

## Board of Commissioners Minutes Monday, April 18, 2022 7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Huneycutt welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Town Clerk called the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hathcock, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Watkins and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Mayor Little was absent from meeting.

Commissioner Huneycutt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioner Efird had devotions.

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

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$995,336.57. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Jay Voyles, Assistant Public Utilities Director and Chairman of Oakboro's Planning Board, spoke to Oakboro's sustainable growth, retention and safeguarding communities and what it would take to attract new businesses and restaurants.

Rhonda Bunn with the Albemarle YMCA spoke for the "Summer Enrichment Program" and welcomes Oakboro's involvement again this year. Doug Burgess assured the Board that the \$3000.00 is already in the new budget.

Michael Greene from Albemarle wanted everyone to know that he's running for Stanly County Clerk of Court as a conservative republican and he would appreciate votes.

Lee Huntley said that he has water coming across his property and would like for someone to check it out.

Andy Hinson and Anthony Graves spoke to the danger of cell towers and how they should not be allowed.

## **Department Updates:**

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Smith. Smith referred to Town Administrator Doug Burgess. Burgess reported that the Commissioners need to vote on approving Eddie Carrick as our Auditor.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Eddie Carrick to audit accounts. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt the Utilities and Maintenance Capital Improvement Plans for April, 2022. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Hathcock. He reported that a lot of patching has gone on around town and the speed bump on Hamilton had been shaved down. He also reported that there will be a "clean-up" in town this Saturday and anyone can participate.

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt. He referred to Chief TJ Smith. Smith reported that the BJ Hill Ice-cream event was a huge success. He also reported that his officers made 21 arrests, 155 calls to service and 434 business and neighborhood checks.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Watkins. Watkins referred to Josh Almond, Head of Parks and Recreation. He reported that the new paving at the park looks great and he's also applying for the bicycle and sidewalks grant.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird. Efird referred to Reggie Bowers for a report. Bowers reported that they had fixed 3 major water leaks, set new meters, had a glitch with the water tower that is now fixed, set several new E-1 pumps, have 8 more ready to install and his crew painted the new speed bumps.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Federal Clean Water Act to construct a study on a waste water system project as replacement of existing gravity sewers. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird. Efird reported that our attorney is finishing up the UDO and the latest copy will be brought before the board, soon. He also stated that there are 600 new residential sites before the Planning Board and that the new UDO will help us prepare for these.

Commissioner Efird also reported that Kathy Liles is currently working on our new 20 Year Comprehensive Growth Plan and will be holding public hearings and sending out public surveys.

**Commissioner Comments:** 

Commissioner Efird: He wanted to thank everyone for attending and for their concern for our town. He also stated to Mr. Huntley that he was sympathetic to his situation and would definitely look into a remedy.

Commissioner Hathcock: He agreed with Commissioner Efird's comments and asked those in attendance to bring a neighbor to meetings.

Commissioner Watkins: No comment

Commissioner Smith: He thanked everyone for attending and appreciated the good information given.

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

This the 19th day of April, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem. Chris Hunevcutt

Oakboro Town Clerk, Patti W. Efird