



**Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Monday, February, 21,2022  
7:00 PM**

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**Mayor Little welcomed everyone and had the Town Clerk call 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 Smith had devotions.**

**Mayor Little asked to have something added to Agenda that was left out. She requested that the Wooten Contract be added right after the Contract Approval on Agenda.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Agenda with the Wooten Contract added. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$944,905.09. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Town Attorney, Al Benshoff, presented a Sponsorship Policy regarding fundraising (Attached to minutes). It states that all fundraising for charitable events should be handled thru the town and approved by the Board of Commissioners.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt the Town of Oakboro Special Events Sponsorship Policy. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Town Attorney, Al Benshoff, presented a Public Records Policy and Procedure – (Attached to minutes). The Town should be charging a \$25.00/hour fee for any work over 4 hours to pull Public Records. This would need to be added to fees in an amended budget.**

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Public Records Policy and Procedure. Commissioner Efirid seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Town Attorney, Al Benshoff, presented a Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of the Town of Oakboro approving an installment Financing contract to finance Equipment for a \$3 million Sanitary Sewer Improvement. (Attached to minutes)**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oakboro, North Carolina, approving an installment financing contract to finance equipment and delivery thereof and providing for certain other related matters. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Town Administrator, Doug Burgess, presented the Wooten Contract – agreement between owner and Engineer for professional services - to the Board. (Attached to minutes) It is for System Development Fees for new development.**

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Wooten Contract for \$23,000.00 with Stanly County reimbursing the Town of Oakboro \$12,500.00. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

**Megan Almond: She introduced herself to the Board and stated that she is running for District 1 with the Stanly County School Board. She comes from a military family. She's for freeing up from mandates, No CRT taught in our schools and a PayScale upgrade.**

**Sinka Fair-Kenerly: She stated that she has met with people of the southside of Oakboro and they feel ignored. They want speedbumps removed as they are liability for elderly citizens. She reported that several pipes were uncovered on streets – dirt and trash – abandoned homes – overgrown trees. She believed that the Chief should not be on probation and people will be able to vote for honest people in the next election.**

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance: Commissioner Smith referred to Doug Burgess for a report. Mr. Burgess reported that with the General Fund the revenues are at 78% with expenditures at 66% - Water Fund revenues are at 68% with expenditures at 62% - Sewer Fund revenues are at 77% with expenditures at 67%.**

**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Hathcock. He reported that he would have the speed bumps ground down into speed humps when weather was better.**

**Police Department:** Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief Smith. He reported that his department gave 91 citations, 159 calls for services, 14 arrests and 585 field contacts.

**Parks and Recreation:** Commissioner Watkins referred to Josh Almond, Head of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Almond reported that basketball season is ending and Soccer registration will be ending Friday with many signing up. He also reported the Town of Oakboro is taking over the REA field for upkeep.

**Water and Sewer:** Commissioner Efird: He reported that much progress has been made with the new lines. He has been busy with the town's purchasing of easements for the water line. This new water line will not only benefit Charlotte Pipe, it will go down Hamilton Street with a 6-inch water line and hugely impact the water pressure in that area. He encouraged everyone to go see the progress at the water tower and Charlotte Pipe on Lighthouse Road. They could be producing test pipe later this year.

**Advisory Board/ Code Enforcement:** Commissioner Efird reported that there could be a new 130-acre Business Park in the South side of Oakboro.


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

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**Closed Session – No Action Taken**

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

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Joyce H. Little, Mayor

  
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Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk

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