



# MINUTES

City of Oxford

Board of Aldermen

Recess Meeting

May 13, 2025 at 03:00 PM

City Hall Courtroom

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## 1. Opening the Meeting

### 1.a. Call to order.

The Recess Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Tannehill at 3:00pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 in the courtroom of Oxford City Hall when and where the following were present:

Robyn Tannehill, Mayor  
Rick Addy, Alderman Ward I-absent  
Mark Huelse, Alderman Ward II  
Brian Hyneman, Alderman Ward III  
Kesha Howell-Atkinson, Alderman Ward IV  
Preston Taylor, Alderman Ward V  
Jason Bailey, Alderman Ward VI  
Mary Martha Crowe, Alderman-At-Large

Pope Mallette, City Attorney-absent  
Paul Watkins, City Attorney  
Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk  
Hollis Green, Chief Operating Officer  
Braxton Tullos, HR Director  
John Crawley, City Engineer  
Shane Fortner, Emergency Management Director  
Ben Requet, City Planner  
Mark Levy, Special Projects  
Allison Ferris, Development Services Office Manager

### 1.b. Adopt the agenda for the meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Crowe, seconded by Alderman Bailey to adopt the agenda for the meeting with the removal of item 2.a. and the addition of item 2.b. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

## 2. Regular Agenda: New Business

### 2.a. Discuss the proposed balcony at Rafter's.

This item was removed from the agenda.

2.b. Request permission to approve a "rain date" for the annual Destination Car Show.

It was moved by Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Huelse to approve June 14, 2025 as a "rain-date" for the annual Destination Car Show that is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2.c. Request permission to approve a third party advertising contract in conjunction with the City's contract with View Point.

Agenda Attachments

1. [Viewpoint Brand Guide.pdf](#)

It was moved by Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Howell-Atkinson to approve a third party advertising contract, in the amount of \$5,000.00, in conjunction with the City's contract with View Point. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2.d. Request permission for an employee to attend the MS Municipal Judge's Conference on May 28-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. (Nickie Denley/Ashley Atkinson)

It was moved by Alderman Howell-Atkinson, seconded by Alderman Crowe to allow an employee to attend the MS Municipal Judge's Conference on May 28-30, 2025 in Biloxi, MS at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2.e. Request permission to consider the bids received for the North Lamar/Molly Barr Roundabout Project. (John Crawley)

Agenda Attachments

1. [Memo - Reject Bid for North Lamar and Molly Barr Roundabout Project - Combined.pdf](#)

It was moved by Alderman Huelse, seconded by Alderman Bailey to reject the bid received for the North Lamar/Molly Barr Roundabout Project and to re-advertise the bids. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2.f. Request permission to consider the bids received for the South Lamar pedestrian Improvements Project. (John Crawley)

Agenda Attachments

1. [Memo - Accept Bid for South Lamar Ped Improvments Project - Combined.pdf](#)

It was moved by Alderman Huelse, seconded by Alderman Crowe to accept the bids received and award a bid to Phillips Contracting Company, Inc., in the amount of \$848,125.00 for the South Lamar Pedestrian Improvements Project. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2.g. Discuss an "Adopt an Interchange" agreement with MDOT for Highway 6 and 7 interchanges. (John Crawley)

Agenda Attachments

1. [Memo- Discussion Regarding Adoption and Interchange Agreement from MDOT - Combined.pdf](#)

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this item would be addressed during upcoming budget meetings. No action was taken.

2.h. Discuss the FY 2025-2026 budget for the Oxford Utilities-Electric Division. (Rob Neely)

Agenda Attachments

1. [FY2026 Oxford Utilities-Electric Division Budget.pdf](#)

Oxford Utilities-General Manager, Rob Neely, presented the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget for the Oxford Utilities-Electric Division. It will be formally adopted at a meeting in June.

3. Closing the Meeting

3.a. Consider an executive session.

It was moved by Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Huelse to consider an executive

session for a personnel matter and a matter related to property ownership. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Hyneman, seconded by Alderman Bailey to enter into an executive session for a school board personnel matter and a matter related to property ownership on Anderson Road. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Hulse, seconded by Alderman Bailey to authorize the purchase of approximately 7.5 acres of property on Anderson Road for the appraisal value and that the seller of the property is responsible for all tree mitigation costs for the remaining property as it is developed. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

Aldermen Howell-Atkinson and Crowe left the meeting at this time.

It was moved by Alderman Hulse, seconded by Alderman Hyneman to return to regular session. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

3.b. Adjourn.

It was moved by Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Hyneman to adjourn the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

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Robyn Tannehill, Mayor

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Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk