

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2006

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 Howorth at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, in the courtroom of City Hall when and where the following were present:

Richard Howorth – Mayor
Pat Patterson – Alderman Ward I
E.O. Oliver- Alderman Ward II
Janice Antonow- Alderman Ward III
Ulysses Howell – Alderman Ward IV
Preston Taylor- Alderman Ward V
Jon Fisher – Alderman Ward VI
Dr. Bill Baker- Alderman At-large

Mayo Mallette PLLC – Of Counsel
Lisa Carwyle – City Clerk
Tim Akers- Director of Planning
David Bennett – Director of Public Works
Randy Russell- Director of Sanitation
Randy Barber – Building Official
Lynn Robbins- Superintendent of Elec Dept
Al Hope – Personnel Director
Mike Hill– Asst. Chief of Fire Dept
Steve Bramlett– Chief Oxford Police Dept
Billy Lamb – Director of Buildings & Grounds
Hugh Stump- Oxford Tourism Director
Kleb Johnson – Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There was no report given by the Mayor.

PROCLAMATION:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Oliver to adopt the following proclamation. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MINUTES: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 3, 2006 and the recessed meeting on January 6, 2006. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

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

Mayor Howorth recused himself from the meeting at this time.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to allow the contractor, Allen & O'Hara to stage off the southeast square parking lot located on Van Buren for sixty days from the day construction begins. The agreement will be reviewed at the end of sixty days. Fees are to be waived in lieu of the parking lot improvements. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Pro Tempore Howell declared the motion carried.

Mayor Howorth returned to the meeting at this time.

PHASE ONE OF LAMAR PARK: Ritchie Smith came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to report on Phase One improvements to Lamar Park. Phase One will include a new pavilion, restroom building, an increase to sixty-two parking spaces, bus turnaround, and improving the entrance with a pedestrian plaza.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LAMAR PARK: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Mayor Howorth to sign the contract for professional services for Phase One of Lamar Park. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PHASE III RENOVATIONS BUSINESS INCUBATOR: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the advertisement of bids for the construction of Phase III Renovations of the Business Incubator. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER MORATORIUM: David Bennett came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss the water and sewer moratorium. Based on the numbers obtained by public works, David Bennett stated the City of Oxford's water and sewer capacity is not in danger. The data received by the Board of Alderman is below.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE
LEGISLATION:

Local and Private legislation was presented to the aldermen that could allow the City to construct parking facilities, to convey air and development rights above public parking facilities and for related purposes. The Mayor stated that this would be discussed at the next board meeting.

TREE BOARD VACANCY:

Mayor Howorth announced a vacancy on the tree board.

PARK COMMISSION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Baker to accept the Quarterly report and annual audit of the Oxford Park Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to apply for a Certified Local Government Grant. The grant request is \$5,000.00 which would be used to employ a consultant to update surveys for the North Lamar and South Lamar preservation district and to prepare the nomination of these two districts to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a fifty percent matching grant. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD COMMONS,
PHASE I, TRACT C1:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to approve the final plat for Oxford Commons, Phase I, Tract C1, located on Sisk Avenue. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD COMMERCE
PARK:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to approve the preliminary plat and water and sewer service for Oxford Commerce Park located on Highway 7 South, based on the conditions placed on this approval by the Planning Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WINDSOR FALLS:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to approve the preliminary plat for Windsor Falls located on South Lamar, subject to the conditions based on this development by the Planning Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD COMMONS
PHASE I, TRACT C2:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to approve the preliminary plat for Oxford Commons Phase I, Tract C2, located on Sisk Avenue. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

YOCONA RIDGE
PHASE I:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept the maintenance of water and sewer for Yocona Ridge Phase I Subdivision. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RECYCLING:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve Amberlyn Liles travel to Tupelo, MS on January 24, 2006 at a cost of \$53.40 for a recycling meeting. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MS-AL KEEP AMERICA
BEAUTIFUL:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to approve Amberlyn Liles to attend the MS-AL Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Meeting in Louisville, MS on January 26-27, 2006 at a cost of \$100.13. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TVPPA UTILITY
ACCOUNTS
CLASSIFICATION:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to approve Corinne Williamson to attend the TVPPA Utility Accounts Classification in Nashville, TN on March 22-24, 2006 at a cost of \$840.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TVPPA ADVANCED
LINEWORKER TRAINING:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve Scott Black and Patrick Shepherd to attend the TVPPA Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training Phase 2 in Scottsboro, AL on February 14-17, 2006 at a cost of \$1560.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

BIDS ON SUBSTATION
MAINTENANCE:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to accept the low bid from Testing Services Group for the performance of maintenance on OED substation for two years. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

2005 AUDIT &
ANNUAL REPORT:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to accept the 2005 Audit and TVA Annual Report for the City of Oxford Electric Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MEMA:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt the following resolution which appoints Lynn Robbins and Lisa Carwyle as applicant designee for MEMA for Katrina reimbursements. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF JUSTICE:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by
Alderman Fisher to adopt the following resolution.
All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth
declared the motion carried.

ANNUAL TRAINING:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the annual training schedule for the Oxford Fire Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

| Year | Location | Course | Tuition | Lodging | Travel | Meals |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Firefighter 1001 | \$ 1,706.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 900.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | CPAT | \$ 75.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Smoke Diver | \$ 660.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Company Officer | \$ 435.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Safety Officer | \$ 927.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 225.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Haz-Mat I | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 225.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Haz-Mat II | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 675.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Confined Space Res. | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 525.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Rope Rescue I | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Rope Rescue II | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 75.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | F/G Leadership | \$ 560.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Management 101 | \$ 900.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 225.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | FLSE 1035 | \$ 455.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | Conference | Chiefs/Firefighter | \$ 300.00 | \$1,120.00 | \$ - | \$ 480.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | Conference | Fire Investigator | \$ 150.00 | \$ 280.00 | \$ - | \$ 120.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Instructor | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Airport 1003 | \$ 2,564.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 300.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | NFA/MSFA / Jackson, MS | Chemistry | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 450.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | NFA/MSFA / Jackson, MS | Haz Op Site Prac | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | MSFA/ Jackson, MS | Fire Investigation Mod | \$ 251.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 45.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | Emmitsburg, MD | EFOP/NFA | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 225.00 |
| 1/1/2006 | ODP/ Anniston, AL | WMD/ Chemical Agent | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1/1/2006 | ODP/ Socorro, New Mexico | WMD/ Explosives | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1/1/2006 | ODP/ Nevada Test Site | WMD/ Radiation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Totals | | | \$ 10,583.00 | \$ 1,400.00 | | \$ 5,370.00 |

MML CONVENTION: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve department heads and aldermen to attend the Mid-Winter MML Convention in Jackson, MS. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESIGNATION: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to accept the resignation of Lyndon Carpenter effective January 31, 2006. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

POLICE OFFICER: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Baker to advertise for a patrol officer. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

LORA COSTS: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the payment of two invoices for professional services incurred by the Lafayette Oxford Recreational Authority. The City will pay half of the invoices, while LORA has requested Lafayette County pay half of the total invoices. It was also moved to amend the Park Commission budget by \$21,133.54 to pay these invoices. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to consider executive session for a personnel issue. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to go into executive session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Howell to go into regular session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Taylor to recind the previous motion from a five day suspension to a three day suspension with four days of paid vacation. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

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

Richard Howorth, Mayor

Lisa Carwyle, City Clerk

