

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2007

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, October 2, 2007, 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 – Supt of Sanitation
 Lynn Robbins – Supt of Electric Dept
 Al Hope – Personnel Director
 Mike Martin– Chief Oxford Police Dept
 Mike Hill- Asst Chief of Oxford Fire Dept
 Randy Barber– Building & Code Enforcement
 Billy Lamb- Supt of Building & Grounds

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.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 18, 2007 and the regular board meeting on September 18, 2007. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ACCOUNTS:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to approve all City accounts including the Electric Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Alderman Patterson recused himself from the meeting at this time.

BASEBALL STADIUM: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt the following resolution authorizing tourism funds to be sent to the University for tourism related issues. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
REGARDING THE CITY OF OXFORD'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FOR TOURISM RELATED ACTIVITY**

The Board took up for consideration a resolution regarding the City's contribution to the University of Mississippi from the Tourism Fund for the University to use for tourism related activities. The following Resolution, having first been reduced to writing, was introduced:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI,
CONTRIBUTING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
TOURISM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, has the authority to contribute tourism funds for the purpose of promoting tourism in the City and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of tourism includes, but is not limited to, the construction of and/or improvements to a baseball stadium at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI has received a request from the University of Mississippi for funds to be used for improvements to the baseball stadium at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI finds that the use of such funds as requested by the University of Mississippi shall serve the purposes contemplated in the statute allowing collection of the City's 2% tax; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI wishes to contribute \$200,000.00 annually for fifteen years to the proposed expansion of the baseball stadium, subject to ratification as may be required by law by subsequent Boards for the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, as follows:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen do hereby authorize expenditure of the \$200,000.00 from the City’s Tourism Fund, to be given to the University of Mississippi beginning January 1, 2009, and on each anniversary thereof for a period of fifteen years, to be used for tourism related activities, including expansion of the Oxford-University Baseball stadium, upon entry and approval of an appropriate interlocal agreement between the City and the University memorializing such expenditure, subject to ratification by subsequent Boards of such expenditures.

After full discussion of this matter, Alderman _____ moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Alderman _____, and upon the question being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- Alderman Patterson _____
- Alderman Oliver _____
- Alderman Antonow _____
- Alderman Howell _____
- Alderman Taylor _____
- Alderman Fisher _____
- Alderman Baker _____

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi; on this, 2nd day of October, 2007.

RICHARD HOWORTH, MAYOR

LISA CARWYLE, CITY CLERK

Alderman Patterson returned to the meeting at this time.

CHEERS REQUEST: Richard Walters came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request funds from the tourism fund to support their designated driver program.

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize \$1500.00 to CHEERS for the promotion of their designated driver program. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD SCHOOL BOARD: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to reluctantly accept the resignation of Helen Philips from the school board. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Mayor Howorth announced that anyone interested in the position should send a letter of interest or resume to the City by October 26, 2007.

Mayor Howorth recused himself from the meeting at this time.

THOMPSON HOUSE: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to grant a license of use for City right of way to allow for canopies along the Thompson House on North Lamar. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Pro Temp Howell declared the motion carried.

Mayor Howorth returned to the meeting at this time.

REZONING: This was the second reading and public hearing of the proposed rezoning of Albert & Earmel Cotton's land from Public Open Land to Neighborhood Business off of Old Taylor Road. Mr. Cotton came before the board requesting it be zoned General Business so he would be allowed to have storage units on the property. Mr. Akers stated if the property were zoned Neighborhood Business, which was the recommended zoning from the Planning Commission, storage facilities would not be allowed. The Mayor asked Mr. Akers to look at the guidelines and zoning again to see if there were any possible compromises. The third reading and vote will be at the next board meeting.

CIS LEGACY WORKSHOP: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize four electric department employees to attend Central Service CIS Legacy Workshop on October 17, 2007 with a cost of \$245.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**SEWER REHABILITATION
ON SOUTH LAMAR:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the advertisement for bids for the Sewer Rehabilitation project on South Lamar. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ALCOHOL GRANT:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt a resolution for the alcohol grant. This is from the State of Mississippi Office of Highway Safety. The total of the grant is \$110,000.00. The city's match is \$25,000.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**BASIC COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICER COURSE:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize Josh Ivy to attend the Basic Communications Officer Course in Grenada, MS on November 3-4, and 10-11, 2007 with a cost of \$395.00 to be reimbursed by the state. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**MS TACTICAL OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION:**

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize ten officers to attend the MS Tactical Officers Association in Meridian, MS on October 15-18, 2007 with a cost of \$3,315.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

IAI CONFERENCE:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Oliver to authorize three officers to attend the IAI Conference in Hattiesburg, MS with a cost of \$716.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESERVE OFFICER:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the employment of Riley Abbott as a reserve officer. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TAXI DRIVERS:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve Dennis Stidham and Reggie Clayton as taxi drivers. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF FIREMEN:

This was the second reading of the proposed ordinance change which would lower the age for consideration of employment of a part time fireman. The third reading and vote will be at the next board meeting.

**FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to appoint Justin Sneed to the Firefighter Assistance Program. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PROCLAMATION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to adopt the following proclamation for Fire Prevention Week. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MID WINTER CHIEF'S
CONFERENCE:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve three firemen to attend the Mid-Winter Chief's Conference in Southaven MS on December 3-5, 2007 with a cost of \$390.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CAP LOAN:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the CAP Loan application for a combination ladder/pumper fire truck. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ASSISTANT PLANNER:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to employ Katrina Hourin as assistant planner in the Planning & Zoning Department with a salary of \$38,459.78. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESIGNATION:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Howell to accept the resignation of Brenda Snider in the Electric Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the advertisement for cashier in the electric department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TRANSFER:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the transfer of Mary Bishop to personnel specialist in the Human Resource department with no change in salary. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the advertisement for a deputy clerk in the Financial Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

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It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the advertisement for a laborer in the Building & Grounds Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

DISPATCHER:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the employment of Alexis Farmer as dispatcher in the Police Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

- FIREFIGHTERS:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the employment of Wes Anderson, Edward Mounce, and Braden Theobald as firefighters with a salary of \$28,240.51. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to approve the promotion of Joey East from major to assistant chief in the Police Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- SALARY REALIGNMENTS:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the salary realignments in the electric department and public works. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:** It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to consider executive session for a personnel issue. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to go into executive session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- REGULAR SESSION:** 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.
- TERMINATION:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow upon the recommendation of the department head and human resource director to terminate an employee in the Police Department. All the aldermen 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.

Richard Howorth, Mayor

Lisa Carwyle, City Clerk

