

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

September 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, September 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  
 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  
 Jerry Johnson- Chief of Oxford Fire Dept  
 Randy Barber– Building & Code Enforcement  
 Hugh Stump – Dir of Oxford Conf Center  
 Billy Lamb- Supt of Building & Grounds

AGENDA:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, 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 special meeting on September 4, 2007 and the regular board meeting on September 4, 2007 and the recessed meeting on September 11, 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.

LAMAR PARK  
DONATION:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to accept the donation for the Rotary Club for the pavilion at Lamar Park in the amount of \$25,000.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CIVIL AIR PATROL:

Four men were presented with the Civil Air Patrol Lifesaving Award

FRANCE:

Anne Quinney came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to report on the student trip to our twin city in France.

DAVID HALBERSTAM  
DAY:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt the following proclamation declaring October 12, 2007 as David Halberstam Day. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

CEDAR OAKS:

Abi Rayburn came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request funds for the repair of Cedar Oaks. The roof needs repairing in the amount of \$50,000.00. The mayor and board of aldermen are establishing a committee of three aldermen to meet with three members of Cedar Oaks and Hugh Stump to discuss Cedar Oaks.

OXFORD PARK COMMISSION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Baker to appoint Tony Mize to the Oxford Park Commission board until the county makes their appointment. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD CONVENTION  
AND VISITOR'S BUREAU:

Hugh Stump came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to give their quarterly report.

PROCLAMATION:

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

ORDINANCE 2007-22:

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to adopt Ordinance 2007-22, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF OXFORD'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST STANDARDS FOR THE COURTHOUSE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION". Said Ordinance is recorded in Book 7 of the City of Oxford Code of Ordinances. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

- REZONING:** This was the first reading of the proposed ordinance amendment for the rezoning of property of Albert & Earmel Cotton from Public Open Land to Neighborhood Business. The public hearing will be at the next board meeting.
- LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE:** The proposed amendment to the landscape ordinance requiring a tree preservation plan and under certain conditions a tree escrow account for development. The board decided they would have a work session to discuss the ordinance.
- DONATION:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept a \$500.00 donation from Wal-mart for the DARE Fund. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- WILLIAMSBURG SUBDIVISION:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to accept the maintenance of water, sewer and streets for Williamsburg Subdivision located off Jeff Davis Drive. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- WASTEWATER SHORT COURSE:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize three operators to attend the Wastewater short course in Oxford on October 9-11, 2007 with a cost of \$450.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- ANCHORAGE ROAD:** It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the appraisals of land on Anchorage Road. The appraisals are necessary for the exchange of land which would allow the City to straighten Anchorage Road. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- BELLE TERRE SUBDIVISION:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to approve the preliminary plat for Belle Terre Subdivision located on north of Industrial Drive. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- MDEQ SOLID WASTE GRANT:** It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize Amberlyn Liles to apply for the MDEQ Solid Waste Assistance Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. These are for recycling bins. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**MS RECYCLING****COALITION CONFERENCE:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize Amberlyn Liles to attend the MS Recycling Coalition Conference in Biloxi, MS on October 15-16, 2007 with a cost of \$780.88. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**MS CLASS I RUBBISH****SITE OPERATOR****CERTIFICATION:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize two employees to attend MS Class I Rubbish Site Operator Certification Training in Tupelo, MS on November 12-13, 2007. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**TVPPA ANNUAL ACCOUNTING****& FINANCE CONFERENCE:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize one employee to attend the TVPPA Annual Accounting and Finance Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN on October 16-19, 2007 with a cost of \$1298.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**ADVANCED LINEWORKER****CERTIFICATE TRAINING:**

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize one electric department employee to attend the Advanced Lineworker Certificate Training in Tupelo, MS on November 13-15, 2007 with a cost of \$570.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**CAP LOAN:**

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

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM**

### **Public Notice**

The Board of Aldermen, acting for and on behalf of the City of Oxford, Mississippi (the "City") took up for consideration the matter of authorizing and approving a loan on behalf of the City from the Mississippi Development Authority (the "Department") for the purpose of completing capital improvements identified as:

Purchase of a ladder/pumper truck for the Fire Department

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. The Governing Body of the City does hereby declare its intention to enter into a loan agreement with the Department in the principal amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) for the purpose of completing the capital improvements identified above.**

Section 2. **The Loan will be secured by a Note executed and delivered by the City to the Department. Failure of the City to meet its repayment obligations shall result in the forfeiture of sales tax allocation or homestead exemption reimbursement in an amount sufficient to repay obligations due until such time as the indebtedness has been discharged or arrangements to discharge such indebtedness satisfactory to the Department have been made.**

Section 3. **The Governing Body proposes to authorize and approve the Loan from the Department in the amount and for the aforesaid purposes at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at its regular meeting place in the Oxford City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th day of October, 2007, or at some meeting held subsequent thereto. This date assigned to authorize and approve the aforementioned loan documents has been set to meet program requirements that mandate four public notices be issued prior to loan closing. This will allow sufficient time for public comments.**

**The motion having received the foregoing vote of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, on this the 18th day of September 2007.**

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Richard Howorth, Mayor  
 City of Oxford, Mississippi

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Lisa Carwyle, Clerk

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SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize Cross over Communication System as a sole source for the role repeater. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

AGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR FIREMEN:

The proposed ordinance change regarding the age of firemen was discussed. Chief Johnson is considering lowering the age to eighteen due to the proposed part time firefighter program. The public hearing and second reading will be at the next board meeting.

VEHICLE:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to accept the 2000 Ford Expedition from the Housing Authority. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

SCHOOL RESOURCE  
OFFICER:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the transfer of Harper Thomas from patrol officer to a school resource officer. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

WATER SERVICE  
TECHNICIAN:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the transfer of Robert Willicutt from locator to water service technician with an annual salary of \$27,600.46. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

LOCATOR:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the employment of Michael Brown as locator with a salary of \$27,600.46. 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 discussion of purchase of property and legal issues. 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 Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to go into regular session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

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

