



NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY
CITY OF OXFORD

Oxford City Hall – Commissioners’ Board Room
300 Williamsboro Street
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OXFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners met at the above-stated time and place. All members of the Board and local news media were notified of the same as well as the purpose of the meeting.

Present were Mayor Al Woodlief, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Howard Herring, Sr., Commissioners Paul Kiesow, Steve Powell, A. Chance Wilkinson, Robert B. Williford, Sr., Robert Shope, and Walter Cantley.

Present also were City Manager Mark Donham, City Clerk Donna B. Hosch, and City Attorney Thomas Burnette.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woodlief called the meeting to order. Prayer was given by Bill Johnston, City Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie McCoy of 408 Kingsbury Street addressed the Board. He expressed his sadness over the incidents at the basketball court but believed that Commissioner Powell’s committee [Recreation, Parks, and Beautification] would find a fair solution to solving the problems being experienced. Mr. McCoy reminded the audience that Oxford has its good kids; he, himself, was “bad” but has turned out to be a “pretty good person”.

Mr. McCoy stated that on the basketball court the youth are learning peer pressure and bullying, and he felt it better they learn it there than in school. If learned on the court, the youth can better handle themselves in school. If the court is closed down, there would be nowhere for the good kids to go. Guns and drugs are going to be in our cities. Mr. McCoy stated they were here when he came, and they will be here when he leaves.

Mr. McCoy stated that the swimming pool is getting old and only has a few more years of operation. He asked where the kids would go if the court and pool closed down. He pays his taxes, and Mr. McCoy wanted to know what his dollars would be paying for if the recreational activities were not available. Mayor Pro Tem Herring stated that the Board has no intention of closing down the court or the pool; there has not been discussion of such. Mr. McCoy asked the Mayor to ensure the public that he will support recreational activities and enforce that there are good kids in the city. Mr. McCoy acknowledged that this is a sticky situation.

Mayor Woodlief stated the summer interns expressed concern about the basketball court. They did not want to lose it because of the bullies and older people, and they want the City to help them eliminate the bad people. The Mayor echoed that there are no plans to close the court but that changes are going to have to be made.

Commissioner Powell stated that closing the court would lead to other challenges. He invited members of the community to volunteer a few hours a month to help monitor and provide adult supervision at the court. With a contact sport, it is realized tempers are going to fly. A presence of an adult – someone besides the police department – would help to change the attitudes of the children. Mr. McCoy stated he would volunteer.

David Kimmons of 307 Coleman Street addressed the Board. He stated that he spoke with the manager of Lowe's Foods who could not make this meeting. However, the manager has stated that Triangle Orthopedics may have put in a bid on the building. The Mayor stated that he, the Board, the City Manager and others have written letters to Lowe's asking that the store remain open. Assistant to the City Manager/Downtown Development Director Tanya Weary reemphasized that Lowes has been contacted with pleas to remain open because of the need, particularly by the elderly.

MAYOR'S YARD OF THE MONTH

Mayor Woodlief presented this month's award to Deborah Bridges for the overall attractiveness of her yard at 800 Raleigh Street. He stated that the YOM sign will be placed in her yard and a picture of her yard will be published in the Oxford Ledger.

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR WOODLIEF TO CONTRIBUTORS TO THE OXFORD CIVIC CLUB PARK

Mayor Woodlief stated that the work completed by persons and clubs at the park has certainly made it an attractive place. He recognized the following: Dr. Bart Cleary; Tim Stall of Site Technologies, Inc.; Ben Bryan; Laurie Jones, Sam Taylor, and David Owen of Gate Concrete; Thomas J.

Cortright of Tri-State Erectors; Bill Johnston; Jess Sullins; City of Oxford Street Department, David Cottrell and crew; Larry Wilson, Lewis Electric of Oxford; Oxford Rotary Club; Oxford Kiwanis Club.

