



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 15, 2023
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM**

Mayor Huneycutt welcomed everyone and asked the town clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Commissioner Lanny Hathcock, Mayor Chris Huneycutt, Commissioner Latoya Jackson and Commissioner Bud Smith were all present. Mr. Doug Burgess, Town Administrator, Mr. Josh Almond, Parks and Recreation Director and Mr. Reggie Bowers, Utility Supervisor were also present. Commissioner Brett Barbee was absent.

Mayor Huneycutt asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag and that was followed by devotions from Commissioner Smith. He referred to a good sermon he had heard the day before about mothers. He wanted to thank all mothers for all they have done and continue to do. He shared that his own mother taught him so much in the 11 years he was able to have her. He ended his devotion with a word of prayer.

Mayor Huneycutt called for a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session for a personnel matter (G.S. 143-318.11(6)) Commissioner Carpenter seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023 was made by Commissioner Jackson and a second by Commissioner Carpenter. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$59,390.20. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$59,390.20. Commissioner Hathcock seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Ms. Cindy Feis signed up to speak, but stated she no longer needed to after seeing the agenda.

Ms. Felicia Rogers came in late, but Mayor Huneycutt allowed her to speak. She wanted to share that she was the new branch manager for the Oakboro Library. She also shared she has already scheduled Sgt. Eschert and Community K-9 Joker for a program at the library and also has other summer activities going on.

Historic District Committee

Mayor Huneycutt asked Mr. Burgess to expand on the Historic District Committee. He shared that the Historic District was formed to control what went in and out of the that area. A board of 5 people willing to serve along with a representative from the town board made up the previous board. Mayor Huneycutt suggested the board get some ideas going with people who would like to serve. Commissioner Hathcock suggested advertising for those who may be interested in serving on the Historic District Committee or if anyone was there tonight to talk with someone about getting on board.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Mr. Burgess for an update.

Mr. Burgess suggested setting a public hearing for June 19, 2023 to adopt the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to advertise and hold a public hearing regarding the 2023-2024 budget on June 19, 2023. Commissioner Smith seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess suggested for the board to approve the audit to be completed by Mr. Eddie Carrick. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to allow Mr. Carrick to perform the town's audit again this year. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Cemetery and Streets

Commissioner Carpenter referred to Mr. Reggie Bowers to give a report. Mr. Bowers stated that they had cleaned the ditches as well as the storm drains. They are continuing to scrape and keep stone on the gravel roads. They are continuing to replace the faded road signs with the new reflective signs. Mr. Bowers shared that all signs for no parking have been put up in every subdivision.

Police Department

Commissioner Hathcock called on Chief Smith to share updates on the department.

Chief Smith introduced our new Officer James to the board. He mentioned it had been a long time since the department had a young man as part of the department. Officer James just turned 23 in January. Chief Smith complimented Officer James' mom saying that Officer James had a big heart and would help others. Officer James had several family members in attendance as he was sworn in by the town clerk. Officer James should be finished with FTO at the end of June. Chief Smith said he was doing well.

He reported the department had 10 arrests, 112 citations, 602 neighborhood/business checks and 97 calls for service.

Chief Smith discussed the Clean Up Days scheduled for June 9-12. There will be a donation of dumpsters which will allow everyone to clean up their homes and land. He also asked for a group of people to help pick up trash on Saturday.

Chief Smith wanted to mention that the Fourth of July celebration was coming up. He has already began asking other officers around Oakboro for their help during this time.

Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Jackson referred to Mr. Josh Almond. Mr. Almond shared that he should have some updates on the grants by the next meeting. The Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame is going to be July 17, 2023 at Pfeiffer University at 6:30pm. Mr. Quan Sturdivant will be inducted this year. The Town of Oakboro is a sponsor and will have tickets available for anyone who wants them at Town Hall. Mr. Almond referred back to Commissioner Jackson for an update on the Movie at the Park.

Commissioner Jackson then shared more information about the Family Movie Night that will be held on Friday, June 17 at the Amphitheater at the Oakboro District Park. There will be popcorn and juice there and some other things are in the works for this event as well. She mentioned she hoped this will go well and we can look at doing other events in the park for families.

Commissioner Hathcock also mentioned that the Farmers Market is up and running at the Oakboro Railroad Museum. He encouraged the citizens to go out and support the folks at the Farmers Market.

Public Works

Commissioner Smith referred to Mr. Reggie Bowers. Mr. Bowers shared what his department had been working on during the past month in water. They had five different 2" lines with leaks and one 6" line with a water leak. They also have installed three irrigation meters along with six new water meters. A fire hydrant was installed in front of where Blue Dot Readi Mix will be built. In addition, RDR helped to tie the old 2" meter to the 12" line which allowed for more water for Charlotte Pipe.

Mr. Bowers shared that the sewer department had 2 sewer blockages that required cleanouts, put in two new E-1 pumps, and worked on eight E-1 pumps. They also worked on James Road Pump Station and is waiting on parts to fix this. He is still working with Mark Cash on I & I by looking for leaks.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement

Commissioner Hathcock referred to Mr. Efird. Mr. Efird shared that the minor subdivision for Mr. Jim Davis was approved and completed. He is still working with Oakboro Express Mart on making minor changes with the design of the new building. As far as Blue Dot is concerned, he has not had any word from them regarding their last request of wanting to put in a temporary concrete plant until the permanent one could be built. Mr. Efird wanted to advise the board that coming up in zoning they would be looking at a minor subdivision for Mr. Steve Barbee and a street closure for Mr. Tim Kerr. Currently, Mr. Efird is calling those who have violations regarding high grass and most are being taken care of this way with a phone call instead of a violation letter.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Smith congratulated and welcomed Officer James. He wishes him a long successful career in law enforcement.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked everyone for coming and said a special thank you to those who came to see Officer James be sworn in as a police officer. He stated the town was proud of him. He asked for anyone interested in the Historic Committee to please talk to one of the ladies in the office.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming. He welcomed Officer James and told him he felt he would like it here at Oakboro.

Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone for being present at the meeting. She also welcomed Officer James to the town.

Mayor Huneycutt thanked the board for all working together. He also congratulated and welcomed Officer James. Mayor Huneycutt wanted to let everyone know that Martha Sue Hall from Albemarle was

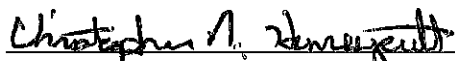
recently elected as Second Vice President for the North Carolina League of Municipalities and if anyone saw her to please congratulate her. He thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the town.

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into closed session for personnel based on G.S. 143-318.11(6). Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Carpenter seconded.

There was no action taken during closed session and the meeting was adjourned.

Commissioner Hathcock made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Leslie H. Murray, Town Clerk/Finance Officer