

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 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, November 6, 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
 Lynn Robbins – Supt of Electric Dept
 Al Hope – Personnel Director
 Hugh Stump – Oxford Conference Center
 Mike Martin– Chief Oxford Police Dept
 Jerry Johnson- Chief of Oxford Fire Dept
 Randy Barber– Building & Code Enforcement
 Billy Lamb- Supt of Building & Grounds
 Kleb Johnson – Director of Oxford Park
 Commission

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 Patterson to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 16, 2007. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ACCOUNTS:

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

OXFORD-LAFAYETTE
FIELDS:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the advertisement for bids for the roadway and parking for Oxford-Lafayette Fields. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Ron Kitchens with the Lions Club came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request funding for the Christmas parade in the amount of \$1,500.00.

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize \$1,500.00 from the community promotions budget for the Christmas parade. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Alderman Howell recused himself from the meeting at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to appoint Whitney Byars to the school board to fill the unexpired term of Helen Phillips. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Alderman Howell returned to the meeting at this time.

INTERLOCAL WITH
UNIVERISTY OF MISSISSIPPI:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt the following interlocal agreement between the City and the University regarding the expansion of the baseball stadium. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

- VISTA MEDIA:** Vista II Media came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss the City's authorization of the sale of Vista III to Metro Cast. Mayor Howorth stated the City was researching the pole attachment agreement and would discuss the sale at the next board meeting.
- RECYCLING:** Amberlyn Liles came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to announce the City's award as "Recycler of the Year" from the Mississippi Recycling Coalition.
- POWERHOUSE:** It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Yoknapatwapha Arts Council to apply for a Mississippi Arts Commission grant for Phase II of the Powerhouse. The total grant amount is \$400,000.00. The Powerhouse would be responsible for \$160,000.00 of the \$400,000.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- BUILDING OFFICIALS MS WINTER WORKSHOP:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize Randy Barber to attend Building Officials of Mississippi Winter Workshop on December 12-14, 2007 in Vicksburg, MS with a cost of \$450.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- EXCHANGE:** It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to accept maintenance of water, sewer and streets for the Exchange located on Old Taylor Road. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- ARC GIS CONFERENCE:** It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Matt Davis and Brian Hudson to attend ARC GIS Conference in Biloxi, MS on November 12-13, 2007. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- LAMAR PARK BIDS:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to accept the low bid from Harry C. Green Construction in the amount of \$1,388,400.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

- CEMETERY ORDINANCE:** This was the first reading of the proposed changes to the cemetery ordinance regarding cremated remains. The public hearing will be at the next board meeting.
- TVPPA LINEWORKER OPERATIONS LAB C:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize one employee to attend TVPPA Line worker Operations Lab C in Scottsboro, AL on December 9-14, 2007 with a cost of \$1,175.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- TRAVEL:** It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize three firemen to travel to Roxanna, IL in November to evaluate a possible ladder truck purchase. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- PER-222 SAMPLING:** It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize one firefighter to attend the PER-222 Sampling Course on November 27-29, 2007 in Philadelphia, MS with a cost of \$270.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- STATE URBAN SEARCH:** It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize Chief Johnson to attend the State Urban Search and Rescue Conference on November 11-15, 2007 in Ocala, FL with no cost to the City. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- GLOCK ARMOR SCHOOL:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize four officers to attend Glock Armor School in Tupelo, MS on November 13, 2007 with a cost of \$600.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS:** It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize two officers to attend Updates in Internal Affairs Investigations, Pursuits, Search Warrants, etc to be held in Tunica, MS on November 9, 2007 with a cost of \$250.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- TAXI PERMITS:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the approval two taxi permits, one driver, Glinda M. Know and one owner, Willie Knox. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- RESERVE OFFICER:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the resignation of Jack Skipworth as a reserve officer. All the

aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESERVE OFFICERS:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the employment of Derrick and Chris Davis as reserve officers. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS
BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the budget amendment to Building & Grounds Department by \$7,000.00 to install heating and air condition downstairs for the building inspector's office. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CASHIER:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the employment of Trina Bishop as a cashier in the electric department with a salary of \$25,673.13. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the employment of Megan Taylor with a salary of \$30,655.13 as the Mayor's executive assistant. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PATROL OFFICERS:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the employment of Jon parker, Antimo Zampella and Brendan Morely as patrol officers with a salary of \$29,087.73. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

LABORER:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the employment of Thomas Anderson as a Building & Grounds laborer with a salary of \$19,288.65. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Oliver to consider executive session for a personnel issue and potential litigation. All the aldermen 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.

REGULAR SESSION:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to go into regular session. All

the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the disciplinary action recommended by the Human Resource department and the Building & Grounds Superintendent for a laborer in the Building & Grounds Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

It was moved by Alderman Oliver, 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