



MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

MEETING PROCEDURE: Comments from the Public are welcome at two different times during the course of the meeting: (1) Comments on items not on the Agenda, and Consent Agenda items, will be heard under Public Comments – and (2) Comments on all Resolutions and Ordinances will be heard during Council consideration of said item. Please wait until you are recognized by the Mayor, state your name and address so that your comments may be properly recorded and limit your remarks to a period of five minutes or less.

1. Roll Call.

Motion – To Enter Executive Session at 7:15 pm R.C. 121.22(E)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. French

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Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, and Mayor Snively.

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To Return from Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. R.C. 121.22(E)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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NAY # 0

ABS # 0

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Snively on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, Glenn Ellerbe, Alex French, Jason Bracken, and David Prytherch. Chantel Raghu was excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Mike Dreisbach, Service

Director; Ms. Heidi Hill, Acting Finance Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Motion – To Approve the Agenda.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

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4. Public Participation.

A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion – To Appoint Mr. Jacob Young to a three-year term on the Recreation Board.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Ms. Franklin

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B. Public Comments

The purpose of the public comments section is for members of the public to speak to the City Council on any subject not scheduled on the Agenda, except consent agenda items. To speak, you may approach the podium and wait to be addressed by the Mayor. You will need to state your name and address for the public record. City Council values your comments, and Council rules limit public comments to five minutes for each person. Presentations are not to be in the form of public debate, personal attacks on Council, City staff, or other members of the public, and Council shall not act except to direct the City Manager to take action or schedule the matter for discussion at a later date.

Public Comment - None.

5. Consent Agenda.

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any City Council member may, however, remove an item from consent by request. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion – To Approve the Consent Agenda.

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Prytherch 2nd Ms. French

AYE # 6

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ABS # 0

- A. Minutes of the August 1, 2023, City Council meeting. (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)

- B. A Resolution approving Then and Now certificates for purchase orders issued above \$3,000 where an invoice was received prior to the purchase order date, as a requirement of Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(d). (Heidi Hill, Acting Finance Director)

- C. Report regarding the Environmental Commission Meeting on August 2, 2023 (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

6. Resolutions.

- A. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Energy Harbor LLC. for the procurement of electricity generation for the City of Oxford's Electric Aggregation Program for a period of 24 months. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7522.

(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. French

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NAY # 2

ABS # 0

Mr. Elliott presented his staff report and addressed questions from the Council.

Mr. Ellerbe called the question during the discussion, without a second.

Public Comment - Ms. Peggy Branstrator, 18 Meadow Circle - Ms. Branstrator spoke in support of the contract but would like the record to show that Energy Harbor is the new name for First Energy. Ms. Branstrator mentioned that First Energy was responsible for the 60 million dollar bribe and a 4 million dollar bribe from elected officials. Ms. Branstrator recommends this Resolution with a distaste for conducting business with a less-than-reputable company.

- B. A Resolution waiving the tree survey requirements of the City of Oxford Zoning Code.
(Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7523.
(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Ellerbe 2nd Ms. French
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Mr. Elliott presented his staff report and addressed questions from the Council.

Public Comment -Timothy Cameron, 5258 Morning Sun Road - Mr. Cameron shared that he has no objections to this Resolution as long as the landscape plan goes through the Planning Commission and City Council.

- C. A Resolution authorizing the School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding between the Talawanda School District and the City of Oxford and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7524.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. French
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Chief Jones presented his staff report and addressed questions from the Council.

Public Comment - None.

7. Ordinances.

Ordinances are adopted using a two-step procedure. First reading introduces the Ordinance and provides an opportunity for public input on the subject as well as allowing Council to request more information as needed. Second reading is to provide Council with the opportunity to consider new information and to deliberate.

A. First Reading

1. An Ordinance approving the final subdivision application and Record Plat for Heron Pond with Conditions. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry presented his staff report and addressed questions from the Council.

Public Comment -Mr. Michael Rudolph, 200 Morgan Circle - Mr. Rudolph spoke on behalf of the South Farm HOA. Mr. Rudolph is very much in favor of this Ordinance and the growth of the subdivision.

2. An Ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the Oxford Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan from "Preserves and Green Space" to "Employment Corridor.," for one parcel of land, totaling 4.67 acres, known as Merry Day Park, Located at 55 Reagh's Way, in the City of Oxford, Ohio. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry presented his staff report. Mr. Perry and Ms. Greene addressed questions from the Council.

Public Comment -Mr. Jacob Young, 6462 Contreras Road - Mr. Young mentioned, since the City is no longer under a deadline, we should give TOPSS another opportunity.

Public Comment -Mr. Michael Smith, 6458 Contreras Road - Mr. Smith spoke in opposition to this Ordinance and any change to land use that would contribute to the loss of the park.

3. An Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Oxford, Ohio for 4.67 Acres of land known as Merry Day Park located at 55 Reagh's Way from General Business (GB) District to R-4 Multi-Family (R-4) District. (Sam Perry, Community Development Director)

Mr. Perry presented his staff report and addressed questions from the Council.

Public Comment - None.

B. Second Reading

8. Announcements & Communications.

A. Remarks from City Council and City staff.

The comments expressed by individual members of Council or City staff during this portion of a City Council meeting do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Oxford, The Oxford City Council, or the City staff.

B. Future Meetings.

(Note: Meetings are held at the Court House unless otherwise indicated.)

DATE

Meeting

1.	Date	Meeting	Location	Time
	Aug 16	Board of Building Appeals	Courthouse	5:30 p.m.
	Aug 17	Police Community Relations & Review Commission	Courthouse	7:00 p.m.
	Aug 21	Housing Advisory Commission	LCNB Community Room	3:30 p.m.
	Aug 22	Board of Zoning Appeals	Courthouse	6:30 p.m.
	Sep 4	City Offices CLOSED - Holiday		
	Sep 5	City Council	Courthouse	7:30 p.m.
	Sep 11	City Council CIP Work Session	Courthouse	7:30 p.m.
	Sep 12	Planning Commission	Courthouse	7:00 p.m.

Sep 13	Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission	Courthouse	6:15 p.m.
Sep 18	Housing Advisory Commission	LCNB Community Room	3:30 p.m.
Sep 19	City Council	Courthouse	7:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 9:14 pm.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Ms. Franklin
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