



MINUTES
OXFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COURTHOUSE
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 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 p.m. O.R.C. Section 121.22 (G)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

AYE # 5

Mr. Vinch, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Ornelas, and Mayor Smith

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To Return from Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. O.R.C. Section 121.22 (G)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

AYE # 5

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Mayor Smith on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Amber Franklin, Jim Vinch, Roxanne Ornelas, and Jason Bracken. William Snavelly arrived at 7:34 pm, and Alex French was excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager; Ms. Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Ms. Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director; Mr. Sam Perry, Community Development Director; Mr. Chad Smith, Parks and Recreation Director;

Mr. Scott Otto, City Engineer; Mr. Chris Conard, Law Director; and Ms. Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Motion – To Amend the Agenda by adding item B. Appointments to Boards and Commissions to the Public Participation section of the Agenda, and making item C. Public Comments.

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

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Motion – To Approve the Agenda as Amended.

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

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4. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation — Education and Sharing Day 2026

Ms. Mushka Greenberg was in attendance to receive the Proclamation. Ms. Greenberg, 111 East Spring St. — Ms. Greenberg thanked the Council for the meaningful proclamation. Ms. Greenberg mentioned that Education Day was inspired by the teachings of the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who reminds us that education is not only knowledge or academic success. Ms. Greenberg noted that true education is about building character, developing responsibility, and inspiring young people to become caring, ethical members of society. In a time when our world faces many challenges, the importance of education that emphasizes kindness, respect, and moral values is greater than ever. Ms. Greenberg mentioned that investing in the future of our children is investing in the future of our entire community. Ms. Greenberg expressed deep appreciation to the City for recognizing Education Day and for its commitment to supporting education and positive values on behalf of Chabad and the Jewish Community. Ms. Greenberg concluded by saying that together, by strengthening education and nurturing the next generation, we help build a stronger, kinder, and more hopeful future for everyone.

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.

Motion – To Appoint Ms. Edna Southard and Mr. Christopher Skoglund to the Income Tax Board of Review, and the City Manager Appoints Mr. Kevin McKeehan to the Income Tax Board of Review.

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

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

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 Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Snavelly

AYE # 6

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

A. Minutes from the March 3, 2026, City Council Work Session Meeting. (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)

B. Minutes from the March 3, 2026, City Council Meeting. (Heather Barbour, Clerk of Council)

- C. Uptown Parks Permit - 2026 Yoga in the Park ROW 01072. (Jessica Greene, Assistant City Manager)

6. Resolutions.

- A. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Contract With Axon Enterprise Inc. For Body Worn Camera Equipment, Software, Licensing, Data Storage, User Profiles, And Support For The Police Division At A Cost Not To Exceed \$289,800.02 For The Life Of The Contract, Subject To The Law Director's Approval Of The Contract. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7799.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. Ornelas
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Chief Jones asked Lieutenant Robinson to present the staff report and address questions and comments from the Council.

Public Comment - None.

- B. A Resolution Designating Public Depositories Of Active Public Funds For A Five-Year Period Commencing April 6, 2026 (Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7800.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Snavelly
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NAY # 0
ABS # 0

Ms. Ridenour presented her staff report and addressed questions and comments from the Council.

Public Comment - None.

- C. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With Atlantic Emergency Solutions For The Purchase Of A 2026 Ram/Horton Ambulance And Specified Options At State Contract Pricing At A Cost Not To Exceed \$385,406.17. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

Motion – To Adopt Resolution No. 7801.
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Mr. Snavelly
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NAY # 0
ABS # 0

Chief Detherage presented his staff report and addressed questions and comments 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 Repealing Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 507.03 Entitled Fire Civil Citations And Adopting New Oxford Codified Ordinance Section 507.03 Entitled Fire Civil Citations. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

Chief Detherage presented his staff report and addressed questions and comments from the Council.

B. Second Reading

1. An Ordinance Dedicating Certain City-Owned Real Property Abutting U.S. Route 27 As Public Right-Of-Way. (Scott Otto, City Engineer)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3858.

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

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Mr. Bracken, Ms. Franklin, Ms. Ornelas, Mr. Snavely, Mr. Vinch, and Mayor Smith

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Mr. Otto reported no changes since the first reading and offered to answer any questions.

Public Comment - None.

2. An Ordinance To Regulate The Rates And Charges To Be Charged And Collected And The Services To Be Rendered By Glenwood Energy Of Oxford, Inc., Its Successors And Assigns, For Gas And Gas Service Furnished To All Of Its Customers Within The Corporate Limits Of The City Of Oxford During The Period Ending April 30, 2029, And Repealing And Superseding Ordinance No. 3689, Which, Together, Previously Regulated Such Rates, Charges, And Services. (Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3859.

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

AYE #6

Ms. Franklin, Ms. Ornelas, Mr. Snavely, Mr. Vinch, Mr. Bracken, and Mayor Smith

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Mr. Elliott reported no changes since the first reading and offered to answer any questions.

Public Comment - None.

3. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3844 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 1 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2026. (Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director)

Motion – To Amend Ordinance No. 3860 by removing the line item for Issue #1 \$139,000.00.

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

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Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3860 as Amended.
(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Franklin 2nd Ms. Ornelas

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Ms. Ornelas, Mr. Snavelly, Mr. Vinch, Mr. Bracken, Ms. Franklin, and Mayor Smith

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Ms. Ridenour reported the changes since the first reading and offered to answer any questions.

Public Comment - None.

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.	Mar 18 Board of Building Appeals	Courthouse	5:30 p.m.
	Mar 24 Board of Zoning Appeals	Courthouse	6:30 p.m.
	Apr 1 Environmental Commission	Municipal Building	7:00 p.m.
	Apr 2 Housing Advisory Commission	College@Elm	5:00 p.m.
	Apr 7 City Council	Courthouse	7:30 p.m.
	Apr 8 Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission	Courthouse	6:00 p.m.

Apr 9	Charter Review Commission	Municipal Building	4:00 p.m.
Apr 13	Oxford Recreation Board	Municipal Building	12:30 p.m
Apr 13	Public Arts Commission of Oxford	Municipal Building	5:30 p.m.
Apr 14	Planning Commission	Courthouse	7:00 p.m.
Apr 15	Board of Building Appeals	Courthouse	5:30 p.m.
Apr 17	Oxford Parking & Transportation Advisory Board	Municipal Building	9:00 a.m.
Apr 21	City Council	Courthouse	7:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 8:43 pm.
(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Vinch 2nd Ms. Franklin
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