



OXFORD CITY COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
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Roll Call **TIME** 00:00

William Snavelly Mayor	Chantel Raghu Vice Mayor
Jason Bracken	Amber Franklin
Alex French	Glenn Ellerbe
David Prytherch	

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor William Snavelly on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Jason Bracken, Alex French, Amber Franklin, Glenn Ellerbe, David Prytherch, and Chantel Raghu.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Doug Elliott, City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; Mr. Ben Mazer, Assistant Law Director; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Mr. Joe Newlin, Finance Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

Motion – Enter Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(4) For the purpose of collective bargaining, and R.C. 121.22(G)(1) For the Consideration of the Employment and Compensation of an Employee or Official.

(Roll Call) 1st Ms. Raghu 2nd Ms. Franklin

AYE # 7

Ms. Franklin, Ms. French, Mr. Prytherch, Ms. Raghu, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Ellerbe, and Mayor Snavelly

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To return from Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. R.C. 121.22(G)(4) For the purpose of collective bargaining, and R.C. 121.22(G)(1) For the Consideration of the Employment and Compensation of an Employee or Official.

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

AYE # 7

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Pledge of Allegiance [TIME 01:04](#)

Approval of the Agenda [TIME 01:28](#)

Motion – To Adopt

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Participation [TIME 01:42](#)

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. 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.

Ms. Ann Bailey 192 Stone Creek Drive Spoke about the cold shelter and the concern to continue funding the program.

Ms. Barbra Caruso 6071 Booth Road Spoke on behalf of the OCPJ in support of Ann Bailey and the cold shelter. Ms. Caruso mentioned a possible pilot program named MASH.

Ms. Wendy Richardson 6135 Fairfield Road #12 Voiced a safety concern after being locked-in her storage unit. Ms. Richardson asked Council to look into the safety measures.

Ms. Carissa Schnell 6 Olde Stone Court Spoke in opposition to the Reproductive Freedom Resolution City Council ted on September 20, 2022. Ms. Schnell mentioned Pathway to Hope in Hamilton Ohio and the Oxford Women's Center being great resources for those in need.

Resident Name Address/ Resident Comment / Request

Consent Agenda [TIME 24:02](#)

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.

- A. Minutes of the September 20, 2022, City Council Meeting (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council) **Page 5 of the Agenda Packet**
- B. Report regarding the September 12, 2022, Recreation Board Meeting (Casey Wooddell, Parks and Recreation Director) **Page 48 of the Agenda Packet**

Motion – To Adopt

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolutions

Resolution No. 7435 [TIME 24:27](#)

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A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a \$225,000.00 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to engage in and coordinate as lead agency for the Countywide OVI Taskforce. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7435

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolution No. 7436 [TIME 26:17](#)

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2. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Peter M. Reising to perform consulting services and to function as the Butler County OVI Task Force Coordinator for the 2022 grant funded through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7436

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Resolution No. 7437 [TIME 27:51](#)

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3. A Resolution amending the proposed 2023 Capital Improvements Budget to complete our streets and Oxford area Trail by Updating Oxford Transportation Plans. (Councilor Prytherch)

Comments from the Public –

Carla Blackmar 400 West Vine Street A member of the OPTAB and the Planning Commission, spoke in support of this Resolution.

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7437

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

AYE #2

NAY #5

ABS #0

Resolution No. 7438 [TIME 52:22](#)

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4. A Resolution amending the proposed 2023 Capital Improvement Budget to expand the funding and scope of renewable energy feasibility study beyond Local Government Operations to meet Community-Wide energy needs. (Councilor Prytherch)

Comments from the Public – None

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7438

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

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.

First Reading [TIME01:04:40](#)

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1. An Ordinance repealing and replacing section 505.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oxford pertaining to dogs and other animals running at large. (Doug Elliott, City Manager)

Comments from the Public –

Ms. Wendy Richardson 6135 Fairfield Road #12 Asked everyone to please speak up and speak into the microphones.

