

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

December 18, 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, December 18, 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
 Randy Russell- Director of Solid Waste
 Lynn Robbins – Superintendent of Elec Dept
 Al Hope – Personnel Director
 Mike Martin– Chief Oxford Police Dept
 Mike Hill- Asst Chief of Oxford Fire Dept
 Randy Barber– Building & Code Enforcement
 Hugh Stump – Dir of Oxford Conference Center
 Kleb Johnson – Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Howell 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 regular board meeting on December 4, 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.

LOU TRANSIT
AUTHORITY:

Mayor Howorth announced the Board of Aldermen would be appointing three representatives to the LOU Transit Authority. Any interested citizen should contact City Hall.

SCENIC COMMUNITY
AWARD:

The City of Oxford was presented with the Scenic Community Award by the Mississippi Urban Forest Council. Donna Yowell presented the award to Mayor Howorth.

TREE PRESERVATION
STANDARDS:

This was the public hearing and second reading of the proposed landscape ordinance amendment establishing tree preservation standards for certain development.

Becky Morton came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request an explanation of the term mitigation and some examples.

Jeff Asti suggested that there are many developers in the City of Oxford who are not good stewards and he would request the City make the ordinance more restrictive and then make exceptions if necessary.

John Arrechea discussed the city's loss of tree canopy in the last few years.

Cowan Hunter requested the standards be the same for all of Oxford and questioned why there was a difference in a pine tree and hardwood tree.

Laura Bradley supports the ordinance and asked that the tree protection be the same all over the City. Rylan Sneed asked if the developer would receive a credit for planting a tree larger than two inches in diameter.

Darrell Whittington requested a pine tree and hardwood tree be treated the same and thanked the board for their work on the ordinance.

Carol Ludken asked if there was a requirement in the ordinance that the newly planted trees survive for a certain period of time.

The third reading and vote of the proposed ordinance amendment will be held at the next board meeting.

NATIONAL REGISTER:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the Planning Department to compete and submit notice of intent to apply for grant to prepare application for the National Register designation for the Depot and South Lamar Historic Preservation Districts. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

FUEL ADJUSTMENT:

Lynn Robbins came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to report on the fuel cost adjustment from TVA. The Fuel Cost Adjustment for the billing period January 1, 2008- March 31, 2008 will be

down from the precious quarter. This amount is \$.00174 per KWH for a residential customer and would be a reduction of about \$1.74 on a typical bill.

AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept the annual audit and TVA annual report for Oxford Electric Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SUBSTATION OUTAGE:

Lynn Robbins came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to report on the Old Taylor Road substation outage. They have obtained an estimate for the required repairs and will be asking for permission to bid the project in January.

INTERNS:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize Daniel Buccola and John Russell as interns with the Fire Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

INTERNS:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, Alderman Antonow to authorize Lawrence Calicchio, Douglass Dinkins, Clark Smith and Leighton Harrington as interns with the Police Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SOLID WASTE LABORERS:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the employment of Travis Smith and Edward Johnson as solid waste laborers with a salary of \$19,288.65. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the employment of Lynwood Jones as Service Technician III in the City Shop. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

TRANSFER:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the transfer of Robert Robertson and Robert Fisher to Narcotic Agent with no salary change. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESIGNATION:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the resignation of David Whitfield as a full-time dispatcher and authorize him as a part-time dispatcher. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

DISPATCHER: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the employment of Selma Handcock as a part-time dispatcher. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

DISPATCHER: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the employment of Bridgette Frierson as police dispatcher with an annual salary of \$25,673.18. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PATROL OFFICER: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the employment of Derrick Yancy as a 3rd class patrol officer with a salary of \$29,087.90. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SOLID WASTE: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the promotion of Roger Redding from flat-bed driver to street sweeper with a salary of \$28,895.40. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

COMPUTER TRAINING: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize two employees to attend computer training with a cost of \$50.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, 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