



**MINUTES**  
**OXFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**COURTHOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 AT 7:30 PM**

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**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.

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1. Roll Call.

Motion – To enter into Executive Session O.R.C. Section 121.22 (G)(3) To Consider Pending And Threatened Litigation and O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

AYE # 5

Ms. Ornelas, Mr. Snavelly, Mr. Vinch, Mr. Bracken, and Vice Mayor French

NAY # 0

ABS # 0

Motion – To Adjourn from Executive Session O.R.C. Section 121.22 (G)(3) To Consider Pending And Threatened Litigation and O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) To Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas

AYE # 5

NAY # 0

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A regular meeting of the Oxford City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor French on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Jim Vinch, Roxanne Ornelas, William Snavelly, and Jason Bracken. Amber Franklin and Mayor Smith were excused.

Staff Members in Attendance

Mr. Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager; Mr. Michael Dreisbach, Service Director; Mr. John Detherage, Fire Chief; Mr. John Jones, Police Chief; Ms. Heidi Ridenour, 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. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas  
AYE # 5  
NAY # 0  
ABS # 0

4. Public Participation.

A. Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Motion – To Nominate Mayor Smith, Mr. Bracken, and Vice Mayor French to the City Council  
Community Assistance Grant Sub Committee.  
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Ornelas 2nd Mr. Vinch  
AYE # 5  
NAY # 0  
ABS # 0

Motion – To Nominate Mr. Brad Suprlock to the Historical and Architectural Preservation  
Commission.  
(Voice Vote) 1st Ms. Ornelas 2nd Mr. Snavelly  
AYE # 5  
NAY # 0  
ABS # 0

B. Notice to Legislative Authority - The Chicken Fingers LLC. 30 W Walnut St. Oxford,  
Ohio, 45056 (Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager)

Motion – To receive without comment.  
(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas  
AYE # 5  
NAY # 0  
ABS # 0

C. 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 - Ms. Linda Musmeci-Kimball, 724 Melinda Drive - Ms. Musmeci-Kimball addressed Council regarding the City's contract with Flock Safety and the use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras. She emphasized that her concerns were directed at the Flock Safety corporation and its technology rather than the Oxford Police Department's intended use of the cameras. She cited concerns regarding privacy, data collection and sharing, artificial intelligence, transparency, and oversight, and referenced reports of contract terminations, lawsuits, and alleged misrepresentations by the company. Ms. Musmeci-Kimball questioned the company's data-sharing practices and urged Council to consider the broader implications for privacy and civil liberties, encouraging the City to terminate its contract with Flock Safety.

Public Comment - Ms. Janice Dutton, 302 West Vine Street - Ms Dutton first requested that future replacement parking meters be installed at a more accessible height. She then spoke regarding Flock Safety and police surveillance technology, recommending that Council view a recent *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* segment addressing surveillance technologies. She shared examples discussed in the program involving the company's marketing practices and reported license plate recognition errors, stating that her concerns were directed toward the corporation and its technology rather than Oxford's Police Department. She encouraged Council to consider the potential consequences associated with the technology.

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. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas

AYE # 5

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- A. Minutes of the July 21, 2026, 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 Ridenour, Finance Director)
- C. A Resolution Declaring Certain City Property No Longer Needed For Any Municipal Purpose As Surplus And Authorizing Its Advertisement And Sale To The Highest Bidder By Internet Auction. (John Detherage, Fire Chief)

6. Resolutions.

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 Accepting The Annexation Petition From Ambassadors' Pointe Community Church (West), Inc. For 6.753 Acres Of Land More Or Less In The Township Of Oxford, Butler County Ohio, And Accepting Said Territory To Be Annexed. (Douglas R. Elliott, Jr., City Manager)

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

Public Comment - Mr. Tom Cooke, Brown Road - Mr. Cooke stated that he and others did not object to the proposed annexation itself but expressed concern that Oxford Township Trustees were not included in discussions with the City prior to the Butler County Commissioners' approval of the annexation petition.

2. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3844 Supplemental Budget Ordinance Number 5 To Make Supplemental Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2026. (Heidi Ridenour, Finance Director)

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

Public Comment - None.

B. Second Reading

1. An Ordinance Repealing Code Section 351.03 Prohibited Standing Or Parking Places And Adopting New Section 351.03 Prohibited Standing Or Parking Places. (John Jones, Police Chief)

Motion – To Adopt Ordinance No. 3877.  
(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas

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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. Aug 5 | Environmental Commission                         | Municipal Building | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Aug 6    | Housing Advisory Commission — CANCELED           | Courthouse         | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Aug 6    | Police Community Relations & Review Commission   | Courthouse         | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Aug 10   | Oxford Recreation Board                          | Municipal Building | 12:30 p.m. |
| Aug 10   | Public Arts Commission of Oxford                 | Courthouse         | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Aug 11   | Planning Commission                              | Courthouse         | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Aug 12   | Historic & Architectural Preservation Commission | Courthouse         | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Aug 17   | Oxford Parking & Transportation Advisory Board   | Municipal Building | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Aug 18   | City Council                                     | Courthouse         | 7:30 p.m.  |
| Aug 19   | Board of Building Appeals                        | Courthouse         | 5:30 p.m.  |
| Aug 25   | Board of Zoning Appeals                          | Courthouse         | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Sep 1    | City Council                                     | Courthouse         | 7:30 p.m.  |

9. Adjourn.

Motion – To Adjourn at 7:56 p.m.  
(Voice Vote) 1st Mr. Snavelly 2nd Ms. Ornelas  
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ABS # 0

