

# Town Of Oakboro

**Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
August 17, 2020  
Public Hearing – 7:00 PM  
Followed by  
Regular Meeting**

**Mayor Little called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the public hearing is to invite public comment, for or against, a proposed voluntary annexation by Joseph Burleson on behalf of Debra Cress et al for 27 +/- acre tract of land on Hatley Burris Road as the newest phase of Forrest Creek Subdivision.**

**Dustin McIntyre signed up to speak against the voluntary annexation. He owns land adjacent to this particular property. He is unhappy with the growth as he just built a house and was hoping it would be secluded. He's worried about years of construction, buffers, noise issues, cars on Hatley Burris, impact on the town and schools. He's afraid that Oakboro will lose its quaint reputation.**

**Joseph Burleson addressed the Board. He reminded everyone that tonight was just for a voluntary annexation. They've not decided what will happen on this piece of property. It is compliant with the 2020 Growth Plan and the land use maps. It's near the water/sewer lines. Charlotte Pipe is bringing growth and this will be a nice development to patronize local businesses. Hatley Burris is a DOT maintained Road with a maintenance agreement.**

**Commissioner Efird asked Mr. Burleson if the greenspace could be adjacent to the McIntyre property. Mr. Burleson said he would definitely keep that in mind.**

**With no others signed up to speak, Mayor Little declared the public hearing closed.**

**Mayor little welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Oakboro Board of Commissioners and 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.**

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**The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.**

**Commissioner Jackson had devotions**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to amend the Agenda to add Joseph Burleson seeking approval of phase 3 of the Forrest Creek Subdivision. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$76,699.76. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2020. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to call for a Public Hearing on September 21, 2020 for a Text Amendment Change to our zoning ordinances allowing Railroad in our permitted uses.**

**Open Forum:**

**Betsy Heath addressed the Board with concerns about the amount of police officers on duty at night. She understands that 2 have quit recently and another has been out on sick leave. She suggests that the Commissioners do a ride along with night time officers.**

**Lynn Huneycutt addressed the Board. She wants the speed bump sign taken out of her yard, the word "ahead" removed and the sign placed beside the speed bump. She suggests that people come to the GOBA meetings.**

**Lloyd Austin addressed the Board. Mr. Austin was representing the Lion's Club of Mint Hill. Also representing the Lion's Club of Mint Hill was Scott Jeffers. They have a 5K planned and the town of Mint Hill will not let them hold it on 9-12-2020. They are hoping that the Town of Oakboro would please let them hold it at District Park. They've taken every precaution to keep people safe. Not only will they wear masks and take proper sanitary precautions, the runners will all start at a "socially distance "staggered time.**

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**Lee Huntley addressed the Board. He's concerned about the fire hydrants on Hamilton Road as they aren't working properly. He's also concerned about a ditch that routes water into his yard flooding his garden. He lives at 506 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He also is concerned about the speed limit on 205 heading towards Monroe. It is 45 mph when it should be 35 mph to be consistent with all other roads leading out of town.**

**There was discussion about the Voluntary Annexation from the Public Hearing.**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to give a Conditional Approval for the Voluntary Annexation pending approval from the Oakboro Project Review. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion. It carried by majority with Commissioner Smith voting no.**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Budget and Finance: Commissioner Jackson referred to Doug Burgess for a report. Mr. Burgess reported that the expenses are always up at the beginning of a new fiscal year due to insurance renewals. The General Fund had 4 % revenue with 12% expenditures, Water had 9% revenue with 10% expenditures and Sewer had 34% revenue with 13% expenditures.**

**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins gave no report.**

**Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief Smith. He reported that his officers conducted 610 business checks, 148 calls to service and 77 citations. He also reported that Officer McLendon would be coming back for light duty and Sgt. Kaus would stay on police force instead of resource officer.**

**Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efirm had no report**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efirm and the Board discussed the approval of phase 3 of the Forrest Creek Subdivision sent to the Board with a favorable recommendation from the Oakboro Planning Board.**

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**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve phase 3 of the Forrest Creek Subdivision's preliminary plat with a favorable recommendation by the Oakboro Planning Board and approved by Oakboro Project Review. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efirm wanted to address Food Trucks in Oakboro. At the last meeting, he thinks there was some confusion. A private citizen is letting the town use his land for Food Trucks. The only cost to the Town will be us taking over the payment of the street light. This property is at the corner of Wade Road and Hwy 205. It has ample parking, plenty of space for several food trucks, lights and room for picnic tables. It's safe for everyone. Commissioner Efirm has already talked with the owner of Whataburger, Luna's, Los Jacobes and Hot Diggidy. They are all on board stating that it will be a place that everyone will know where to find them.**

**Commissioner Efirm also stated that he would like to close West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street during special events such as the cruise-ins, parades and any special event going on in the town. Vendors can set up along both sides at no cost. We will try this for a while, at no cost, to see how it works out.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to use the land at the corner of Wade Road and Hwy 205, pay the street light bill and close W. 3<sup>rd</sup> street during special events, for vendors, at no cost until the end of the year. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

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

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

**ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to raise the water/sewer rates at \$1.00 per 1000 gallons. Any usage at 2000 gallons and under will remain the same. This rate increase will begin September 1, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

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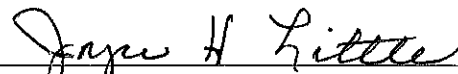
**Commissioner Smith made a motion to make Brayden Eudy a full-time employee at \$12.00 per hour, beginning with next pay period. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to raise employee pay by \$.55/hour as a cost of living raise. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Jackson made a motion to allow the Mint Hill Lion's Club have a 5K run at Oakboro District Park on September 12, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

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

**This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.**

  
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**Joyce H. Little, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk**

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