

May 6, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Oxford met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2024. Rusty Hoaks, Jim Deckard, Tina Coffman, and Larry Barnard were present. Town employees and department heads present included Clerk-Treasurer, Deanna Sutherlin, Training Clerk Linda Ralston, Utility Clerk Hope Dunning, John Stone from the Utility Department and Marshal Aaron May. Guests included Brigitte Saltsman, Jonathon Saltsman, Sally Zink, Joyce Anderson, Richard Burton, Dave Ancil, Kally Ancil, Sharon Barnard, Shirley Zink, Kathie Cox, Pamela Marm, Chico, Trish Powell, James Powell, Pam Ashcroft, Bill Wiend. This meeting was recorded; a digital copy of which is available upon request.

Hoaks opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's Report: Claims were submitted to the board for approval. Coffman motioned to approve the claims, Barnard seconded the motion. All approved. No one opposed. The Clerk Treasurer requested permission from the board to be added to the safety deposit box at Alliance State Bank. Coffman made a motion to approve, Barnard seconded the motion. All approved, no one opposed. Minutes from the April 15, 2024, Special Meeting, April 15, 2024, Regular Meeting, and the April 18, 2024 Special Meeting were submitted to the board for approval. Coffman motioned to approve the minutes; Barnard seconded the motion. No one was opposed. Laptop estimates were submitted to the board. Barnard asked the Clerk to look into discounts to purchase multiple laptops at once, one for each board member, one for the clerk, one for the Town Marshall. More estimates will be gathered and presented at the next meeting on May 20, 2024. The Clerk gave a list of outdated and broken equipment with serial numbers to the board to request permission to dispose of these items. Coffman motioned to approve; Barnard seconded. No one opposed.

Utility Clerk's Report: Hope Dunning, Utility Clerk presented the council with a disconnect list. Barnard motioned to approve, Coffman seconded, no one opposed. Coffman motioned to move Dunning back to the jurisdiction of the Clerk-Treasurer. Barnard seconded the motion, no one opposed.

Superintendent Report: Assistant Superintendent Kurt Lord was unable to attend the meeting but gave the Clerk-Treasurer Deanna Sutherlin a mowing list to give to the board. Barnard made a motion to approve the mowing list, Coffman seconded the motion. Coffman asked John Stone, Utility Laborer to have Kurt Lord get estimates to fix the splash pad at Rommel Park.

Marshal Report: Marshal Aaron May reported for the marshal department. May is still working on quotes for a new 02 sensors. May gave an update on the Pitbull issue. One Pitbull was rehomed out of town today. Two dog owners are getting a citation. May expressed his concern over what to do with dogs if he picks up a stray, there is not a county animal shelter. Discussion regarding what to do in that situation took place, many ideas expressed, no final decisions were made. May also requested permission to purchase the tools needed to catch stray dogs for the safety of May and the dogs. Dunning stated she will research grants for a possible animal shelter.

Fire Dept. Report: N/A

New, Outside Business Guests, Oxford Citizens & Business Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Powell addressed the council concerning their dogs, one of which may be a pit-mix, the Powell's stated they are not sure if it is pit mix or not. Hoaks requested that the Powell's to a vet for breed verification. Hoaks reiterated that any dog that is any Pitbull mix is not allowed in town limits per Oxford Town Ordinance. Dave and Kally Ancil reported that there is a flooding problem in the proximity of 309 W. Luin St. Oxford. Mr. Ancil provided the council with pictures of the flooding and stated water has been standing for over a month and is about 2 ½ feet deep. Coffman stated she would ask Kurt Lord, Utilities, to look at the area and to check the storm drains. Mr. and Mrs. Saltsman were concerned about the sewage pipes that need to be ran to their property. Mr. Saltsman stated permits were submitted to the state but the state is requesting more information and the Saltsmans have 30 days left on their final extension to have the water pipes ran. Hoaks stated he will call the state tomorrow and enquire what other steps need to be taken to complete this. Pam Ashcroft requested permission to put up banners for the fallen veterans for the upcoming Memorial Holiday, board approved. John Stone mentioned that the memorial at Old Academy also needs repairs. Pam Ashcroft enquired if there has been any movement in establishing a park board. Coffman stated that discussions have started regarding building a park

board. Hoaks mentioned that the park equipment needs to be updated. Discussion regarding planting trees and a possible walking path being put in the park also came up. No decisions were made regarding a park board.

Old Business: Dunning stated she is also researching grants to assist with the Dan Patch mural.

Around the table concerns: N/A

Hoaks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barnard. Upon a roll call vote, there were four affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

The next regular Town Council meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oxford Town Hall. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Submitted by Deanna Sutherlin  
DEANNA SUTHERLIN, CLERK-TREASURER

Approved by Russell Hoaks  
RUSSELL HOAKS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT/JIM DECKARD, VICE

Date Approved May 20, 2024