

# Town Of Oakboro

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JULY 19, 2021 7:00 PM

Mayor Little opened the meeting, 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 United States Flag was led by the mayor.

Commissioner Hathcock had devotions.

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

*Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.*

*Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$214,561.59. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.*

### OPEN FORUM:

1. **Shelby Ashcraft:** She was looking for an update to what was being done at 422 W. Second Street. Commissioner Efird assured her that he had been working on it for weeks and is having a hard time in getting the owner of the property to return his calls. He is going to have the town mow the grass. Mrs. Ashcraft also wanted to know why no police officer could be found on the night of June 2, 2021 when a fight broke out.

2. **Vivian Little:** She is very concerned about the parking and partying on Rock Church Road. People parking in the street are causing Waste Management trouble with their big trucks. People are partying until early morning. She would like some help with this. She also described an

incident on June 2, 2021 where there was a fight in that area and she called the police and no one showed up. She drove around looking for one. Commissioner Huneycutt said he would look into this.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

- **Budget and Finance:**

*Commissioner Smith made a motion in regards to the American Rescue Plan Act and their funds to designate our Town Administrator, Doug Burgess, to take all actions necessary on behalf of the Town Board to receive these funds. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.*

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Commissioner Smith referred to Doug Burgess for a report. Mr. Burgess reported that with the end of the fiscal year and after budget amendments the Revenues for General Fund were at 95% and Expenditures were at 97%. Water Revenues were at 114% and Expenditures at 89%. Sewer Revenues were at 120% and Expenditures at 88%.

- **Cemetery and Streets:**

Commissioner Hathcock reported that Cash Grading has moved in to start cleaning up the trees from Allison Branch. A lot of potholes have been patched around town. He wanted to know if maintenance can address sides of road at Galilee Church – maybe add stone, if possible.

- **Police Department:**

In Chief Smith's absence, Commissioner Huneycutt reported that the OPD had 187 calls for service, 1 felony larceny, 645 business checks and 174 citations. 119 of those citations were for speeding. He wanted to commend every department for their hard work during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

- **Parks and Recreation:**

In Josh Almond's absence, Commissioner Watkins had no report for park. Watkins did add to the mayor's comments about reducing fees for using our community building at Oakboro District Park. It was discussed by Board.

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***Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to change District Park Community Building rental fees, immediately, to: All Day: Outside resident \$800.00 – Inside resident \$700.00 – nonrefundable \$350.00 cleaning fee stays in place. Setup fee: (chairs and tables) \$100.00. Partial Day: 4 hour minimum – Outside resident \$75.00 – Inside resident \$50.00 with a refundable \$250.00 cleaning fee if left clean – will be inspected by Josh Almond. Setup fee: (chairs and tables) \$100.00. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.***

- **Water and Sewer:**

**Commissioner Efirm called upon Reggie Bowers for a report. Bowers reported that again this week, his department has been working on I & I with Mark Cash Grading – concentrating on Oak Glen with broken pipes repaired. Sewer lines were re-smoked. Forest Creek Subdivision will be the next subdivision to be smoked. Lightning hit 3 pumpstations and burned up the dialers. Those have been repaired and are back in working order. He has installed 1 e-1 pump and 2 are in ground waiting on completion of property before starting up. 10 water meters were installed. The company that he buys e-1 pumps from has increased their price by 4%. The price was \$4297.00 and have gone to \$4768.00.**

**Commissioner Efirm added that at the last meeting, Engineer Stephen Chambers was here to report on bids for the water tower and water line. The low bidder for the water tower was Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors LLC \$2,167,000.00. Also, the low bid for the water line was State Utilities Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,794,567.40.**

***Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the water tower bid from Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors LLC in the amount of \$2,167,000.00. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.***

***Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the water line bid from State Utilities Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$2,794,567.40. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.***

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- **Advisory Board/Code Enforcement:**

Commissioner Efirm reported that the Planning Board met on July 13, 2021 and had a long discussion on animals inside city limits. The Planning Board is going to ask for some help and guidance from Stanly County Agriculture for recommendations. Once that is handled the Planning Board will put something together to bring to this board.

Also, Efirm reported on Itinerate Businesses and fees. Right now, our fee schedule states the cost is \$75.00 for a period of 90 days. Commissioner Efirm recommends that these fees should be good for 365 days instead of 90 days.

*Commissioner Efirm made a motion to change the Itinerate fees to \$75.00 for a period of 365 days. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.*

Commissioner Efirm also wanted everyone to know that he's been busy purchasing water and sewer easements to serve not only Charlotte Pipe but some other individuals along the way. Almost all of the water easements are handled and sewer easements are being handled.

The mayor wanted to extend the Board's sympathy to Bryce Kaus and David Daigle on the passing of their fathers.

Doug Burgess stated that Commissioner Efirm was being a little too modest. He has probably saved the town \$70,000.00 in purchasing contracts getting the easements himself. The contractor that was going to do these easements was going to charge \$1500.00 per easements so you can see the money Commissioner Efirm has saved us.

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

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
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Joyce H. Little, Mayor

  
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Patti W. Efirm, Town Clerk