



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION
FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025 – 8:00 AM**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTED/STAFF PRESENT:

Marcia Brooks – City Clerk/Treasurer
Bill Andrew – City Manager
Mark Anglin – Police Chief
Jody Reid – Utilities Supervisor

ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT PRESENT:

Erik Oliver – Councilmember

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Agenda (Attachment A)

1. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable David S. Eady, Mayor.
2. **Changes to FY 2026 Operating Budget** (Attachment B)
 - a. Increase FY 2026 Gas Franchise Tax Revenue from 10,000 to 15,000
 - b. Increase FY 2026 TV Cable Franchise Tax Revenue from 20,000 to 30,000
 - c. Increase FY 2026 LOST Sales & Use Tax Revenue from 605,000 to 650,000
 - d. Increase FY 2026 Lease – Verizon from 31,000 to 39,000
 - e. General Governmental - Reduce FY 2026 Legal & Professional Fees Expenditure from 145,000 to 135,000
 - f. Show funding to DDA in Operating budget
 - g. Street Department - Remove FY 2026 Sidewalks (10,000) and Stormwater Repairs (10,000) from Operating and add to Capital.
 - h. Parks and Recreation:
 - i. Add 1,500 to Telephone/Postage for FY 2026 for Asbury Street Park wifi
 - ii. Add 5,000 to Old Church Management for cleaning, showing facility, unlocking/locking, etc.
 - i. Water/Sewer - Remove 80,000 in Service Contracts for sewer easement maintenance – place in Capital budget
 - j. Solid Waste – move Gasoline/Diesel and Uniforms budgeted amounts to the Streets Department.

3. Other Discussion

- a. Bricks on trail path need to be fixed (liability issue).
- b. Bill Andrew to check on legal requirement for DDA funding.
- c. Management of cemetery needs to be reevaluated. Ad-hoc committee to be established.
- d. Determine if Tree Board budget should be reduced. Should only include cost of tree trimming and mulching + cost for Arbor Day program for FY 2026.
- e. Mayor Eady asked Jody Reid to get current quotes for the Ford F-150 Lightning in the FY 2025 budget.
- f. Vehicle repairs might can be reduced with purchase of new electric truck. Pending expense documentation from Jody.
- g. Laura McCanless requested that the City pursue a PILOT agreement with Oxford College.
- h. Property tax/millage rate increase is needed to support increases in operating costs.
- i. Cash out Municipal Competitive Trust to supplement FY 2026 Electrical fund.
- j. Jim Windham stated he does not see any value to printing the Oxford book that is in the proposed FY 2026 Capital budget. Very few people would be interested in it, and there is no value to the citizens. The money could be spent on something more worthwhile. Also, a great deal of the information in the book is already available on the Oxford Historical Association's website. He is not opposed to publishing it as an e-book that could be downloaded. George Holt agreed.

4. Executive Session

None.

5. Adjourn

Mayor Eady adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks
City Clerk/Treasurer