

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE

CITY OF OXFORD

REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2008

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, January 15, 2008, 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- Chief Operating Officer  
 Randy Russell- Director of Solid Waste  
 Lynn Robbins – Superintendent of Elec 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 Conference Center  
 Bubba Robinson–Parks & Recreation

AGENDA:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

STATE OF THE CITY:

**MINUTES:**

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the approval of minutes for January 2, 2008. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the approval of all City accounts including the electric department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION:**

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Baker to adopt the following proclamation declaring February 1, 2008 as "Go Red for Women Day". All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

LOU HOME BOARD: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the appointment of George Bankhead to the LOU Home Board. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD PARK COMMISSION: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to accept the Lafayette County Supervisors recommendation of Herron Rowland to the Oxford Park Commission. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

ANIMAL SHELTER: It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Taylor to appoint Alderman Antonow and Alderman Patterson to the Animal Shelter committee. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

OXFORD LAFAYETTE FIELDS: It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the advertisement of bids for Phase 3 - field construction, Phase 4 – lighting and Phase 5- buildings and concrete work for Oxford Lafayette Fields. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

FIRE CONTRACT: It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Fisher to authorize the final terms of the Fire Contract with the University. The City has proposed the University pay a percentage of the Fire Department budget annually. The proposed terms are below. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye – Oliver, Antonow, Howell,  
Fisher, Taylor and Baker

Voting No- Patterson

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Mayor Howorth recused himself from the meeting at this time.

**TOLLISON BUILDING:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Baker to grant a license to construct balconies over public right of way on proposed building to be located at 107 North Lamar Boulevard. The balcony will be six feet wide on the North Lamar side and four feet wide on the Monroe Avenue side. See plans below. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye – Baker, Oliver, Antonow,  
Fisher, and Taylor

Voting No- Patterson

Mayor Pro Temp Howell declared the motion carried.

Mayor Howorth returned to the meeting at this time.

**IRC RESIDENTIAL  
BUILDING & ELECTRIC:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize a building inspector to attend IRC Residential Building & Electric seminar in Horn Lake, MS on February 25-28, 2008 with a cost of \$150.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS  
MAINTENANCE FACILITY:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the advertisement for bids the Building & Grounds Maintenance Facility on McElroy Drive. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Alderman Fisher recused himself from the meeting at this time.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to declare four thousand square feet of property which represents twenty parking spaces with the intent to lease these spaces from seven o'clock a.m to seven o'clock p.m. with the City to retain use on the weekends and from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. at the old dog pound located off of Highway 7 South. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**ADVERTISE FOR LEASE:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize the advertisement of bids to lease twenty parking spaces and naming rights of a proposed park at the old dog pound property off of Highway 7 South. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

Alderman Fisher returned to the meeting at this time.

**COUNTRY CLUB  
SUBDIVISION:**

Residents from the Country Club Subdivision, specifically residents that live close to the Troon and Murfield Road intersection came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to request a stop sign or speed bumps be constructed to stop the speeding in their subdivision. David Bennett told the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to intersection did not meet the criteria for either a stop sign or speed bumps.

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson to erect two stop signs at Troon and Murfield Road. The vote was as follows:

Voting Aye- Baker, Patterson, Howell,  
Antnow, Fisher and Taylor

Voting No – Oliver

Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**RECYCLING TRUCK:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Antonow to accept the bid from in the amount of \$206,700.00 for the recycling truck.

**SOLID WASTE:**

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize the advertisement for an employee pool for the Solid Waste Department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**CONSTRUCTION WORK  
AT OXFORD SUBSTATION:**

It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize the advertisement for bids for the construction work at Oxford Substation. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**TVPPA LINE DESIGN &  
STAKING TRAINING:**

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Howell to authorize one employee to attend the TVPPA Line Design & Staking Certification Training in Nashville, TN on March 3-6, 2008 with a cost of \$1,291.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**CSA LEGACY TRAINING:**

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to authorize seven employees to attend CSA Legacy Training in Tupelo, MS during January 2008 with a cost of \$350.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**FIRE GRANT:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Baker to accept the fire grant and to amend the budget for the City's match which is \$7,806.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

**E 911 LEGISLATION:**

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to adopt the following resolution supporting E 911 legislation. All the

aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
INSTRUCTOR:

It was moved by Alderman Baker, seconded by Alderman Patterson to authorize Libby Little to attend Domestic Violence Instructor training in Fultondale, AL with a cost of \$495.00. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

RESERVE OFFICER PAY:

It was moved by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Antonow to approve the following pay structure for the reserve officers. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE  
QUESTIONNAIRE:

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Oliver to accept the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

MML MID WINTER  
CONFERENCE:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Taylor to authorize the Mayor and aldermen to attend the MML Mid Winter Conference in Jackson, MS on January 22-24, 2008. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Alderman Howell, seconded by Alderman Antonow to consider executive session for personnel issues. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Antonow, 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 Fisher to go into regular session. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- TERMINATION: It was moved by Alderman Antonow, seconded by Alderman Patterson to terminate an employee in the Solid Waste department upon the recommendation of the Human Resource Director and the Superintendent of the Solid Waste department. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- SUSPENSION: It was moved by Alderman Oliver, seconded by Alderman Baker to authorize the one day suspension to an employee in the Building & Grounds department based on the recommendation of the Human Resource Director and the Superintendent of Building & Grounds. All the aldermen voting aye, Mayor Howorth declared the motion carried.
- ADJOURN: It was moved by Alderman Fisher, seconded by Alderman Patterson 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