Committee Reports

- a. **Trees, Parks, and Recreation Board** – Laura McCanless provided the report.
- b. **Planning Commission** – No report.
- c. **Downtown Development Authority** – Mike Ready and David Eady provided the report.
- d. **Sustainability Committee** – Laura McCanless provided the report.

3. July 4th Parade Grand Marshal Nominations

Nominations received:

- Mamie Franklin
- Betty Miller
- Stewart McCanless
- Mike McQuaide
- Kevin Wilhite

The consensus was to nominate Mike McQuaide at the May Regular Session.

4. **Capital Budget Amendment Resolution for FY 2025** (Appendix B)

Marcia Brooks explained the purpose of each budget amendment listed. The resolution will be voted on at the May Regular Session.

5. **FY 2026 Operating Budget and Capital Budget** (Attachment C)

There were no comments on the Operating Budget. Marcia Brooks reviewed the changes to the Capital Budget that were made since the last review.

Updates:

- Remove Reprinting of 175th anniversary book from FY 2026 Capital Budget
- Remove Active Threat/Shooter Equipment from FY 2026 Capital Budget
- Add Haygood Ave. water/sewer line – FY 2028 – 3,192,000 external, 798,000 match by Oxford
- Defer all but 100,000 of first CDBG project to FY 2027
- SPLOST 2023 – more committed than is allowed under referendum in Streets category
 - Remove 533,359 for Street Repairs and Resurfacing for FY 2026 – will be paid in FY 2027
 - Reduce amount coming from SPLOST for Emory Street Sidewalk Replacement (Post Office to Soule St.) to the amount of SPLOST funds still available, and budget the remainder from Georgia Fund 1.
- George Holt requested a guarantee on the price of the bucket truck until delivery. Erik Oliver asked if any of the cost is required up front. Jody Reid will verify with the vendor. The City Council will vote on ordering the bucket truck at the May Regular Session if the price guarantee is received and no payment is required up front. The bucket truck is budgeted for FY 2027, but it must be ordered ASAP to have delivery by then.
- Budget all available for Parks and Recreation under SPLOST 2023 to the Three Trails Project and adjust amounts in other funds.
- Mayor Eady requested some research into the cost to add some natural surface parking along Collingsworth Street and Asbury Street to increase available parking for Asbury Street Park. He would like to add some funding for this in FY 2026. Exploratory research can be paid from the Parks Operating budget.

6. **Changes to Oxford's Investment Portfolio** (Attachment D)

The Councilmembers discussed the pros and cons of the options. Bill Andrew will confirm that a guarantee letter from the bank is available that will be provided to the City Council at the May Regular Session. The consensus was to approve the staff's recommendation at the May Regular Session.

7. **Update to Oxford Animal Control Ordinance** (Attachment E)

Newton County Animal Control has requested that all jurisdictions within the county align their ordinances with the County's ordinance to ensure that animal control officers can write citations in all jurisdictions and that they can be tried in Newton County Probate Court. There was some discussion about differences between the

City's and the County's requirements concerning tethering. David Strickland will provide an inline markup of the changes for the City Council's review.

8. Maintenance Bond Agreement with Archer Aviation for Sewer and Water Improvements (Attachment F)

The bond will be in place for one year and can be activated if any damage is identified during that time.

9. Request to Purchase Ford F150 Lightning truck for Department of Public Works (Attachment G)

A quote on statewide contract is still pending from Wade Ford. Staff will also obtain another bid before the May Regular Session.

10. Other Business

- a. City Manager Update
- b. City Hall Space Allocation Needs

The drawings provided were discussed. The Councilmembers will have more time to review them.

11. Work Session Meeting Review

12. Executive Session

Jim Windham made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. Jeff Wearing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

Jim Windham made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (7/0).

13. Adjourn

Mayor Eady adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer