

# **Town Of Oakboro**

## **Board of Commissioners Minutes Public Hearing Regular Scheduled Meeting February 19, 2018 6:30 PM Briefing 7:00 PM Meeting**

**Mayor Burgess opened the Public Hearing for any comments – for or against – changing the zoning from R-20 to R-15 on a parcel of land that adjoins the Kanter Woods Subdivision in Stanfield, NC 28163. No one having signed up to speak, Mayor Burgess declared the Public Hearing closed.**

**Mayor Burgess welcomed everyone and called the Board Meeting to order. The Clerk took the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efir, Commissioner Broadway, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess, Commissioner Little. Commissioner Harvey was not present.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burgess.**

**Commissioner Broadway had Pastor Smith lead devotions.**

**Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Efir seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2018. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt approved the accounts payable in the amount of \$175,628.19. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

**Leonard Harvell: (Chairman of Planning and Zoning Board for Town of Oakboro) Mr. Harvell stated that when he came back on the Planning and Zoning Board that he meant to stay positive and do whatever he could to help Oakboro get the zoning, needed for growth. He pledged that whatever the**

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**Planning and Zoning Board brings to the Board will be worked on, hard and steady, to make sure it's for the good of Oakboro. He wanted to know who would be enforcing Oakboro's zoning violations.**

**Chris High: (Secretary of Planning and Zoning Board for Town of Oakboro) Mr. High voiced his concerns over lack of zoning enforcement in Oakboro, especially on Main Street and also voiced his concerns with the leadership of the Oakboro Police Department.**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance – Commissioner Harvey: In Commissioner Harvey's absence, Mayor Burgess offered that the Board needs to discuss "filing fees" for the upcoming election. He also stated that it has been \$25.00 for Commissioners and \$25.00 for the Mayor.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to set the filing fee for office at \$25.00. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Cemetery and Streets – Commissioner Efird: He wanted to report that there is paving going on at James Road and Coble Road. There's also paving and repairs, happening soon, on Pecan Drive.**

**Police Department – Commissioner Broadway: He recognized Chief Smith with the Oakboro Police Department. Chief Smith reported that there was 1 DWI arrest for last month, 151 calls of service, 473 documented field contacts. There were 28 citations given. He recognized Ms. Laura Emery and Chris Drye to update the Board on Project First Step.**

**Ms. Emery stated she was here to give updates for Project First Step. She works with Atrium Health and has been a nurse for 28 years. The project came about due to the increasing overdoses in Stanly County. All health entities in Stanly County are deeply concerned. This is a police-assisted program to help people that want to turn in their drugs and get help. 30% are able to stay clean. She discussed the 5013C funding and different aspects of the program and praised the people in this community offering that it's one of the best boards she has been affiliated with.**

**Chris Drye: He is with 33 Recovery. He stated that late last summer the Chief of Police contacted him, he had a man in custody trying to give him**

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**an opportunity to seek treatment after being released from jail. Since that time in August, 2017, they have partnered up, helping people in the Oakboro area; helping almost 30 people. He stated that Chief Smith is doing an awesome job in this part of the county. He gave credit to Chief Smith for his leadership and guidance.**

**Chief Smith recognized Oakboro Police Officer, Bryce Kaus – he has attained his intermediate Law Enforcement Certification. Captain Craig Richards recognized Oakboro Police Chief, TJ Smith as he has attained his advanced Law Enforcement Certification. He stated that he had known Chief Smith for over 13 years and this Certification is what Law Enforcement officers strive for.**

**Chief Smith reported that the Oakboro Police Department were going to be picking up trash in selected neighborhoods. He asked if anyone would like to volunteer, they would be more than welcomed. It will start with warm weather.**

**Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Efirid. He recognized the Head of Parks and Recreation, Josh Almond. Mr. Almond reported that the park had its two-year inspection in accordance with the Part F Grant. Kyle Smith with Recreation Resources Service came to Oakboro District Park. He left very impressed with our park system and what we have to offer our citizens, here, in Oakboro. Carolina Green from Indian Trail came to Oakboro District Park and did some work, edging, some of our fields.**

**Mayor Burgess stated that we need to start thinking about prices for renting the new Community Building at District Park. He suggested that the Commissioners have a work session to work on this.**

**Water and Sewer – Commissioner Huneycutt: No report**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement – Commissioner Efirid: The Planning and Zoning Committee is still working with Michael and Ashley Little on coming up with a plan as to how to approve their building on Beverly Drive. He says that they are looking at making some changes/addendums to R-A as to removing ability to put mobile homes on property.**

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**Commissioner Efird made a motion to adopt the Annexation Ordinance for Jeff Smith's tract of land adjacent to Kanter Woods. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Board Member Comments:**

**Commissioner Little: She thanked so many for coming out tonight and congratulations to Chief Smith and Officer Kaus on their awards.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt: He thanked everyone for their efforts they are putting into Project First Step. He thanked Chief Smith and Officer Kaus for the efforts they put into achieving their awards. He is hoping those achievements will make the newspaper. He thanked everyone for attending.**

**Commissioner Broadway: He said he would echo Commissioner Huneycutt's and Commissioner Little's statements.**

**Commissioner Efird: He thanked everyone for coming to meeting.**

**Mayor Burgess informed everyone that there would be a 5-minute break and the Board would resume in Closed Session. He thanked everyone for attending.**

**Commissioner Little made a motion to go into Closed. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Closed Session: No action taken**

**Commissioner Efird made motion to go into Open Session. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Broadway made a motion to purchase storage building for District Park for \$4905.16. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

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**This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018**

  
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**Doug Burgess, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efirid, Town Clerk**