



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT PRESENT:

Jeff Wearing – Councilmember

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Mullen – Deputy City Clerk
Jody Reid – Supervisor of Utilities/Maintenance
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
David Strickland – City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Cole, Kip Hart

1. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable David Eady, Mayor.
2. **Erik Oliver made a motion to accept the agenda for the February 3, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).** (Attachment A)
3. Laura McCanless was sworn in by Mayor Eady.
4. **Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Ready seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0)**
5. **Mayor's Report** – covered in agenda.
6. **Citizen Concerns**
Nick Cole complimented the City on the new tree plantings on the trails.
Erik Oliver announced the upcoming annual meeting of the Oxford Historical Society.
7. **Emory Street Stormwater Improvements** (Attachment C)

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the plan submitted by Keck & Wood to address stormwater issues at the corner of E. Wade Street and Emory Street. Jim Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

8. **Task Order for Pedestrian Lighting on Whatcoat Street** (Attachment D)

Mike Ready made a motion to approve the Task Order from AtkinsRealis. Erik Oliver seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Laura McCanless requested to amend the motion to put the lighting on the East side of Whatcoat Street to avoid destroying the trees on the West side. Erik Oliver stated the current lighting is on the other side of the sidewalk from where the trees are on the West side. Ms. McCanless agreed that putting the lighting in the same location would probably not destroy the trees. She asked that the requirements state that the trees would be protected. Erik Oliver suggested requiring boring rather than trenching for the work. Mayor Eady agreed to cover these requirements with Bill Andrew.

Mike Ready amended the motion to direct AtkinsRealis to include tree protection steps in their design, including boring instead of trenching to protect the root systems. Erik Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried (5/1) with Jim Windham voting Nay.

9. **Underground Electric Service Line on E. Watson Street** (Attachment E)

Discussion:

George Holt asked what the cost of materials would be that would have to be paid by the City. Jody Reid indicated that about 80% of the materials are already in inventory. The additional materials required will cost about \$6,000. Mayor Eady added that the service line will serve multiple homes on E. Watson Street.

Erik Oliver made a motion to award the contract for completion of the work to Over and Under Contractors, Inc. for \$12,424.68. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

10. **2025 CDBG Application Resolution** (Attachment F)

Laura McCanless made a motion to approve the resolution pledging matching funds in the amount of \$22,500 for the 2025 CDBG application. Erik Oliver seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

11. **Invoices** (Attachment I)

The City Council reviewed invoices paid for \$1,000 or more in the month of January 2025.

12. **Executive Session**

None.

13. **Adjourn**

Jim Windham made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Laura McCanless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously (6/0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Mullen
Deputy City Clerk