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2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 935 trees, shrubs, and other plants by adding Section 935.191 Managed Natural Lawn Area. (Councilor Bracken)

Comments from the Public – None

Mr. Steve Sullivan 104 Marti Court Spoke in support.

Ms. Carla Blackmar 400 West Vine Street Spoke in support.

Ms. Peggy Branstrator 18 Meadow Circle Spoke in support.

Mr. Antonio Alejandro 231 Western Drive Spoke in support.

Ms. Jerri Carlton 602 Melissa Drive Spoke in support.

Mr. Jon Ralinovsky 3 Peabody Drive Spoke in support.

Mr. Steve Gordon 5289 Hillcrest Drive Spoke in support.

Second Reading - None

Announcements & Communications

Remarks from City Council and City Staff [TIME 01:37:24](#)

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.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:31 p.m. [TIME 02:02:02](#)

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

AYE #7

NAY #0

ABS #0

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Melanie Ziegler

Submitted On: 2022-09-25 17:46:01

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Doug Elliott

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



Please note: Comments must be received by 2:00 pm the day of the council meeting to be shared with City Council members. Comments will be included in the minutes under the public comment section.

* First Name

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☒ Resident

☐ Business Manager

☐ Business Owner

☐ Employee in Oxford

☐ Student

☐ Other

* Comment(s)

I am a member of the Eradicating Systemic Poverty team at Oxford Presbyterian Church. I learned at our last meeting that the CARES funding for a cold shelter is nearly depleted. I urge the Council to seek new solutions for maintaining the shelter as the need is great and likely growing. Thank you for your consideration.

Public Comment to Council Form

Print

Submitted by: Anne Bailey

Submitted On: 2022-09-26 14:05:35

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Jessica Greene

Due Date: Open

Public Comment To Council



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* Last Name

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* Comment(s)

I plan to speak in person at your Oct. 4 council meeting as leader of the Eradicating Systemic Poverty (ESP) Team of the Oxford Presbyterian Church (OPC). However, this topic seemed urgent enough to comment in advance as well, especially on behalf of those who often are unable to write or comment themselves. Our team learned very recently that there is no money allocated for a cold shelter in

Oxford for this coming winter. Although it is already fall, we are asking city council to carefully look through the budget and see if funds can be allocated from existing purposes to fund a cold shelter for this season. Ideally, a shelter would not be needed; however, judging from last yer, it was full or nearly so, for four months. We believe it is the government's responsibility to care for its neediest citizens when they are unable to obtain housing on their own. If hosting a fund-raiser would do the job, we'd do so. But--this is not a viable, long-term or sustainable solution to the issue of homelessness. Thank you for your consideration.

PETITION TO: OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

15 South College Avenue
Oxford, Ohio 45056

FROM: OXFORD CITY AND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS: *mc-n*
Edna Southard; Stacey Peterson; Julia Ward; Maria Copson-Niecko

SUBJECT: DOG LEASHING in Oxford

September 30, 2022

The undersigned Petitioners request prompt legislation mandating in clear and unambiguous language that all dogs be on six-foot leashes at all times in Oxford public spaces, including the Oxford Area Trails System (OATS), with the exception of City-designated dog parks.

We wish to draw attention to general ORC 955.22 stipulating that dogs are to be kept "under the reasonable control of some person." Presumably this applies to all public spaces in Oxford including streets, parks and the Oxford Area Trails System. "Reasonable Control" is open to several interpretations but under no circumstance **ensures** the physical and emotional safety of the people it is supposed to protect. This is especially true of the increasingly popular Trails used at all hours of the day, seven days a week and most months of the year. OATS 'Etiquette' signs only demand that dog owners 'control and clean up after Pets.' On these Trails and in the streets and public spaces **a dog under proper control is a dog on a leash**. It is not a dog merely under 'control' or the "reasonable control of some person."

