

Town Of Oakboro

**Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Public Hearing
Followed by Regular Meeting
September 16, 2019
6:30 PM Briefing
7:00 PM Meeting**

Mayor Little opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was to hear comments, for or against, a request from Doug Burgess to have zoning changed from R-15 to R-9 on a parcel of land at the corner of East Tenth Street and Long Street in Oakboro.

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

Mayor Little opened the Board of Commissioner's meeting and welcomed everyone. She had the Town Clerk call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, 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 Mayor Little.

Commissioner Efird had devotions.

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

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$86,874.72. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

DECISION ON PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Efird made a motion to allow the zoning change for Doug Burgess at his parcel of land on the corner of East Tenth Street and Long Street from R-15 to R-9. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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OPEN FORUM:

Kendale Huneycutt: Mr. Huneycutt addressed the Board and said he was going thru the Web Page for the Town of Oakboro and it says that Oakboro is a business-friendly town that still keeps small town warmth and charm. He stated that since he's been in business all these years and he's kind of half there and half not because he has a lot of things to take care of, he is so disappointed in everyone on the board – everyone he's looking at – even the Mayor. He stated that his daddy built that place in 1955 and it's been there for a long time – for the ones on the Board that think that place is a junk place, have forgotten how it got there. It started from the bottom and worked its way up. It's never been in foreclosure; it's never had any problems. He stated that he has been picked on all these years, and he will solve that soon. It bothers him when he opens up envelope after envelope after envelope and he's cleaned and cleaned and cleaned. He stated that he's cleaned across the street just like he told Mr. Spears that he would take care of it. But that wasn't good enough for the Town of Oakboro because the town wants to run him in the ground. He says that he has a \$50.00 per day fine and he isn't even there half the time. He also stated that he has a \$1500.00/day fine at property on 138. He asked what the town wants him to do....then said he didn't want to know what the town wanted him to do because he's disappointed in everyone on Board. He stated that Commissioner Huneycutt did come down to the shop and try to talk to him. He said that the two had it going on for a while until the Commissioner did things that really irritated him. He was scared to death a kid was going to get under a jack stand holding vehicles. He asked if it was okay for Joel Thomas to have jack stands under a bush hog – he wanted to know if Mr. Thomas was talked to. He stated that his brother, Kevin Huneycutt had jack stands under a vehicle, did anyone say anything to him? He asked why the Board is picking on him. He wants to know what it will take to stop this and what kind of crap does he need to go through.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Budget and Finance: Doug Burgess: He reported that the revenues in the General Fund were at 9% and should be 17%. He stated that we don't get our tax money in until the first part of the year and we've had a lot of expense so our revenues are 9% and expenses are at 19%. Water revenue is at 18% and expenditures at 14%. Sewer revenue is at 42% and again, we get money in soon from the sale of the Waste Treatment Plant. Our

expenditures are at 21% and that is higher due to buying a lot of E-1 pumps and we get money back for those.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins – No Report

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt: He referred to Chief TJ Smith. Chief Smith reported that his department had 1181 business and residential checks, 233 calls for service, 7 arrests, 148 citations with 111 of those speeding over 15 miles over the speed limit.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Smith referred to the head of Parks and Rec, Josh Almond. Mr. Almond reported that he had fixed the issues at the old Community Building in regards to the uneven pavement. There is no longer an injury concern. He also reported that the Senior Softball League was finishing their season. Mr. Almond was on the Board of the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame. They had recently inducted two into the HOF. West Stanly High School recently hosted the Cross-Country county meet at the park. The Eagle Scouts recently put 13 bluebird boxes up at District Park. Commissioner Smith asked why the western end of Stanly County is rarely represented with the HOF nominations. Mr. Almond explained that those nominations come from anonymous recommendations.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird had no report.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird referred to Code Enforcement Officer, TJ Smith. Chief Smith reported that he and Captain Richards had gone through the town taking down illegal signs; some posted 20 feet up on poles. He is keeping the signs at the OPD in case anyone would like to pick it up. He also wanted to inform the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board had forwarded a favorable recommendation for a new business to open beside of Butch's Auto Parts. It will be called "Main Street Cup and Cone". It will go before the Project Review Committee in Albemarle very soon. He will offer coffee, desserts, donuts, ice cream, WI-FI with minimal seating capacity.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jackson: No comments

Commissioner Watkins: No comments

Commissioner Smith: He stated that he's glad Kendale Huneycutt spoke. He said that he didn't like to disappoint anybody. He said that they didn't know each other that well but he remembers Mr. Huneycutt's uncle and dad. He wasn't sure if he was being out of line, but just wanted to talk. Commissioner Smith stated that he had not had a conversation with Kendale Huneycutt and doesn't know how all of this will play out. He says he's not trying to separate himself from the Board but personally speaking as a friend, he would like to learn more about Mr. Huneycutt's take on all of this. He asked Mr. Huneycutt if he minded if he had a conversation with him. He would like to learn something from it. When someone tells him that he has disappointed them and even though he is on the board, he doesn't know exactly where Mr. Huneycutt is coming from. He appreciates Mr. Huneycutt attending the last several meetings. He asked Mr. Huneycutt if he can stop by and have informal conversation with him. Mr. Huneycutt agreed to it.

Kendall Huneycutt stated that all of this couldn't have happened at a worse time. He says that every two hours of the day he goes help his Mother. He says he has people that stay with her around the clock. He further stated that Oakboro is supposed to be the old family place that you talk to someone to get something taken care of. You're not supposed to have to bread somebody's pocket. We are automatically supposed to be a Christian about it and try to resolve the problem. It bothered him the most when he showed that he would comply and he actually admitted that he was wrong for the junk beside the church. He states that he took advantage of that. When he was in school and got picked on, after about the 3rd time, he fought back. He feels like he has to fight back now. He thought everyone around Oakboro was supposed to help each other.

Commissioner Huneycutt: No comment

Commissioner Efird: No Comment

Mayor Little wanted everyone to know that Eco Plexus would be having a public meeting at Oakboro Baptist's Fellowship Hall on September 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM. It will be an informational type meeting.

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

Closed Session – Action Taken

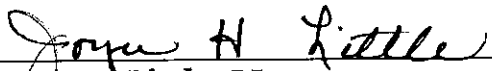
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**Commissioner Jackson made a motion to back into Open Session.
Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to allow the selling of the Town's
property on 1st street and for Doug Burgess to handle the details.
Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

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

This the 16th day of September, 2019.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk

