

City of Oxford
Regular Council
Meeting Oxford City Hall
May 12th, 2025
6:00 PM

Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Present: Reihman, Hennes, Green, Roberts. Absent: Volk.

Hennes motioned to approve the agenda as presented Roberts seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hennes motioned to approve the consent agendas Green seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayors Reports: Nothing to note.

Sheriffs Report: Brad Kunkel spoke about the process of trying to get a new jail. Currently working on a 3 million dollar repair to the current jail to keep it safe until a new jail could be built. The new jail will be on the ballot come November. Early Voting starts May 13th.

Library Report: April Stats 477 Patrons and 115 Program Attendees. We hosted our Spring Book Sale in April where we saw lower than normal foot traffic, but was still able to raise \$528 for the library. These funds will be going towards programming and materials for circulation. The window repairs have been completed after a few weeks of delays due to rain. Summer Reading calendars and BINGO sheets are now available to grab at the front of the library. Last month, the Library conducted interviews for those that applied for the part-time Library Assistant position. In total, we interviewed three candidates that all brought with them unique strengths that would benefit the library. After taking into consideration prior experience working in libraries, as well as an ideal focus in children's programming, the position was offered to and accepted by Megan Dial-Lapcewich. She will be starting in the position come July 1, 2026.

Emergency Services Report None no member present.

Public works Report 5 After hour alarms. City water tower cleaning and inspection went very well, waiting for the tower inspection report. Kyle Pitlick started as our new Maintenance worker and Scot and Terry have been training on all aspects of the Job. Terry has passed his second grade 2 Exam and received a \$0.50 raise. LL Pelling quotes were present to council for chip and seal and asphalt. Discussion of when the LOST funds come in we will be able to use to fix the streets but don't know what amount will be each month. Discussion to find out where our CD's currently sit at the Bank and what the current interest rates are, Clerk will find out and report back at next meeting. Public works will go around and figure out what streets are in need of fixing this year and get back to Pelling for a new quote. Hennes motioned to approve going forward with LL Pelling quote of \$95,166.10 for Project Augusta Ave North with new asphalt from E Wilson to N Street. Green seconded all ayes. Motion carried.

Engineer Report Engineer Sewer plant Steve's Electric given the go ahead to start looking for parts. Still long lead time on the switch gear. Center Street Bridge Replacement mostly complete, Working on sidewalks and driveways. Augusta Ave bridge noted it isn't a weighted bridge, deck has potholes and report showed that asphalt is deteriorating faster and should have been cement. There are ways to do small patches on Augusta and not to the whole resurface for the \$300,000 quote that was given. Report was read and that we have time to fix and move forward in making a plan and not go into debt doing all streets and bridges all at once. Public works will work on getting more quotes for resurface work. Ben will send a list of constructional engineering firms. Clerk looking into Grants.

Clerks Report: Roberts motioned to approve clerks report. Hennes seconded. All ayes. motion carried. Clerk noted the system issues with gworks and the upgrades and difficulties with billing and meters. School community walk will visit city hall on May 18th.

Other Business: a. Mayor Johnson proclaimed May as Older Americans Month 2026 and read the proclamation. b. 250th Celebration Declaration of Independence Discussion- Clerk gave list of ideas and verbiage for donation buckets for fireworks, buckets will be made and set out at local businesses with approval in the next few weeks. Approved to order new street banners with American flag that we can use for years to come. Librarian and Clerk will work together on Historical Scavenger Hunt. Deb Ranshaw brought up a new mural on the mason building. Council noted that it isn't a city building and she would need to get with the Masons but council would approve seeing a new mural up if Masons wanted to purchase and put up. c. Hennes motioned to approve street closures for Car cruise in Saturday October 10th 11am -3 pm. Green seconded. All ayes. Green motioned to approve street closures for Light Up Oxford on December 4th from 4pm to 9pm. Hennes seconded. All ayes. d. Roberts motioned to Traveling Tapster Liquor License December 4th at Light up Oxford. Green seconded. All ayes. e. Approval of City wide Garage Sale June 27th 8am-4pm. f. Hennes motioned to approve the Depot tobacco license. Roberts seconded. All ayes. g. Stray animal contract discussion. Presented with sample contracts with Safe Haven and Iowa City. Council feels this is something we should look into further and get back with companies and get all details of how pick up would go and all information. Ask Deputy Chris Wissman to attend next meeting to discuss as well. h. Hennes motioned to approve the Fully loaded Aerial displays liability extension contract. Roberts seconded. All ayes. i. Reihman motioned to approve the renewal of the Dawg House Liquor License. Hennes seconded all ayes.

Ordinances and/or Resolution: Reihman motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03 Appointment of Tim Hennes as Mayor Pro Tem. Green seconded all ayes. Hennes motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04 to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder. Roberts seconded. All ayes. Reihman motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05 Designating Official Depositories and Signatories. Roberts seconded, all ayes. Hennes motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06 Naming Official Newspaper Publication. Green seconded, all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

Roberts motioned to adjourn and Hennes seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Heather Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Taylor Tvedte, City Clerk

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May 2026 Accounts Payables

	\$	Fund
Leaf	78.75	General- Printer
Johnson County Sheriff	3211	General- Police Protection
Phelan Tucker Law LLP	234	General - Legal Fees
PYE Baker	567	Fire - Extinguishers
Terry Stockman	#####	Mileage reimbursement
Viking	1,650.00	Sewer - Water Tower Clean out
South Slope	662.63	General - internet/phones
Marco	48.78	Library - Printer
Dorsey + Whitney	1604.5	General - Legal Fees
Taylor Construction	95483.02	Center St Bridge
Smith Sanitation	6557.5	General - Garbage Contract
Feld Fire	256	Fire - Supplies
PSC Distribution	18.04	Sewer
State Hygienic Lab	648	Sewer/Water - Testing
Cj's Lawncare	105	Water - Snow Removal
Pat's Auto Tire	702.31	Water - Vehicle Repair
The Depot	773.9	Streets - Gas
The Depot	80	Fire - Gas
Bank	60	Safe Deposit Box
Alliant Energy	9194.14	Sewer - Sewer Plant
USA Blue Book	211.43	Water - Chemicals
Gazette	173.9	General - Publishing
PAC	391.74	Fire - Supplies
Corridor Energy Cooperative	1051.96	Electric
Team Lab	1154	Sewer - Chemicals
VISA	2,695.01	
Total	250732.3	