It is not reasonable for City Council to expect users of the Trails (whether they be parents with infants, children, walkers, joggers, seniors with or without disabilities etc.) who feel in any way threatened or frightened by unleashed dogs (and some do so feel) to call the Oxford Police for help. It will cost Oxford taxpayers nothing to immediately require leashes on dogs at all times in public spaces and especially on the Trails. Forcing Trail users to have recourse to the Police in the event of easily **preventable** dog-related incidents is irrational and not without cost.

This issue of fundamental safety has some urgency. Waiting for a serious incident of bodily harm or mental trauma to occur before taking simple remedial legislative action that would also improve the quality of life for many people in the Oxford area is not a sensible option. The same is true of only taking half measures such as limiting a long-overdue dog leash law to high days and holidays or special events like Hike-a-Thons. Precedents for dog leash requirements have already been established close by: Oxford Community Park is one example. Finally, we do not wish to follow Hueston Woods in prohibiting pets on our Trails and happily note that dogs can run unleashed in several publicly funded parks specifically designated for that purpose in and around Oxford. The City of Oxford itself manages the Northside Bark Dog Park on Morning Sun Road.

Total 30 signatories

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE	SIGNATURE
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We, the undersigned, favor clear leash laws for animals (pets) on public property:

	Name	Address	Signature	Date
1	JOSETE + JERRY STANLEY	5735 BROWN RD	J Stanley	9/22/22
2	Jerome Stanley	5735 Brown Rd	Jerome Stanley	9-22-22
3	JULIA WARD	4818 BONTAM	Julia Ward	32/IX/22
4	ROSCOE WARD	4818 Bontam	R Ward	22/IX/22
5	Ann Marie Stuebe	4664 KATIE LANE	ANN MARIE STUEBE	9/24/22
6	FRANCES W MCCLURE	1106 S. LOUIS	Frances W McClure	9-22-22
7	MIC Copson-Nick	4664 Katie Lane	MIC Copson-Nick	9/22/22
8	ANASTASIA PETERSON	4080 JOSEPH DR	Anastasia P	9/23/22
9	NADJA HOFMANN	122 Beechpoint Dr.	Nadja Hofmann	9/23/22
10	EDNA C. SOUTHARD	807 Melinda Drive	Edna C. Southard	9/23/22
11	SUSAN Momeyer	220 W. Chestnut St.	Susan Momeyer	9/23/22
12	Judith Kolbas	304 W Chestnut ^{#4}	Judith Kolbas	9/23/22
13	BARB Beyerle	5375 S. FURBER	Barb Beyerle	9/23/22
14	Barb Peters	"	Barb Peters	9/23/22
15	DARLEA Peters	"	Darlea Peters	9/23/22
16	Kathy Romano	104 W Bull Run Dr	Kathy Romano	9/25/22
17	Tom Romano	104 W Bull Run Dr	Tom Romano	9/25/22
18	LINDA MUSMECI KIMBALL	724 Melinda Dr	Linda Musmeci Kimball	9/29/22
19	Kate Covsmann	10 Quail Ridge Dr	Kate C	

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	Name	Address	Signature	Date
20	TONI SALDVAR	64 SCARLET OAK C.	Toni J. Saldvar	9/26/2022
21	DIANA UHLMAN	320 OLD RIVER TRAIL	D Uhlman	9/26/2022
22	Cynthia Kelley	410 Sandra Drive	Cynthia G. Kelley	9/26/2022
23	Jennifer Blue	6089 Joseph Dr	Jennifer Blue	9/26/2022
24	Andrea Yaeger	6081 Joseph Dr.	Andrea Yaeger	9/28/2022
25	Martha Jackson	209 Oakhill Dr.	Martha Jackson	9/28/22
26	MICHAEL ADAM	4603 WILSON RD	MICHAEL ADAM	9/28/22
27	Deborah Craig Cashell	115 HUNTER WOODS	Deborah Craig Cashell	9/28/22
28	Erika Nelson	5508 Brown Rd	Erika Nelson	10/2/22
29	Holly Wissing	4903 Stillwell Rd	Holly Wissing	10/2/22
30	Tom Wissing	4903 Stillwell Rd.	Tom Wissing	10/2/22