

# Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
October 17, 2016  
7:00 PM

In the absence of Mayor Burgess, Mayor Pro Tem, Mike Efird called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Huneycutt and Broadway present. Mayor Burgess and Commissioner Harvey were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Efird.

Mayor Pro Tem Efird had devotions.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to amend the agenda to add for approval, the minutes from 10-10-16, an open session vote on the Chief of Police and a vote on the Resolution of the Community Building on Long Street. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2016, October 4, 2016 and October 10, 2016. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Efird read, aloud, the Resolution to support the American Legion Renovation Project. He asked if there were any questions or discussion. Larry Branch spoke on the matter, stating that we have pre approval from the Parks and Recreational Trust Fund to renovate the building. We tried to build a new building but due to the fact that it's an LWCF – we had to renovate instead. We are going to add a playground. The existing building was built in 1979 – we're hoping to put in new bathrooms, new floors, new kitchen and updating HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broadway to adopt Resolution to support the American Legion Renovation Project. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huneycutt to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$178,568.35. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Efird commented that for the past several months, we've been looking for a new Police Chief to replace the retiring Chief Joe

**Lowder.** The Board of Commissioners met on 10-10-16, and in closed session, interviewed three very worth candidates. After much discussion, the Board of Commissioners decided to hire TJ Smith the job of Chief of Police for Oakboro. To make this official, we will be voting in open session.

**Commissioner Huneycutt** made a motion to offer the job of Police Chief of Oakboro to TJ Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broadway and it carried.

**TJ Smith** was sworn in as Oakboro Police Chief by Town Clerk, Patti Efird.

**Open Forum** – no one signed up to speak

**Department Updates:**

**Budget and Finance:** Commissioner Huneycutt spoke on Commissioner Harvey's behalf. In our general fund, our revenue is at 32%. Our Water Revenue is at 30% and the Sewer Revenue is at 48%.

**Cemetery and Streets:** No Report

**Police Department:** Commissioner Broadway deferred to Chief Smith for Report. Chief Smith reported that for the period of 9-1-16 – 9-30-16 his department had 21 traffic stops, 2 resulting in 2 felony drug arrests. 9 investigation calls, 5 property damage calls, 8 disturbance calls, 1 missing person call, 2 larceny calls, 1 assault call, 2 warrants, 3 wrecks, 1 Breaking and Entering, 1 sexual assault and 2 felony drug possessions.

**Parks and Recreation:** Mayor Pro Tem Efird deferred to Head of Parks and Recreation, Daniel Smith. Mr. Smith reported that we are little over half way through with our youth soccer season and we will soon be starting with youth basketball. We will start signups this week and we are still planning to have Oakboro Basketball Teams. We continue to have different baseball tournaments at the park. We have a charity softball tournament coming up this weekend that Chief Smith has put together for the last couple of years. We're hoping to host the National Model Boats Championship next year. This event will bring people from all across the country and Canada.

**Water and Sewer:** No Report

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement:** Efird wanted everyone to know that we've had a general zoning change in Oakboro. Our R-9, which is some of the smaller lots in town – in the past, you could build apartment or multi-family homes. We've basically taken the R-9 and changed it where it's only for single family dwelling. We've added a new classification, which is R-9 Multi Family. This will give us a way of controlling where our growth will occur, it will control not having apartments in a residential area. If anyone

would like, they can come before the Zoning Board to get their lots changed to R-9 Multi-family.

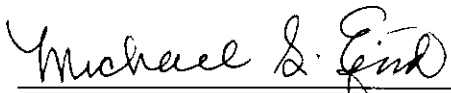
**Board Member Comments:**

Commissioner Huneycutt wanted to congratulate Chief TJ Smith. We know you're going to do a great job for the Town of Oakboro and you have the Board's confidence. He also wanted to thank all of the Town's employees for jobs well done. He especially wanted to thank Daniel Smith for his hard work and dedication at the Park.

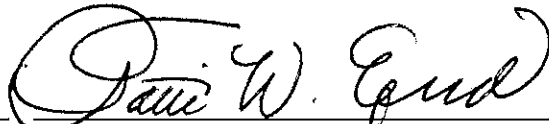
Mayor Pro Tem Efird commented that it was great riding through town and seeing a building with "Oakboro Police Department" on the window. He commended Chief Smith for the work he has done on getting this new office up and running and furnishing it with such a small budget. He got such great deals on all of the furniture and things. He has done a fantastic job and I hope that everyone will take the time to stop by to see what an awesome job he has done. It's an asset to our town.

Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adjourn meeting.  
Commissioner Huneycutt seconded motion and it carried.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.



Mike Efird, Mayor Pro Tem



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk

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