

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners Minutes Public Hearing Regular Scheduled Meeting October 16, 2017 6:30 PM Briefing 7:00 PM Meeting

Mayor Burgess opened the Public Hearing for any comments – for or against - changing the zoning on .891 acres - a vacant lot at W. 8th Street in Oakboro from R-9 to Industrial. No one 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 and Commissioner Harvey.

The first order of business was to welcome a new member to our Board of Commissioners. Former Mayor, Joyce Little, has agreed to fill TJ Smith's term until the next election. Mrs. Little was asked to come forward and Mrs. Little's granddaughter, Rachel Young, held the Bible for her while she was sworn in. Mayor Burgess told Commissioner Little that it was a pleasure to have her on the Board after having served 14 years as the Mayor of Oakboro.

Mayor Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Harvey had devotions.

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

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes from September 18, 2017, September 25, 2017 and October 9, 2017. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$78,969.98. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Burgess read a Proclamation "Thank you for your Service" that the Stanly County Register of Deeds would ask that we adopt.

Commissioner Little made a motion to proclaim Tuesday, November 7th, 2017 as Veteran's "Thank You for Your Service Day". Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

Open Forum: No one signed up to speak.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Harvey reported that ending the month of September we should be at 25%. Our revenues in General Fund are 34%, Expenses are at 25% and with our Enterprise Fund our revenues are 31% and expenses are at 45% and that includes the payoff of debt.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Efird reported that the patching of the pot holes around town should begin tomorrow, October 17, 2017, starting with pot holes on Railroad Street. The speedbump at Oak Glen subdivision will be added while they are patching. Currently all street lights have been repaired are working.

Police Department: Commissioner Broadway recognized Chief Smith. Chief Smith reported that in the last month, Police Department had issued 41 citations, 2 arrests, 90 calls to service and 522 business/neighborhood checks.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efird recognized Josh Almond head of Oakboro Parks and Recreation. Mr. Almond stated that he appreciates the opportunity to serve the Town of Oakboro. He reported that 20 dead trees were removed. Rodney Hahn with Parks and Rec. says they did an excellent job. Fall Soccer is underway and running smoothly. Last week the Stanly County Cross Country Championships were held at District Park with a very big turnout. Registration is now open for K-5 Basketball. With that, there's been a hiccup as the Oakboro Gym has already been reserved for the year. We are trying to work thru that with the person that reserved

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the gym and looking for opportunities outside of Oakboro. We have been presented with an opportunity to host a chain saw carving benefit/BBQ competition sometime next year – possibly April. Almond will be back with the board when he has more information.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt had no report.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird made a motion to change the zoning for Joel Thomas from R-9 to Industrial on .891 acres on vacant lot at W. 8th Street. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Efird stated that we need two members for Oakboro's Planning and Zoning Board. He has talked to two individuals that have agreed to serve. Chris High lives in Victoria Place and Josh Russell lives on Pecan Drive. They've agreed to either be alternate or regular members.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to appoint Chris High and Josh Russell to the Planning and Zoning Board for Oakboro, NC. Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried.

Board Member Comments:

Commissioner Efird: He wanted to personally thank Joyce Little for joining the Board and filling this position. It is his distinct pleasure to have her here and he looks forward to working with her. And everyone else here, for whatever reason you came, thank you for being here. If there is anything we can do for you or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come to us and we will be glad to help you, if possible.

Commissioner Broadway: No comment

Commissioner Huneycutt: He echoed Commissioner Efird sentiments toward Joyce Little. He thanked everyone for showing their interest as well. He also thanked Oakboro's employees, specifically the Oakboro Police Department.

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Commissioner Harvey: She thanked Joyce Little and welcomed Josh Almond. She looks forward to all the good things he will do for the Park.

Commissioner Little: She thanked the Board and the Mayor for having the confidence and the trust in appointing her to fill out TJ Smith's seat until the next election. She has a great love for the Town of Oakboro and for the citizens. She uses the philosophy "treat people like you want to be treated". There will be tough decisions to be made but she will always hold Oakboro's best interest at heart.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to go into Closed Session.
Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried.

Closed Session: Action Taken

Commissioner Broadway made a motion to go into Open Session.
Commissioner Harvey seconded the motion and it carried.

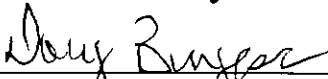
Commissioner Broadway made a motion to put Commissioner Huneycutt as the "third signature" on checks. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to award the contract to build the Community Building at District Park to Terry Smith Construction with the lowest bid in the amount of \$720,020.00. Joyce Little seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote. Commissioners Efird, Broadway, Huneycutt and Little voted for. Commissioner Harvey voted against.

Commissioner Little asked what portion of this money is Part F funds. Mayor Burgess answered that we got \$139,400.00 from Part F and \$50,000.00 from the Cannon Foundation. The rest will come out of the fund balance.

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

This the 16th day of October 2017.



Doug Burgess, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk