



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 – 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**Agenda (Attachment A)**

**1. Mayor's Announcements**

- a. The Newton County Board of Commissioners has invited the mayors of the cities in the county to a meeting June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the historic courthouse to discuss SPLOST negotiations. The meeting is open to the public, and he encourages everyone to attend.

**2. Committee Reports**

- a. **Trees, Parks, and Recreation Board** – Mike Ready provided the report for this Board.
- b. **Sustainability Committee** – Laura McCanless provided the report for this Committee.
- c. **Planning Commission** – Bill Andrew provided the report for this Commission.
- d. **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee** – Jim Windham provided the report for this Committee.
- e. **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** – Mike Ready provided the report for this Authority.

3. **Review of the Georgia Secure Deposit Program (Attachment B)**

At a previous meeting, the City Council discussed moving two accounts to another bank. The City Council had expressed concerns about having all accounts at one bank. However, City Manager Bill Andrew presented information documenting that the State of Georgia requires that banks protect the deposited funds of government agencies regardless of amount. The banks provide information each year documenting that the funds are adequately secured.

In light of this information, he feels that the City's two Truist accounts previously discussed could be moved to United Bank, which has all of the City's other accounts. Staff have a good rapport with the United Bank staff, and the Police Department does not have issues making deposits at United Bank.

Several Council members expressed that they were comfortable with all accounts being with United Bank. George Holt advised that a letter to United Bank signed by Mayor Eady should be prepared to document that the change was authorized.

4. **Change in Meeting Date for the Council's regular meeting on July 4, 2022**

The City Council's regular meeting for July falls on the Independence Day holiday. Due to the extraordinary effort on the part of staff to prepare for and execute the parade and celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Eady recommended that the regular session for July be moved to July 11<sup>th</sup>. No concerns were raised.

5. **Review and Discussion of Six-Month Police Department Report (Attachment C)**

Chief Mark Anglin gave a presentation outlining the six-month report he had prepared for the City Council.

6. **Nominations Needed for the Oxford Planning Commission**

There is a vacancy on the Oxford Planning Commission because Zach May is moving out of town. Dave Huber has offered to serve in this capacity. There are no other nominations. This nomination will be voted out in July.

7. **Review of Coke Street Trail Scope of Work and Budget Estimate (Attachment D)**

Laura McCanless stated she was impressed with the thoroughness of Robert Jordan's estimate. The next step will be to obtain actual bids for the work.

8. **Other Business**

- The City Council reviewed the latest draft of the proposed firearms resolution. Jim Windham advised that he was told a Newton County Commissioner has agreed to move the resolution forward as soon as it is passed by Oxford. The resolution will be voted on in a Special Called meeting Friday, July 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Upon passing, Jim Windham suggested it be sent to all the local, state, and federal representatives.
- Mayor Eady notified the City Council that the intention for 2022 property taxes is to maintain the millage rate passed in 2021. Public hearings will be held in the near

future regarding this proposal. The rationale is that the cost of doing business is increasing, and the City just got back to where it was in 2007. He also mentioned that Oxford's electric rates are some of the highest in the state. Oxford has been taxing electric customers with its rates and relying on moving money to the General Fund each year while keeping property taxes low.

**9. Work Session Meeting Review**

- a. Georgia Secure Deposit Program – write memo to move all accounts to United Bank
- b. July 2022 regular session – rescheduled to July 11, 2022
- c. Oxford Planning Commission vacancy – vote on nomination of Dave Huber at July 11, 2022 meeting
- d. Firearms Resolution – vote at Special Called Meeting June 24, 2022
- e. Property Taxes – three hearings will be held to discuss the proposal to maintain the current millage rate for 2022.

**10. Executive Session**

None.

**11. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Eady at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brooks  
City Clerk/Treasurer