PRESENTATION BY STEVEN BURKE OF THE BIOFUELS CENTER

Mayor Woodlief introduced Mr. Burke, President and CEO of the Biofuels Center of North Carolina. Mr. Burke stated that something significant is taking place on its campus in Oxford. There is an undisputable need for alternative fuel, and by 2017 there will be a need to produce at least 550 million gallons of new fuels drawn from the landscape. The Oxford campus will eventually have a small facility to turn waste oil from the state fair into fuel that will power state agricultural vehicles. Feed stocks will be grown and tested, the campus scheduled to hold the largest grouping of trial feed stocks in the country, which will be used to create alternative fuels. Mr. Burke stated there is strong leadership in this commitment from legislature and in particular Jimmy Crawford. Information on the Biofuels Center was given to the City Manager.

Mayor Woodlief stated Oxford is proud to have such a facility and he congratulated the current leadership effort for moving forward.

ROBBY STEPHENS REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mayor Woodlief stated that Mr. Stephens was ill and would be rescheduled to address the Board at a later date.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEW TAXICAB SERVICE BY SAMUEL H. McCOY

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. There were no comments from the audience. Commissioner Powell asked if Mr. McCoy wishes to add vehicles, would he need to go through this same process, the answer being “no”. He would simply add the vehicles. Mr. McCoy stated he would provide “good service” to Oxford. Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing closed.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS SERVICE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT OF THE OXFORD ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW HELIPORTS AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE O-I AND R-A ZONING DISTRICTS FOR HOSPITALS ONLY

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. Commissioner Kiesow asked Planning Director Cheryl Hart if this was approved by the Zoning Board, to which she replied “yes”. Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing closed.

COMMISSIONER SHOPE MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS STATED. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION OF 1018 LEWIS STREET
PATTI AND GARY HARPER**

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. Commissioner Cantley asked if this annexation would be of any cost to the City, the answer being “no”. Services are already in place for the property. Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing closed.

COMMISSIONER WILKINSON MADE A MOTION TO ANNEX 1018 LEWIS STREET. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-08-01
ADOPTED: 08-11-09
EFFECTIVE: 09-01-09

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
1018 LEWIS STREET**

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners has been petitioned under G.S. 160A-58.1 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners has by resolution directed the City of Oxford City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at Oxford City Hall in the Commissioners’ Board Room at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2009, after due notice by the Oxford Public Ledger on July 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners finds that the area described therein meets the standards of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit:

- a. the nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three (3) miles from the corporate limits of the City of Oxford;
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another municipality than to the City of Oxford;
- c. The area described is so situated that the City of Oxford will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits;
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation;
- e. The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the City of Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford further finds that the petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford further finds that the petition is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Oxford and of the area proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area described;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford, North Carolina that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, the following described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made part of the City of Oxford, as of September 1, 2009:

That certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Fishing Creek Township, Granville County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point located in the center line of U.S. Highway 15, said point being, in the northern margin of Cates; thence along the northern margin of Cates, N. 74° 31' 34" W. 50.10 feet to an iron pin set in the western margin of the 100-foot right of way of U.S. Highway 15 and continuing N. 74° 31' 34" W. 169.90 feet to an existing iron pin located in the line of now or formerly Watkins property; thence along the line of Watkins, N. 14° 47' 22" E. 119.81 feet to an existing iron pin; thence S. 75° 12' 50" E. 168.65 feet to an iron pin set in the western margin of the 100-foot right of way of U.S. Highway 15, and continuing S. 75° 12' 50" E. 50.09 feet to a point located in the center line of U. S. Highway 15; thence along the center line of U.S. Highway 15, S. 14° 12' 26" W. 122.46 feet to the point end place of beginning, containing 0.6100 acre by coordinate method.

Section 2. Upon and after September 1, 2009, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Oxford and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Oxford. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Oxford shall cause to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Granville County, and in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1. above, together with a duly certified copy of this ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the Granville County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Section 4. Notice of adoption of this ordinance shall be published once, following the effective date of annexation, in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Oxford.

