

Town Of Oakboro
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Public Hearing
Followed by Regular Meeting
May 17, 2021
7:00 PM

Mayor Little called the Public Hearing to order. The purpose of this public hearing is to hear comments, for or against, the following request for a text amendment change, amending Oakboro's Zoning Ordinances by adding "Cluster Development". Having no one sign up or come forward to speak for or against, Mayor Little declared the public Hearing closed.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag was led by Mayor Little.

Commissioner Watkins had Devotions.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2021. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$247,766.95. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to adopt the text amendment change for Cluster Development as written to the Oakboro Zoning Ordinances. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Jennifer Crawford, Stem Coach with Oakboro Stem School. She first announced that Oakboro was awarded the "Stem School of Distinction" award this year. This is a big deal and the town is very proud. She presented

to the Board Members a plan that the school would like to put into place in regards to an agricultural program. It will only take about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre of the 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres that the school sits on. She described all of the animals she would like to include. She was told she would need to present this to the Oakboro Planning Board at the next meeting on June 8th.

Department Updates:

- **Budget and Finance:** Commissioner Smith called on Town Administrator, Doug Burgess, for his presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget. (Copy Attached) The Public Hearing will be advertised and this copy of the budget will be in Town Hall for public review up until that time. Mr. Burgess further reported that as we are in the 10th month of our fiscal year, we should be at 83%. In the General Fund, we are at 103% for expenses (due to paving) and 99% for revenues. In the Water Fund, we are at 92% for expenses and 72% for revenues. In the Sewer Fund, we are at 102% for expenses and 83% for revenues.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve this 2021-2022 Budget to go before a Public Hearing on June 21, 2021 for adoption. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith read the 2021-2024 budget ordinance for the funds from the “ARP” American Recovery Plan (attached) in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Water and Sewer. Commissioner Smith also wanted to commend Doug Burgess on handling the town’s finances so well.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt and accept this ordinance for the American Recovery Plan funds for Water and Sewer in the amount of \$250,000.00 for 6-15-21 – 6-30-24. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

- **Cemetery and Streets:** Commissioner Hathcock reported that he has been checking on the streets. He has completed the East side and is almost finished with West side. He is aware of many pavement failures that need to be repaired. He noticed that Mr. Burgess had the alleyway behind Huneycutt Tire scraped and graveled.

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- **Police Department:** Commissioner Huneycutt called upon Chief Smith for a report. Smith reported that he anticipates the Oakboro Fourth of July celebration to be double that of past celebrations. He is meeting with other Chiefs and Fire Department to make plans. He further reported that the K9 officers were back with their dogs. The K9 officers and dogs are training next week on tracking and obedience. The first neighborhood watch program was held at Stoney Run. They will be putting up “neighborhood watch” signs, soon. They will be holding one at The Oaks at St. Martin before long. He also reported that he is involved with a risk management review with the NCLM. If certified we could save up to 16% on liability insurance. The OPD had 63 citations for the last 4 weeks. Commissioner Huneycutt read the mutual aid agreement (attached).

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to adopt the Mutual Aid agreement. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

- **Parks and Recreation:** Commissioner Watkins. The Head of Parks and Recreation, Josh Almond gave an update on the Stanly County Sports Hall of Fame. It wasn't possible to have this event last year due to Covid19. This year it will be held virtually. It will be Monday night at 7:00 pm. at Stanly Community College. We will be able to access their zoom platform. He can provide log-in information for anyone wishing to watch. Brandon Beane, Charles Kirk and Craig Cortes are the inductees this year. Mr. Almond also reported that the Farmers Market has started up and would appreciate our support.
- **Water and Sewer:** Commissioner Efird reported that the town hired a company to come in to help us designate some of our problem areas for I & I. They located some such areas in the Bo Run Subdivision. Those have been repaired and they've moved on to other areas. This week's report from maintenance dept. is so big, he didn't even try to read it to everyone. 6 handwritten pages of what they've handled since the last meeting. It's a lot. Efird had an opportunity, this past Saturday, to see up close and personal what these men go through as a major water leak happened right across from his house on Hwy 205. He wanted to recognize some individuals: Reggie Bowers, Leon Dennis, David Lamb, Rodney Hahn and Doug Burgess. This started

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about 8:30 AM Saturday morning and went on until about 4:00 PM. It was a blow out of a 12-inch line that was about 5 ½ feet deep. Many know that our maintenance director is battling some health issues right now, and these guys are extremely knowledgeable individuals – they showed up and handled a major crisis. I wish that everyone in the town could have watched to see how professionally this was handled. Oakboro is blessed to have these men working for our town.

- **Advisory Board/Code Enforcement:** Commissioner Efird reported that he's working with Joseph Burleson who is wanting to annex land for 209 lots on Hatley Burris Rd. They have more steps to go through with this property. He's still working with Phillip Austin and John Teal in regards to addition to Rocky River Storage. He has remodeled the old police department into a zoning office and conference room. Several new house permits have been applied for and a retaining wall for Charlotte Pipe.

Commissioner Huneycutt added that he would like to thank the Mayor, The Board of Commissioners, the town's employees for all they do for the town especially through the pandemic.

The mayor wished Leslie Murray a very happy birthday, today!

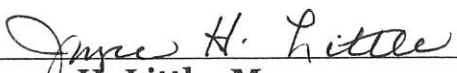
Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

No action taken in Closed Session.

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

This the 17th day of May, 2021.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk



**2021-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE
Town of Oakboro, North Carolina**

Commissioner Smith introduced and read the following ordinance and made a motion for adoption. The following was the resultant vote:

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning June 15, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, according to the following schedules:

Schedule A/Water & Sewer

**Total Water & Sewer
Funds from ARP**

\$250,000

Joyce H. Little
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ATTEST:

Patti W. Efid
Patti Efid, Town Clerk



