



MINUTES

City of Oxford

Board of Aldermen

Special Meeting

August 11, 2025 at 04:00 PM

City Hall Courtroom

1. Opening the meeting.-112

1.a. Call to Order.-596

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Oxford, Mississippi, was called to order by Mayor Tannehill at 4:00pm on Monday, August 11, 2025 in the courtroom of Oxford City Hall when and where the following were present:

Robyn Tannehill, Mayor
Erin Smith, Alderman Ward I-via Microsoft Teams
Mark Huelse, Alderman Ward II-via Microsoft Teams
Brian Hyneman, Alderman Ward III
Kesha Howell-Atkinson, Alderman Ward IV
Preston Taylor, Alderman Ward V
Jason Bailey, Alderman Ward VI-via Microsoft Teams
Mary Martha Crowe, Alderman-At-Large-via Microsoft Teams

Pope Mallette, City Attorney-absent
Paul Watkins, City Attorney-absent
Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk-Finance Director
Hollis Green, Chief Operating Officer
Braxton Tullos, HR Director

1.b. Adopt the agenda for the meeting.-597

It was moved by Alderman Howell-Atkinson, seconded by Alderman Hyneman to adopt the agenda for the meeting. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

2. New Business-116

2.a. Discuss overnight work at The Magnolia.-601

Due to a complaint received, the previously approved overnight work at The Magnolia was stopped. Johnathan Hill, representing Century Construction, has asked the Board for approval for one more overnight concrete pour for late Wednesday night/early Thursday morning of this week (weather permitting). An alternate date would be Monday or Tuesday of the following week. This will be the last concrete pour needed for the project.

Alderman Crowe arrived to the meeting (in person).

The Board asked Johnathan to notify the surrounding neighbors of the concrete pour and he said that he would. After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Hyneman, seconded by Alderman Crowe to approve the request for an overnight concrete pour at The Magnolia on August 12th and August 13th, with a rain date of August 18th and August 19th. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

- 2.b. Discuss closing Chickasaw Road from Molly Barr Road to CR 180 (Huggins Drive) to install a water tap and a sewer line. (John Crawley)-598

Alderman Bailey recused himself and left the meeting at this time.

There is a water tap and sewer line that has to be installed for a development on Chickasaw Road. After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Crowe, seconded by Alderman Howell-Atkinson to completely close the road on Wednesday (weather permitting) or Monday of next week, if it rains too much. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

- 2.c. Consider a request from the Buildings & Grounds Department to work overnight in the Parking Garage on 8/12-8/14/2025 from 11:00pm-7:00am and 8/18 and 8/19, if needed, for power washing and cleaning. (Mike Grant)-602

Alderman Bailey returned to the meeting.

It was moved by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Howell-Atkinson to approve overnight work hours for 8/12-8/14/2025 from 11:00pm-7:00am and 8/18 and 8/19, if needed, for power washing and cleaning in the downtown parking garage. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

3. Closing the meeting.-113

- 3.a. Consider an executive session.-599

It was moved by Alderman Hyneman, seconded by Alderman Crowe to consider an executive session for personnel matters. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Bailey, seconded by Alderman Hyneman to enter into an executive session for personnel matters in all city departments. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

The City Clerk and HR Director left the meeting at this time.

It was moved by Alderman Huelse, seconded by Alderman Crowe to adjust the salary of Police Chief, Jeff McCutchen, to \$135,000.00, to adjust the salary of Fire Chief, Joey Gardner, to \$125,000.00, to adjust the salary of Environmental Services Superintendent, Amberlyn Liles, to \$110,000.00, and to adjust the salary of the Emergency Management Director, Shane Fortner, to \$93,783.56, all changes effective October 1, 2025. All the aldermen present voting aye, Mayor Tannehill declared the motion carried.

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

- 3.b. Adjourn.-600

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

Robyn Tannehill, Mayor

Ashley Atkinson, City Clerk-Finance Director