

Town Of Oakboro

**Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Public Hearings
Followed by Regular Meeting
July 15, 2019
6:30 Briefing
7:00 Meeting**

Mayor Little opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was to hear comments, for or against, concerning TAB Properties, LLC requesting an annexation of 3.91 acres on South Coble Avenue. As no one signed up to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Little opened the 2nd Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was to hear comments, for or against, concerning a Text Amendment change to Ordinance 19, for the purpose of repealing Section 1 Enforcement and Penalties. As no one signed up to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Town Clerk called the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efir, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith, Mayor Little, Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Jackson and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess.

Mayor Little led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Watkins had devotions.

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

Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2019 and June 27, 2019. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$117,315.31. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the annexation of 3.91 acres on South Coble Avenue knowing that the Town of Oakboro will not be taking over the streets, for TAB Properties, LLC. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Text Amendment change to Ordinance 19, for the purpose of repealing Section 1 Enforcement and Penalties. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Open Forum:

Betsy Stewart Heath wanted to publicly thank the Oakboro Police Department for a job well done with security at the Oakboro Fourth of July Celebration and the traffic control.

Department Updates:

Budget/Finance – Doug Burgess, Town Administrator reported that for the year ending, excluding water and sewer, we’ve actually got a \$75,000.00 deficit – mainly due to the renovations of the building. The Water fund actually has a \$270,000.00 positive and sewer a \$9,000.00 positive.

Cemetery/Streets – Commissioner Watkins: He had been by to see the patching on College Street. He wanted to make sure a man on College Street could get his limbs picked up from his magnolia trees. Doug Burgess told him that the town cannot come on the man’s property, he would have to bring them to the street for pick up.

Commissioner Efirid added that the NCDOT has begun the bypass move and moving the stoplight to Railroad Street. We will be seeing some major changes to our town very soon. He also talked about the problems with wrecks at the Big Lick intersection. The NCDOT has a round-a-bout project to be completed in the summer of 2021. The surveying and design will be starting soon.

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt – He referred to Chief of Police, TJ Smith. He commented on having such a busy month – with moving into the new Police Department and the Fourth of July celebration and calls coming in about unusual heavy traffic on a local road. They did a search of the property finding that the man was on probation and was in possession of Meth, Adderall and drug paraphernalia. He had just gotten out of prison and is, now, back in jail. He also reported that, for the month, his department wrote 226 citations, 175 speeding tickets (all over 15 mph over speed limit), 7 arrests, 223 calls to service, 890 business security checks. He urges people to watch their speed. They hope to have an open house in August.

Commissioner Smith asked Chief Smith about surveillance in the interrogation room. Does the fact that cameras are involved have to be divulged? Chief Smith explained that cameras are always involved, especially with a Maranda interrogation. If it is a non-custodial interrogation, the person (s) will be informed that cameras are involved.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to add \$3375.99 to the OPD line item in the budget for IT equipment. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Smith: Josh Almond was on vacation. Doug Burgess reported that the Boat Battles were held at Oakboro District Park, last week, and it brought people from New York, Canada, Maryland, Texas, Missouri and other states. It created revenue for the town.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efirm: nothing new to report.

Advisory Board: Commissioner Efirm: He recognized TJ Smith, Zoning Enforcement Officer – Smith reported that he is diligently working with our attorney, Al Benshoff, concerning central business nuisance violations. He's hoping that everyone has noticed several main street businesses are cleaning up. Once the central business is cleaned up, they will concentrate on the outlying streets and businesses. Smith is going to put together an informational packet for Commissioners concerning Golf Carts (General Statute, Town's policy, designated Golf Cart roads and rules and regulations.) He wants a concise list of Dos and Don'ts for 2020.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Efirm: He wanted to thank the OPD for the great job they did during the 4th. He realizes they were spread thin but no major incidents occurred – everything was handled smoothly. Efirm said it was the best atmosphere he had ever seen for a 4th of July event. He also thanked the OPD for handling, so efficiently, a wreck involving his family as the parade traffic was leaving Oakboro. He wanted to thank Chief Smith for working over and beyond, all the time, as he puts in a lot of thankless hours. He wanted the Chief to know that there's people in town that notice and appreciate his efforts.

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Commissioner Efirid also wanted to thank Rodney Hahn, a diligent worker for parks and recreation department. Rodney is the one that was mowing at the ballfield and noticed a random RV hooked up to power and sewer with a lot of tire marks in the grass. He turned it into Chief Smith and it actually turned out to be a pretty good drug bust.

Commissioner Efirid also wanted to thank Leon Dennis with Sewer and Streets. Anyone at the parade knows how much candy and water and different things were being thrown out to on-lookers. This leaves our streets in a mess as a lot of trash was left behind. On the 5th of July, Efirid went downtown very early in morning – Leon Dennis was already working hard and he had those streets clean as a pen before anyone knew what was going on. He did a fantastic job and deserves a big thank you.

Commissioner Huneycutt: He thanked the Town's employees and thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Smith: He Thanked the OPD and TJ Smith for a great job. He has been to several highway/road committee meetings. He had no idea how much tax money is spent on roads. He also commented on Hands Free driving – stating that 19 states have adopted this. His problem is that our legislative representatives didn't give it enough support for it to get out of committee. He has a problem with people texting and driving. It's as dangerous to text and drive as drink and drive. He notices people texting with children in the car.

Commissioner Watkins: He wanted to say he saw our Police Department working first hand.

Commissioner Jackson: She voiced a "job well done" to the OPD. She appreciated the officers in South Oakboro, during the 4th event, walking the streets. It eased resident's minds knowing they were out in force. She also stated that she had family from New York over the 4th and they commented on how easy the traffic flowed, leaving the fireworks on Thursday night. She was thrilled that the potholes on Pine Street were filled.

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

Closed Session – Action Taken

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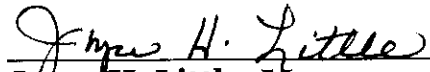
**Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go back into Open Session.
Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Jackson made a motion to allow town to hire a part time
employee in the office at \$13.00/hour. Commissioner Smith seconded the
motion and it carried, unanimously.**

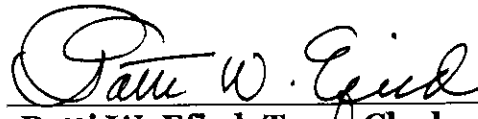
**Commissioner Huneycutt approved Bryson Whitley to complete his Eagle
Scout project at 205 Park. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and
it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Commissioner Jackson seconded motion and it carried, unanimously.**

This the 15th day of July, 2019



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk

