



**MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call.

A work session meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Snavelly on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:32 p.m. Members in attendance were Michael Smith, Amber Franklin, Chantel Raghu, Jason Bracken, Alex French, and David Prytherch.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Michael Driesbach, Service Director; Ms. Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

2. Topic

A. Discussion - Alley Closure For Public Use

Ms. Greene began the discussion by sharing slides (Slides inclined in minutes). Ms. Greene listed a few ways alleys in Oxford are currently being used, breaking down the uses per hour. Ms. Greene reviewed a few key points about green alley systems and design elements. The Council discussed the benefits and concerns of closing an alley. The Council asked Chief Jones, Chief Detherage, and Mr. Dreisbach to speak about possible public safety and maintenance concerns.

Public Comment - Ms. Kim Peterka, owner of CJ's - Ms. Peterka shared concerns about deliveries, movable furniture being thrown around, and public safety. Ms. Peterka would like better lighting in the alley so her security cameras would have a better view.

Public Comment - Mr. Jim Kuykendoll, owner of Mac & Joes, Steinkeller, and Circle - Mr. Kuykendoll mentioned he was open to the idea originally but now sees feasibility issues. Mr. Kuykendoll echoed the need for better lighting and making the area look better.

Public Comment - Mr. John Bouglas, citizen - Mr. Bouglas shared public safety concerns. Mr. Bouglas mentioned the case study that was discussed earlier was not conducted in Oxford and had concerns about relevancy.

Mayor Snavelly thanked City Staff and members of the public.

3. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 7:28 pm and take a two-minute recess before the regular meeting.

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

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