Adopted this 11th day of August 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPTION OF THE OXFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. The Board was in agreement that much work was done on this Plan, especially by Marshall Tanner, Linda Sigmon, and others. The Plan is the first step in how citizens wish for Oxford to look now and in the future. While everything will not be agreed upon, this is a good road map. Seeing as nothing is permanent, concerns will be discussed as they arise. Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing closed.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THIS PLAN. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

(This plan available for viewing in the Office of the City Clerk)

CONSIDER ACCEPTING A CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY FOR 1016 LEWIS STREET

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

To the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford, North Carolina regarding 1016 Lewis Street:

I, Donna B. Hosch, City of Oxford City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described herein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Oxford, this 5th day of August 2009.

Donna B. Hosch, CMC

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION FIXING A DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION OF 1016 LEWIS STREET

COMMISSIONER WILLIFORD MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 1016 LEWIS STREET, OXFORD, NC

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford Board of Commissioners has by Resolution directed the City of Oxford City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City of Oxford City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at City Hall, Commissioners' Board Room, at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2009.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:
A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Fishing Creek Township, Granville County, North Carolina, about 2 miles south of the City of Oxford on the west side of U.S. Highway 15 and thus described:

Beginning at a point set in the centerline of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 15, now or formerly W. 0. Wilson's northeast corner, and run thence with Wilson's line N. 75° 12' 50" W. 50.09 feet to an iron pin in the west margin of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 15; thence continuing with Wilson's line N. 75° 12' 50" W. 218.74 feet to an iron pin, Wilson's northwest

corner in the line of the Watkins' property; thence with the line of the Watkins' property N. 10° 49' 53" E. 82.71 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 75° 12' 50" E. 168.36 feet to an iron pin, N. 03° 40' 32" E. 223.64 feet to an iron pin, and S. 81° 48' 05" E. 70.21 feet to an iron pin in the west margin of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 15; thence with the west margin of the right-of way of U.S. Highway 15 S. 18° 45' 00" W. 228.04 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 75° 12' 50" E. 50.07 feet to a point in the centerline of U.S. Highway 15; thence with the centerline of U.S. Highway 15 S. 18° 09' 38" W. 82.65 feet to the beginning, according to plat and survey made by Ben L. Bryan, R.L.S., April 4, 1985, and being a composite description of 2 lots or parcels of land described in deed recorded in Deed Book 181, page 469, and Deed Book 198, page 304, Granville County Registry.

For further reference, see Deed Book 252, page 407, Granville County Registry. (1530T)

Marcia M. Brooks and Myra M. Wainwright as Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Dorothy Wheeler Mangum, (Granville County File #0 I-E-35), joins in this conveyance in order to release the above tract of land from the assets of the decedent in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.C. Gen.Stat. § 28A-17-12(a)(2).

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in the Oxford Public Ledger, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Oxford, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Al Woodlief, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna B. Hosch, CMC, City Clerk

August 11, 2009

CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO THE CITY DRIVEWAY POLICY

Mayor Woodlief and MPT Herring visited this property at 204 Rectory Street. The owner, Shirley Evans, attempted to purchase an extra foot of land from her neighbor in order to have the required 12 feet of space for the driveway. The neighbor would not sell. Ms. Evans has lived in her home for 30 years and has never had a problem with her vehicles being parked on the street. Now both of her vehicles are being scratched; and this is happening to others in the neighborhood. Ms. Evans stated she would pave the driveway to the specifications set forth by the City.

PD Hart stated she would not have a problem with Ms. Evans' driveway being paved within the 11 feet. She added that the improvements Ms. Evans has made to her property are admirable and that the driveway would only add positively to the attractiveness. MPT Herring reminded the Board that even though City Engineer Thomas did not recommend approving this request, he was only doing so based on the rules and guidelines set forth by this Board.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THIS VARIANCE. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING A BID FROM H.G. REYNOLDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,694.00
TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE PIPES UNDER MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION**

Mayor Woodlief stated that the Reynolds engineer advised most of this street work can be done on Saturday, since the project is not as large as originally thought. This would ensure no interference with school traffic. Commissioner Kiesow stated this would be funded from the Stormwater Fund and that it comes in at half the estimate. The low bidder did not meet the Letter of Intent, H.G. Reynolds was the second lowest bidder.

COMMISSIONER KIESOW MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THIS BID TO H.G. REYNOLDS. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,081.00
TO RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. TO
PERFORM A WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY**

Commissioner Kiesow stated that a study was done, and it was found that Oxford's water sales have dropped approximately 200,000 gallons/day. This is a result of drought and industries cutting back on water usage. This study cannot be done in-house.

COMMISSIONER KIESOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS STUDY. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
030665339	Outside Service	\$27,081.00	
030399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$27,081.00	

**CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 TO
REPLACE THE CLARIFIER DRIVE ON CLARIFIER #2
AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Commissioner Kiesow stated that this was reviewed and recommended by the Public Works Committee. This clarifier is part of the old plant.

COMMISSIONER KIESOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
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030824550	Fixed Assets >\$5,000	\$60,000.00	
030399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$60,000.00	

**CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,047.00 TO
FUND VACATION PAY FOR LINDA SIGMON AND RONNIE JONES**

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010640127	Departure Wage Pay-Out	\$5,651.00	
010640181	FICA	\$431.00	
010640182	Retirement	\$281.00	
010640183	Workman's Comp	\$272.00	
010410127	Departure Wage Pay-Out	\$5,612.00	
010410181	FICA	\$427.00	
010410182	Retirement	\$278.00	
010410183	Workman's Comp	\$95.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$13,047.00	

**CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,994.00 TO
PAY OUT COMP TIME TO CHERYL HART**

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010490127	Departure Wage Pay-Out	\$2,620.00	
010490181	FICA	\$200.00	
010490182	Retirement	\$130.00	
010490183	Workman's Comp	\$44.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Bal	\$2,994.00	

**CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,089.91 PAYABLE TO
VANCE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OXFORD PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

Commissioner Powell stated this was cut and dry, his having no additional comments. City Engineer Thomas stated that the water problem at the concession stand has been corrected as has the broken cement out front. The gate has been completed and trees will be planted once the weather cools. Commissioner Cantley suggested to CM Donham that no more money be approved on this project until a final bill is received. CE Thomas stated that a portion of the lighting remains to be paid, but there is a dispute.

COMMISSIONER HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
015623553	Oxford Athletic Park	\$10,090.00	
015369140	Transfer from Gen Fund	\$10,090.00	
010829551	To fund General CIP	\$10,090.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$10,090.00	

CONSIDER A BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO FUND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Human Resources Director Carol Dorsey stated that the program was successful for the nine interns for their two-weeks with the City. The interns rotated among all departments, which they seemed to enjoy. Notes of thanks from the interns have been received.

Commissioner Williford asked how the interns were selected. Commissioner Powell stated the program received over 60 applications, a large majority of the youth coming from poor income families. Some of the youth selected were not able to participate because of a lack of transportation. The youth were interviewed and asked to complete a writing assignment.

HRD Dorsey stated that just about the entire \$10,000.00 was spent and that she would have a report by the end of the week. CM Donham thanked HRD Dorsey for working with Commissioner Powell on putting together an excellent program. It was explained that these funds were approved in the last fiscal year and that they are simply being moved over into the current fiscal year.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS BUDGET AMENDMENT. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
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010440126	Temp Wages	\$7,330.00	
010440181	FICA	\$560.00	
010440186	Workers Comp	\$30.00	
010440310	Summer Youth Program	\$2,080.00	
010399000	App Fund Balance	\$10,000.00	

**CONSIDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE PROPOSED CRIMINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE**

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO CALL FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING.

