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Board of Commissioners Minutes Regular Scheduled Meeting May 15, 2017 7:00 PM Regular Meeting 6:30 PM Briefing

Mayor Doug Burgess called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Town Clerk called the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Broadway, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess and Commissioner Harvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burgess.

Commissioner Huneycutt led devotions.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 24, 2017. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$48,543.51. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Kelly Dombrowski introduced herself as new principal for Oakboro's Choice Stem Elementary School. She shared a brochure with the Board regarding STEM. She's very excited about the upcoming school year and especially excited about the cross representation of students from all over the county. Kindergarten Camp will be August 8 and 9, 2017. She's working diligently on getting the staff in place. The biggest thing she wants us to know about STEM is that it's a "style of learning". The curriculum will be the same as what our students are studying throughout the State of North Carolina. Emphasis will be on the way we learn. It's more of a "hands on" approach with "reflective thinking". We want our lessons plans to jump off the paper for the child so that they can learn from what went well and not so well. It should be a very "community involved" experience. We will be doing a lot of activities where we will invite the community to come in. We will welcome support by your presence and businesses. Oakboro has a wonderful opportunity to shine and Mrs. Dombrowski looks forward to

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being a part of our community and appreciates the warm welcome that she has gotten.

Lynn Huneycutt asked to speak, welcoming the new principal and challenges businesses to support and sponsor the STEM program in Oakboro. STEM is a wonderful way to learn, a very" hands on" approach. Mrs. Huneycutt would like to challenge our Board to put the school in the Historical District. She offered that Oakboro is very fortunate to have Mrs. Dombrowski as our new principal.

DEPARTMENTS

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Harvey reported that we are in our 10th month of our fiscal year and should be at 83%. We are on target with our revenues for our general and enterprise funds. Our expenditures are below the 83% so we are in very good shape with our finances.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Efird reported that we have some good news on the new street that we've been talking about 2 years. According to NCDOT, they are almost finished buying the right of way. Very soon, Duke Energy will be moving poles. Construction will not be finished before July 4th but they're assured me that they will stop 2 weeks prior to clean up and make things safe for the Oakboro's 4th of July festivities.

Police Department: Commissioner Broadway called on Captain Craig Richards for a report. He reported that last month the Oakboro Police Department had a total of 533 residential and business checks. 3 arrests – multiple calls for service, 100 calls for escorts from business, 4 misdemeanor larceny calls, 1 simple assault, 2 damage property calls, 1 stolen property report, 1 disturbance, 1 trespass and 24 traffic citations. Captain Richards also reported that last Thursday night he and Chief Smith attended the Officer Jeff Shelton Memorial Foundation where fallen Officer Damon Smith's pistol, duty gear and other items were returned to Officer Smith's son, Gavin Smith. The OPD had a locker made with the items inside. Gavin was very appreciative. Mayor Burgess insisted on Captain Richards telling about the award that he had received. Captain Richards received an award for the lifesaving event that occurred this past year at the Oakboro Post Office.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efird called upon Parks Director, Daniel Smith, for his report. As far as department programming, Mr. Smith reported that we are finishing up our spring soccer league. This coming weekend will round out the season for that. We've had several

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teams with ages 3-13 participating this spring. The Baseball teams that use our fields will round out their seasons before Memorial Day. We continue to have travel tournaments come in and use fields on the weekends. We've had some very busy Saturdays. We also have a new entrance sign. The wooden sign lasted a decade. Cadillac Signs made us a new sign that should last at least twice as long.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt had no report.

Advisory Board: Commissioner Efird had no report.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 5, 2017 at 7:00PM regarding the 2017-2018 Budget. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor and Board Member Comments:

Mayor: He welcomed Oakboro's new principal, Mrs. Dombrowski, and congratulated Captain Richards on his award.

Efird: no comment

Broadway: He thanked the OPD

Huneycutt: He welcomed the new principal

Harvey: She is thankful for the new Principal and the OPD

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to continue meeting until May 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM for a Budget Workshop. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

This the 15th day of May 2017.

Doug Burgess - Mayor

Patti W. Efird - Town Clerk

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