

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners Minutes January 21, 2020 6:30 PM Briefing Public Hearing at 7:00 PM Followed by Regular Meeting

Mayor Little opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was to hear comments, for or against, a request from Joseph Burleson to have a voluntary annexation of a vacant piece of land off of Hatley Burris Road (+/- 20 acres) as Phase 3 of the Forrest Creek Subdivision. Mr. Burleson addressed the Board giving them an overview of what he has planned.

With no one else signing up to speak, Mayor Little declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Little opened the Board of Commissioners meeting and welcomed everyone. She had the Town Clerk call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efirm, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith, Mayor Little, Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Jackson and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by the Mayor.

Commissioner Jackson had devotions.

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

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 16, 2019. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$74,122.48. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Tim Pressley with Toys for Tots addressed the Board. He wanted to thank the Oakboro Police Department. He presented the United States Marine Corps. Reserved Toys for Tots Commander's Award to the Oakboro Police Department for their 2nd annual Cop on the Top for outstanding support of

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the Stanly County Marine Corp. League 2019. That night, 968 toys, 1266 stocking stuffers, 76 books and 43 bicycles were donated. The total for the county was 5696 toys that went to 1519 children in Stanly County. This is all due to community support. He wanted to give the award to Chief Smith and the entire Oakboro Police Department.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to accept the bid from Ken Smith in the amount of \$21,400.00 for the town's land on the corner of First Street and Dorsett in Oakboro. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Cindy Feis addressed the Board for the third time with barking dog issues. She says it's affecting her health and she's not happy with the noise ordinances for Oakboro. She's not pleased with the way the Oakboro Police and Town has handled this problem that she has dealt with for 9 years. She read definitions of a noise disturbance and the word repeatedly. She was hoping she could talk to the town's attorney but never got a call. She feels she has been given the run around from everyone. It's affecting her family as they are tired of hearing her gripe. She feels that the neighbors are taunting her and that two have threatened her. She counted 27 dogs in a 2 1/2 block radius. She would like for the Board to take "30 minutes" and "8:00 Am until 10 PM" out of the noise ordinance. She played recordings of dogs barking. She has been given several options of how to handle the situation but none have worked. She wants the police department to enforce the \$50.00 fine for violating the noise ordinance.

Doug Hinson with Gideons International presented the Oakboro Police Department with New Testaments.

Open Forum:

Paul Hinchcliffe, the owner of The Cup and Cone in Oakboro was requesting a cross walk in front of his business. He did some research about some studies and programs. He would like for the Board to look into this to make the town safer for pedestrians.

The Mayor responded to Mr. Hinchcliffe that this very topic was brought up before the Greater Oakboro Business Association meeting and our Town Administrator is looking into it.

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Peter Ascitutto went before the Board to let everyone know that he's running for Stanly County Commissioner. He was a former Commissioner from 2012-2016 and would like our support.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Town Administrator, Doug Burgess: As far as our budget is concerned, it should be around 50%. The General Fund is at 64% and revenue 53% - Water is 51% Revenue and 49% expenditures – Sewer is 67% revenue and 52% expenditures. We are well within the range as we should be.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins had no report.

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt: He referred to Chief Smith. Smith reported that his department conducted 1598 business checks, 338 calls of service, 3 warrants served, 198 citations written and 155 of those were for 15+ mph over speed limit with several in the school zone. He's had complaints about tickets being given and he wants everyone to know that these aren't bogus tickets and a car traveling 15+ over speed limit in our town puts us at risk for wrecks or even death. Commissioner Huneycutt expressed his appreciation for our police department for their dedication to our community.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Smith has no report.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird: He reported that our Town Administrator has been working with the State as we had a State Inspection on our sewer lines. We continue to work on our I & I throughout the town. During this inspection they actually did find that one of our manholes, that we paid to repair, was leaking. That is being worked on.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird: He recognized Chief Smith. Smith reported that Smith Banemanivong with Penny's Restaurant needs a new awning as the cedar shake awning is in dire need of repair. He's wanting to put up a red metal awning but our Historical Preservation District (Zoning Ordinances) will not allow this particular type of awning. He brought this before the Planning and Zoning Board and they sent it to the Commissioners to decide. He also reported that he's been

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working on two Minimum Housing issues. One on Swift Rd. The owner is in the process of getting that property taken down. Also, the owner of a property on Center Street and Eighth Street is willing to get his properties taken care of.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to set a public hearing to rezone a piece of property on the corner of First Street and Dorsett from R-15 to R-9M for February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to annex, into the Town of Oakboro, the 20 +/- acres on Hatley Burris Road that adjoins the Forrest Creek Subdivision as Phase III of that Subdivision. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to allow Smith Banemanivong from Penny's Restaurant to install a metal awning. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith was concerned but had noticed the inconsistency within the town as to awnings and such. He wonders if it puts us in a precarious position. He thinks it should be addressed.

Chief Smith offered that the Planning and Zoning Board has two workshop dates set to discuss some of our ordinances that need to be updated or changed. The two dates are February 22nd and February 29th.

Mayor Little asked if the Historical Committee is it still functioning. She was told that it is not, but the Planning and Zoning Board takes over when that committee is not functioning. Mayor Little wanted to know if this would be handled quickly or drawn out over a 6-month period.

Commissioner Efirm retracted his motion to allow Smith Banemanivong to install a metal awning and wait until after the Planning and Zoning Work Session. Commissioner Jackson agreed.

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

Action Taken in Closed Session.

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

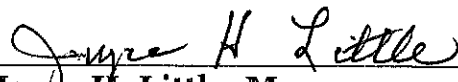
Commissioner Smith made a motion to hire Trevor Dry as a fulltime employee with Parks and Recreation for the Town at \$13.00 per hour. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the Property Use Agreement from the Mediation of the Town of Oakboro vs. Kendale Huneycutt contingent on the addition of "all cars must be behind the fence or inside the building and work on only 1 vehicle at the time" and added within 5 days. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

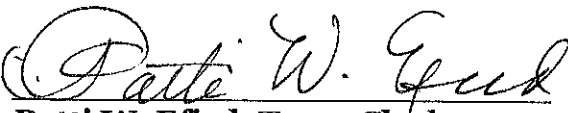
Doug Burgess wants everyone to look at the Personal Web Page and Internet Site Policy. We will address this at the next meeting.

Mayor Little continued this meeting until February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

This the 21st day of January, 2020.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk

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