Commissioner Cantley asked if there was an associated cost, to which CM Donham answered only if the City needed to go to court to implement the Ordinance. Sometimes simply notifying the property owner and tenant of the problem will solve the problem. For continuing nuisances, the City could take the property owner to court and have the property seized. PD Hart stated this Ordinance is definitely needed.

MPT Herring stated that certain landlords in Oxford permit tenants who they fully know are substance abusers and sellers. Landlords need to step up to the plate and be responsible and accountable for what goes on in neighborhoods where they own property but do not live.

ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT ORDINANCE**

COMMISSIONER WILKINSON MADE A MOTION TO CALL FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION URGING LOWES FOODS
HEADQUARTERS NOT TO CLOSE THE DOWNTOWN OXFORD STORE**

COMMISSIONER WILKINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF THE PARKING LOT BEHIND
ACE HARDWARE FOR THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

COMMISSIONER SHOPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS CLOSING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF COURT STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**

COMMISSIONER CANTLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS CLOSING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**CONSIDER APPROVING THE CLOSING OF WOODSON AND WATKINS STREETS
ON THE CORNER OF HICKS MILL ROAD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2009
FOR THE GRA-BALL REUNION**

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS CLOSING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER CANTLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Meeting minutes of the July 6, 2009 Agenda Session and the July 14, 2009 Regular Session
- B) Monthly Financial Report by Finance Officer McNally
- C) Tax Releases: Carol C. Strother, William and Mary E. Burch, Coin Mach Corp., James H. Carole Jackson, Susan E. Corbitt, C.E. Kittrell, Jr.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

To possibly help cut down on problems at the basketball court, MPT Herring proposed that parking at the court be eliminated from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following day. Allowed would be parking for City employees and government vehicles. MPT Herring felt this would cut down on suspected illegal activities inside of cars and that visibility of activities on the court would be more prominent. MPT Herring has discussed this with Recreation Director Caudle, Police Chief Wolford, and others who were in agreement with the closing.

Commissioner Powell stated this was his first time hearing of this and that he had a problem with the term "these people" being used. While there are concerns, he would prefer identifying specific concerns so that they could be addressed appropriately. MPT Herring stated that he felt his suggestion could relieve some of the issues on the basketball court and that the City could not afford to continue to do nothing. "A lot of stuff" is going on in vehicles when the action should be on the court.

Officer Jason Tingen of the Police Department stated that they have found illegal narcotics on persons and in vehicles parked in the lot. Most of the people driving to the court are not residents of

Oxford, they are mostly from Henderson. He felt that if the parking spaces were eliminated from use, then some of the problems would be curtailed. Commissioner Powell stated that the good kids who would drive would be punished if the spaces are eliminated. He felt that the best solution would be in monitoring. Discussion provided other possible solutions: closing the court when the streetlights come on, closing the court at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR PRO TEM HERRING MADE A MOTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PARKING AT THE BASKETBALL COURT FROM 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING MORNING WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARKING BY CITY EMPLOYEES AND GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AND THAT A SIGN WOULD BE POSTED TO THIS EFFECT.

Mayor Woodlief stated that perhaps the best solution would be more frequent patrolling of the area by PD. Commissioner Wilkinson stated the court needs to be locked between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following morning. This is supposed to be the case, but the Commissioner has not seen this done consistently. MPT Herring stated that ensuring the locking of the gate is the responsibility of the City Manager.

MAYOR WOODLIEF RESTATED MTP HERRING'S MOTION. WITH A VOTE OF FOUR IN THE NEGATIVE AND THREE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THE MOTION FAILED.

After further discussion, it was decided that the City Manager will work with Chief Wolford to ensure the locking and unlocking of the gate on a consistent basis.

Commissioner Kiesow pointed to the magazine tpo with an article on Dennis Wilson, Superintendent at the WWTP. He stated Dennis does a good job for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, COMMISSIONER WILKINSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.