

# **Town Of Oakboro**

**Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
January 22, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**Mayor Little opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She had the Town Clerk call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efir, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith, Mayor Little and Commissioner Watkins.**

**Mayor Little recognized special guests in our audience, Boy Scout Troop 202 with Mission Baptist Church. She asked them to come up and lead the Board Room in the Pledge of Allegiance. They did so.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt had devotions.**

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

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2018. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$72,816.25. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Eddie Carrick reported on his audit for the Town of Oakboro. He stated that pages 3 – 11 from audit report would be the most beneficial pages to view. He gave Oakboro a “clean opinion”. Audit reports are on file at the Oakboro Town Hall.**

**Tim Pressley, Toys for Tots Coordinator and Commandant Paul Hummel with VFW Post 2908 in Albemarle presented Oakboro Police Chief, T. J. Smith with the “US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Commander’s Award” for the stellar job he did with the Toys for Tots drive in Oakboro on December 5, 2018. 499 Toys, 16 Books, 22 Bicycles and 161 articles of clothing were collected.**

**Carolyn Coffey asked to speak before the Board of Commissioners. She is very concerned about a situation going on at the property across from her house. Jimmy Furr is living in a storage shed with no electricity or running water and she knows that drugs are involved because he has told her so.**

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**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to conduct a Public Hearing on February 18, 2019 in regards to discharging firearm in the city limits. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance: Town Administrator, Doug Burgess: He reported that we are on track with our budget.**

**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins – No report given.**

**Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt recognized Chief Smith. Smith reported that in the last month, his officers conducted 1042 Business checks, gave 98 citations, served 4 warrants and conducted 280 calls of service. Chief Smith also reported that he has been having numerous calls about gunfire in the city limits and as Oakboro has no “discharging firearm in city limits” ordinance, his hands are tied. He asked that the Board adopt such an ordinance.**

**Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Smith recognized Head of Parks and Rec, Josh Almond. Almond reported that soccer registrations would be starting very soon and that Oakboro has partnered with Locust and Midland. He also reported that the Sr. Softball League would be hosting 2 tournaments at the Oakboro District Park**

**Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efirm reported RDR had constructed and installed the replacement of an existing manhole and adjusted 2 existing manholes.**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efirm wanted to address Ms. Coffey. He thanked her for attending and speaking tonight. He stated that Oakboro does not have an ordinance that deals with the situation that she spoke about, However, he has contacted Stanly County and we’re looking at adopting a “minimum housing standards” ordinance into our Town ordinances. It will spell out the requirements that we will require – running water, a roof, heating, electricity – etc. This Board will be meeting very shortly with them to get this in the works. Efirm wanted her to know that until this Board gets that ordinance in place, there’s not much that can be done about this situation other than a \$50.00 fine. It will be happening in the near future. He further reported that the Planning and Zoning Board met earlier in the month and it was a great meeting with people that really**

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**care about Oakboro. The P&Z board is looking at updating Oakboro's Ordinances this year.**

**Board Member Comments:**

**Commissioner Efird: He stated that it's always a pleasure to have the public at the meetings and the Board is always willing to listen and help with any problem.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt: He echoed Commissioner Efird's comments. He appreciates everyone for attending.**

**Commissioner Smith: He thanked the good-looking group of Boy Scouts. He was impressed with all of their merit badges on their sashes. He also thanked TJ Smith for doing not only what's required but going beyond for our Town. He also thanked Doug Burgess for looking after the monies – it's very important and we don't have a margin for error.**

**Mayor Little thanked everyone for attending, especially the nice-looking group of Boy Scouts. She also thanked all of the employees of the Town of Oakboro for their hard work.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to go into Open Session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Action Taken**

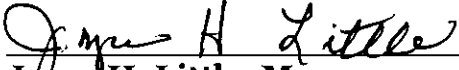
**Commissioner Efird made a motion to buy 8 AR-15 assault rifles. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

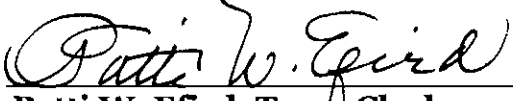
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**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to buy Dr. Bobo's property at 223 West Third Street in Oakboro for \$180,000.00 to use at the Oakboro Police Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to continue meeting until February 5, 2019 at 7:00PM. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019**

  
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**Joyce H. Little, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk**