



**MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

1. Roll Call.

A work session meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, William Snavelly, Alex French, and Roxanne Ornelas. Jason Bracken and Jim Vinch were excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

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

2. Topic

A. Annual City Streets Pavement Condition Map

Mr. Perry outlined potential benefits of a dynamic mapping tool, including increased transparency and improved homeowner planning, but also raised concerns related to cost, staffing capacity, mixed public messaging, and potential legal liability if known sidewalk deficiencies are documented without timely corrective action. Council discussed the City's existing notification and assessment processes and emphasized that sidewalk maintenance is already the responsibility of property owners under current policy. Council expressed interest in alternative approaches, including improved public education and the use of static historical paving maps. Consensus was to defer legislative action and revisit the issue during the upcoming Council retreat, with staff asked to further explore education-focused options while keeping the

dynamic mapping concept under consideration for future discussion. (Slides included in minutes)

3. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 7:29 pm.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. French 2nd Ms. Franklin
AYE # 5
NAY # 0
ABS # 0