

**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**AGENDA MEETING OF THE OXFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OXFORD CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM**

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Oxford met at the above-mentioned 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 Jackie Sergent, MPT Calvin (C.J.) Harris, Jr, Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, Frank Strickland, S. Quon Bridges, Patricia T. Fields, and Ron Bullock. Also present was City Manager Elke Doom and City Clerk Barbara Rote.

Absent: Commissioner Al Woodlief, Attorney J. Thomas Burnette

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

**DEDICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE QUILT – SENIOR CENTER QUILTERS**

The Senior Center Quilters presented the Fabric Speaks quilt to the Board and the Bicentennial Committee. It will be hung in the executive suite at City Hall for several months then will be returned to the Senior Center. Members of the Senior Center Quilters include Hassie Boddy, Jayne Reeder, Phyllis Russell, Jean Hunt, Rachael Jones, Anita Wilbourne, Rachel Wessells, Patti Andrews, and Sue Bryant (author of The Fabric Speaks document).

**DISCUSSION ON GOATS WITHIN CITY LIMITS**

Mark Wilger of 207 Delecroix Street asked the Board during the Public Comment period of the April 12 Board Meeting to allow he and his family to keep their goat in the City. The ordinance currently prohibits keeping livestock within the City Limits. He was notified of the ordinance, and moved the goat outside of the City Limits. Mr. Wilger contested that the goat was a pet and not considered livestock.

Mayor Sergent presented an ordinance from Seattle Washington that allows goats, potbelly pigs, and small animals within the City limits with restrictions. The Seattle ordinance also addresses other domestic animals, animal licenses, and permits. The Board discussed if they wanted staff to consider reviewing our current ordinance for updates to the dog requirements as well as other animals such as goats and potbelly pigs. Commissioners Currin and Strickland were in favor of reviewing possible changes to dog requirements, especially addressing dogs tied on tethers, but not in favor of including goats and potbelly pigs. Commissioners Bridges, Fields, and Bullock were willing to see what options were available for all animals. MPT Harris was undecided but reminded the Board that the current ordinance is still in place and needs to be followed.

The Board asked Planning Director Hart to look into possible changes to our ordinance for pets such as dogs as well as goats and pot belly pigs, and provide recommendations to the Board.

**PUBLIC WORKS, WWTP & STOVALL PUMP STATION TOUR DATE SET**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT 10 AM**

The 2017 budget includes some capital expenditures to the Public Works Building, the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and the Stovall Pump Station. A tour for the Finance Committee was scheduled for those facilities on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

**UPDATE ON WATKINS HOUSE -217 COLLEGE STREET**

Commissioner Currin received complaints about the condition of 217 College Street and wanted an update on the sale of that property. Attorney Tom Currin, representing the Watkins family and Attorney Jim Cross, representing Preservation NC reported that a buyer has been found for the home and that the sale is progressing. They asked the Board for 30 days to complete the sale before taking any action that would demolish the property.

**AGENDA SET FOR MAY 10, 2016 REGULAR SESSION**

The Board set the agenda for the May 10, 2016 Regular Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OR DISCUSSION, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM., COMMISSIONER BRIDGES MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED**

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Barbara J. Rote, CMC, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor