

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

September 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor Little opened the Public Hearing. Tonight's Public Hearing is to invite public comment, for or against, a text amendment change in the Oakboro Zoning Ordinances Appendix 1. Table 1. To add "Railroad, including railroad siding(s)" as permitted uses in the Manufacturing and Industrial District.

With no one wanting to speak, Mayor Little closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Little welcomed everyone and asked the Town Clerk to call the roll with the following Board Members present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Little, Commissioner Watkins, Commissioner Jackson and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Commissioner Smith did not attend the meeting.

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

Commissioner Efird had devotions.

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

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$79,744.57. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the minutes from August 17, 2020. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Dorothy Jackson addressed the Board with a concern. She requested a 4-way stop at the intersection of West 4th street and Center street. With people speeding thru that intersection it is very dangerous for the children walking or on their bikes. Ms. Jackson also made the Board aware of a sinking drain on West 4th.

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Jackson called on Doug Burgess for a report. Burgess reported that with the General Fund, revenue is at 14% and expenditures are 21%. (He explained that we had not yet received our taxes). Water is 17% revenue and 17% expenditures. Sewer is 40% revenue and 19% expenditures. Sewer revenue is higher because we get a lump sum payment at the first of the fiscal year.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins had no report

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief TJ Smith. Smith reported that 126 citations had been given, 223 escorts, 9 arrests and 691 business checks.

Parks and Recreation: In Commissioner Smith's absence, Commissioner Jackson referred to P&R Head, Josh Almond. Almond reported that the Fall Soccer Season was cancelled due to Covid 19. The application for the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant has been submitted and we should hear something next month. The play grounds are open and they are disinfecting them as best they can. With so many people at the park, it's impossible to disinfect between each child on the equipment. A sign is posted to that effect. The bathrooms are updated with new paint, refinished floors and new partitions. Throughout this Covid 19 period – since March – the park usage has remained extremely high – sometimes higher than normal. Understandably our revenue was down for a couple of months but now the ballfields are being utilized every night. There was a kickball tournament a few weeks back as a fundraiser and the picnic shelters are starting to rent out again. The 5K from Mint Hill seemed to be a big success.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner had no report this week.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efirm referred to Chief TJ Smith. Smith reported that we had received 1 sign app., 1 temporary sign app., 1 annexation request, 3 accessory building apps., 1 new build, 1 structural repair. 4 warning citations were given.

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Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the text amendment change in the Oakboro Zoning Ordinances Appendix 1. Table 1. to add "Railroad, including railroad siding(s)" as permitted uses in the Manufacturing and Industrial Districts. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to set a Public Hearing for October 19, 2020 to hear comments, for or against, rezoning the property at the corner of East 8th/N. Main (the old Baucom's garage) from Neighborhood Business to Highway Business. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The Board discussed Ms. Dorothy Jackson's request for a 4-way stop sign at W. 4th/Center. Commissioner Watkins stated that one is also needed at College/4th for the same reasons.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to have a 4-way stop sign installed at the intersection of W. 4th street and Center street as soon as possible. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to have a 4-way stop sign installed at the intersection of College street and 4th street as soon as possible. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

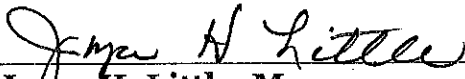
Closed Session – No Action Taken

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

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Mayor Little continued this meeting until September 28, 2020 at 6:30 in order to interview a possible Police Officer in Closed Session.

This the 21st day of September, 2020.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efirid, Town Clerk