

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

May 4, 2004

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Richard Howorth at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in the courtroom of City Hall when and where the following were present:

Richard Howorth - Mayor
George "Pat" Patterson - Alderman Ward I
Janice Antonow - Alderman Ward III
Ulysses Howell - Alderman Ward IV
Preston E. Taylor - Alderman Ward V
Richard DeVoe - Alderman Ward VI
Dr. William "Bill" Baker - Alderman At-large

Mayo Mallette PLLC - Of Counsel
Lisa Carwyle - City Clerk
Mike Martin - Asst. Chief of Police
Jerry Johnson - Fire Chief
Randy Russell - Supt. of Solid Waste Dept.
David Bennett - Public Works Director
Colbert Jones - Planning & Zoning
Lynn Robbins- Supt of Elec Dept
Billy Lamb- Building & Grounds
Al Hope- Personnel Director
Bo Ragon - City Shop
Kleb Johnson- Dir of Park Commission
Hugh Stump -Dir of Oxford Conference Center

AGENDA:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Baker, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT:

This past reporting period I met with Larry Dickens, the new North Mississippi Director of the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Dickens is impressive, and I think the Oxford Boys and Girls Club is making strides, performs a healthy function in our community, and is need of support, which I will endeavor to help them find.

I was invited to the first general assembly of the local Amos Project. This meeting involved about a dozen separate representative groups from local church congregations. Their mission is to promote social, economic, and racial justice and opportunity here. While we know that the growth and development of our community

has brought prosperity to many, there are still those who have been left behind. The Amos Project will bring local citizens together to work to resolve these issues, and it is good to see so many so willing to help others. I will endeavor to help this initiative, too.

Dr. Baker and I attended a meeting with Johnny Morgan and Kenny Arbuckle at the Chancellor's office to discuss a proposed alternative recreational complex site. As always, I reminded this group that this project's devil lies not in the location so much as the details of the financial and management structure. Yesterday I received a proposal from Marty Wiseman, Director of the Stennis Institute, a copy of which is on your desk, and we plan to follow the outline of this proposal.

I think we would all agree that the Double Decker festival went well this year. Thanks to the Tourism Council and staff and all the volunteers who work to make this a successful event. Mary Beth Wilkerson, Deputy Director of Tourism for the Mississippi Development Authority, had finished the first day of her interviews regarding the Tourism Council, and had to leave due to a death in the family. She will resume and complete her work here May 18.

I had a positive meeting with Gordon Fellows and Ole Miss students who have been working on a campus shuttle system to discuss merging efforts with the proposed feasibility study for a public transit system.

The dedication of the newly renovated Depot was a nice event. Among the remarks I made there was the idea that one day, perhaps, the Tourism Council can provide some coordinated support for this building and the growing number of other cultural-heritage assets that are coming on board – the L. Q. C. Lamar House, the Belfry, Cedar Oaks, and Rowan Oak, and the Walton-Young home.

University of Mississippi graduation is this coming weekend, and over the next few days we will see the departure of Ole Miss students from Oxford. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the graduates, and a happy, productive summer to the rest. This concludes my report.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ACCOUNTS:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Howell, to authorize approval of all City accounts. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Howorth announced that Keep Oxford-Lafayette County Beautiful was looking for committee members and if anyone is interested in participating, to please call Amberlyn Liles.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Howorth announced that there would be a Comprehensive Plan work session for the Board of Aldermen and the Planning Commission on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 7:30 a.m.

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COUNTY HUMANE
SOCIETY QUARTERLY
REPORT:

Elizabeth Speed from the Oxford-Lafayette County Humane Society came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to present the quarterly report. In her report she listed the number of animals taken in at the shelter and also the intake by location. Mayor Howorth thanked her for her report.

SPEED LIMITS
ORDINANCE:

David Bennett came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss MDOT's proposed speed limit changes. Alderman Howell discussed his concern about increasing the speed limit on University Avenue. David Bennett said the City could make a written request to MDOT asking them not to increase the speed limit. Alderman Antonow also agreed with Alderman Howell on keeping the speed limit the same. It was decided that Mayor Howorth would send a letter to MDOT requesting that they leave the speed limits where they are now. The vote and third reading of the proposed ordinance change will be at the next board meeting.

MS ENGINEERING
SOCIETY MEETING:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize David Bennett and Bart Robinson to attend the MS Engineering Society Meeting on June 23-25, 2004 in Choctaw, MS in the amount of \$1,126.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MS PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize David Bennett to attend the MS Public Works Meeting on June 9-11, 2004 in Starkville, MS at a cost of \$534.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

FEASIBILITY STUDY:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize Fisher-Arnold Engineering to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed new wastewater plant. The cost of the study should not exceed \$35,000.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

GERTRUDE FORD
BOULEVARD:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept the low bid of \$1,329,061.75 from Endevco for the construction of the Gertrude Ford Boulevard. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

The bid tabulation follows:

WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman

DeVoe to accept the low bid from Lloyd Oliphant in the amount of \$46,400.00 for the painting of the wastewater treatment plant. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye: Baker, Antonow, DeVoe,
Taylor

Voting No: Patterson and Howell

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**BIDS ON GARBAGE
TRUCKS:**

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept the low bid from Ingram Equipment in the amount of \$154,260.36 for the Front Loading Refuse Truck. It was also moved to accept the low bid from Ingram Equipment in the amount of \$108,481.34 for the Rear Loading Reuse Truck. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye: Baker, Howell, Antonow, DeVoe,
Taylor

Voting No: Patterson

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**TVPPA WORK ORDER,
INVENTORY AND PLANT
WORKSHOP:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman DeVoe to authorize Dianne Sturdivant to attend the TVPPA Work Order, Inventory and Plant Workshop in Nashville, TN on May 19-21, 2004 at a cost of \$850.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TVPPA ANNUAL MEETING:

It was moved by Alderman DeVoe, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the travel of Lynn Robbins to Savannah, GA for the TVPPA Annual Meeting at a cost of \$955.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**CHANGE ORDER FOR
OXFORD CONFERENCE
CENTER:**

Hugh Stump came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss a change order for the Oxford Conference Center.

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman DeVoe to authorize the \$18,192.46 additional expenditure from 2% Food & Beverage Budget to use towards the Conference Center. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the change order which will delete \$82,257.00 and add \$120,449.46 to the cost of the project, which results in a change order of \$38,192.46. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**RAINBOW INFORMATION
SYSTEMS:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by

Alderman Baker to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement with Rainbow Information Systems pending the review of the contract by counsel. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to adjourn the meeting sine-die. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Lisa Carwyle, City Clerk

Richard Howorth, Mayor