

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 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, May 15, 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 Barber – Director of Building Department  
 David Bennett – Director of Public Works  
 Lynn Robbins – Supt of Elec Dept  
 Al Hope – Personnel Director  
 Mike Martin– Asst. Chief Oxford Police Dept  
 Jerry Johnson- Chief of Oxford Fire Dept  
 Randy Russell – Superintendent of Sanitation  
 Billy Lamb – Superintendent of Bldg & Grnds

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:

On May 3 Dr. Baker and I attended a meeting led by E. O. Oliver with newly annexed South Oaks residents. Aldermen Oliver answered a list of prepared questions, and then we took some additional ones. There was a very courteous and upbeat exchange at this meeting, and E. O., Dr. Baker and I all felt happy about having met these new Oxford citizens. It gave us a positive feeling about the annexation in simple human terms, which was a nice shift from all the laborious aspects of annexation we have heretofore invested – budgetary concerns expressed strictly around population, police

coverage, amount of new solid waste equipment, and so on. This board looks forward to more meetings with new residents.

Saturday before last City staff enjoyed a picnic at Avent Park. Our different departments don't always have an opportunity to get together informally, and this event gave many of us a chance to get to know each other better, and included many families. We commend Al and Paula and the "pic nic committee" for their work and organizational effort of this very nice occasion.

Last week some of the aldermen and I attended a work session at the Electric Department. They're moving forward with some plans and changes, and the board appreciates the steady performance from Lynn Robbins and all the crew at OED.

I attended the last Park Commission meeting, where one item discussed was the amount of use – and with that use, some amount of abuse -- taking place at the Skate Park and thus the need for some regular supervision there. While this board and I had believed this venture could be a success without an assignment of staff, I don't think any of us anticipated how much activity the Skate Park would get. Expect some kind of staff request to come forward from the Park Commission, and expect me to support it.

The most recent EDF "first to know" breakfast featured a look at the presentation that convinced Toyota officials to locate their new plant at the nearby Wellspring project site. Oxford and the University of Mississippi played a big part in this effort, and it is clear that our quality-of-life positives such as public education, public safety, and healthcare are paying dividends in this, as with other, economic development initiatives.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 1, 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.
- CIVIL AIR PATROL  
BRONZE MEDAL OF HONOR: Pastor Peterman was presented the Civil Air Patrol Bronze Medal of Honor for his efforts to rescue two people from a vehicle.
- LOU HOME: LOU HOME came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss their request for City of Oxford property located on Molly Barr Road. They would like to move faculty houses from the University of Mississippi to this piece of property for low income housing. The City currently uses this piece of property for a dirt pit. The City has talked with the University of Mississippi and the United States Postal Service about using property located on McElroy Drive for the City's dirt pit. The aldermen stated they are working with counsel for the proper instruments to allow the transactions to work.
- 1013 JEFFERSON  
AVENUE, CAPOMAZZA-  
HEDERMAN: There was a court reporter present for the appeal of the planning commission decision regarding the property at 1013 Jefferson Avenue, Capomazza-Hederman. The transcribed minutes of the court reporter are attached as Appendix A.
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION: Tim Akers came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to announce the public hearing of the proposed Downtown Historic District on July 10, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.
- PATHWAYS COMMISSION  
ORDINANCE: This was the first reading of an ordinance which would create a Pathways Commission for the pathway/bike paths. A public hearing and second reading will be held at the next board meeting.
- VISTA III  
MEDIA FRANCHISE: The Mayor announced a conference call would be scheduled with the City's legal consultant, Greg Fender.
- COUNTRY CLUB  
ROAD SIDEWALK: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to accept the low bid from Bennett Construction for the Country Club Road Sidewalk in the amount of \$218,094.30. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
WIDENING:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to accept the low bid of \$258,866.75 from Bennett Construction and to authorize the advertisement for bids for the section of road that was missing on the original bid and to require bonds. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**FIRE STATION NO 4:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the committee of Alderman Antonow, Alderman Baker and Alderman Taylor to evaluate the design-build proposals for Fire Station Number four. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**WASTE WATER  
TREATMENT PLANT:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to award the bid to Hill Huffman for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$9,730,930.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**GROVE MEADSOWS:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the final plat for Grove Meadows Subdivision located on Christman Drive. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**GARDEN TERRACE  
PHASE III:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Howell to accept the maintenance for water and sewer for Garden Terrace Phase III. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**TVA EASEMENT  
FOR PATHWAYS  
CONSTRUCTION:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the Mayor to execute TVA easement for Pathway construction. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**GENCO:**

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

TN/MS CUSTOMER  
SERVICE MEETING:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize two employees to attend the TN/MS Customer Service Meeting in Pickwick, TN on May 17-18, 2007 with a cost of \$134.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MEGAPOP:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve the travel for Lynn Robbins to attend meetings in Houston, TX and California for MEGAPOP. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

KEG SELLERS:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to approve Larson's Big Star and Wal-mart privilege licences to sell kegs. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

KEG ORDINANCE:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to approve the effective date of the keg ordinance as June 1, 2007 instead of May 17, 2007 due to arrival date of supplies needed to carry out the ordinance. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
SOFTWARE:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the purchase records management software from DCS in the amount of \$24,800.00. This is needed for the police department to operate. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WASTE WATER TECH I:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the employment of Kenneth James as a Wastewater Technician I. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

PROMOTION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the promotion of Jamie Shaw from driver to flad bed truck driver with a new salary of \$27,056.61. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the employment of Alicia Buford as executive assistant in the Planning and Building Departments with a salary of \$26,443.49. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

FIREFIGHTER:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the employment of

Brent Montgomery as firefighter with the Fire Department with a salary of \$28,624.51. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

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

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Richard Howorth, Mayor

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Lisa Carwyle, City Clerk