



**Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Public Hearing
Followed by Regular Meeting
November 22, 2021
7:00 PM**

Mayor Little opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear comments, for or against the Town's application to secure a \$3,000,000.00 loan to pay for improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system and infrastructure. The sewer system improvements will service Charlotte Pipe and Foundry and other customers.

With no one signing up to speak, Mayor Little declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Little opened the Regular Meeting and asked the Town Clerk to call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hathcock, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Little, Commissioner Smith and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Commissioner Watkins did not attend meeting.

We pledged allegiance to the United States Flag and Commissioner Efird 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 October 18, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$566,043.73. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Eddie Carrick reported on the recent Audit he conducted for the Town of Oakboro. The town, once again, got a "clean opinion". The town has to respond to the new mandatory questions to the NC Treasury. Mr. Carrick would like to help with the wording.

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Open Forum:

Lorrie Hatley asked when minutes from June – September, 2021 would be put on Website and if notices concerning Board meeting changes could be put on Facebook.

David Heath would like to see a statue of Ted Lilly somewhere in Oakboro. He voiced that he had talked with many around town and they felt the same way due to the good will, friendliness and compassion for his fellow man that Ted promoted his entire life.

Decision on Public Hearing:

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to apply to obtain the funds for the \$3,000,000.00 loan. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Smith called upon Doug Burgess for a report. Mr. Burgess reported that for the previous month the General Fund revenues were at 54% and expenditures at 37%. The Water fund revenues were at 43% and the expenditures at 33%. The Sewer fund revenues were at 52% and the expenditures at 44%.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Hathcock reported that more patching was going on in town and he is keeping his eyes on water drains.

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt called on Chief Smith for a report. The Chief reported that his department had conducted 582 neighborhood and business checks, 80 citations, 163 calls to service and 5 arrests.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked Chief Smith for standing on building for Toys for Tots to help raise money and toys for disadvantaged children.

Parks and Recreation: The head of parks and recreation, Josh Almond, reported that Stanly County has a grant program that are trying out this year. Mr. Almond would like to apply for that grant for a specific project at Oakboro District Park. He would like to use it to pave the gravel parking lot

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and pave around the concession stand to make it more handicap accessible. It would be a “match grant”. The County would pay \$10,000 and the Town would pay \$10,000.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to give Josh Almond permission to apply for the grant. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird called on Reggie Bowers for a report. Bowers reported that his department has been replacing close to 50 of the old manual read meters with radio-read meters. State Utilities has about 3000 feet of the new 12” water main completed. A few of the sewer pump stations have given some problems that have been repaired – they’ve worked on several E-1 pumps and have installed some of the new E-1 pumps at new houses.

Mayor Little read a letter from Lorrie Hatley rescinding the complaint against Zoning Officer, Mike Efird.

Advisory Board and Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird reported that he and attorney Benshoff continue to work on the 160D. The deadline is July 1, 2022. We have a draft now and we’re currently going thru it, line by line, to make certain it’s correct. He hopes to bring it before the Zoning Board by February. The town has to update its Comprehensive Land Use Plan which runs out in 2022. The state mandates that this be updated for another 20 years. Commissioner Efird met with Ms. Kathy Liles from Carthage who works on this kind of land use plans and they are working out details to move forward. If we can work out a price, she thinks she could be finished in late May, 2022. This is very important, if not completed by 7-1-22, our entire zoning ordinance becomes unenforceable. Efird further reported that in the next month we will be looking at the preliminary plat for the Oaks at St. Martin. Joseph Burleson did get final paperwork on that today. We may need a Public Hearing at the next regular meeting to move forward with the approval process. In regards to Blue Dot Concrete, he should hear from them this week as far as the project they are proposing. As far as Bojangles, the lot they originally were interested in can’t get a clear title so they are looking at other lots but, as of now, it’s a no-go.

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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 back into Open Session. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Action Taken in Closed Session.

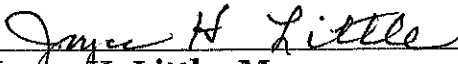
Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion for a 1 time pay increase for town employees for December 2021. Full time employees will get \$300.00 and part time employees will get \$100.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to raise David Lamb, Sr. to \$17.50 per hour. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

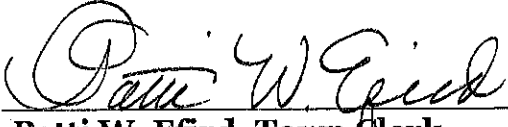
Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to enter a contract with Stanly County for maintenance of in-car police radios for \$900.00 a year. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

This the 22nd day of November, 2021.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk