



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes
September 20, 2021
7:00 PM**

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.

Devotions by Commissioner Smith.

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

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16, 2021. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$184,637.36. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

No one signed up for open forum.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Smith referred to Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Mr. Burgess reported that with General Fund: Revenues were at 9% and Expenditures were at 19%. Water Fund: Revenues were at 22% and Expenditures were at 14%. Sewer Fund: Revenues were at 39% and Expenditures were at 27%.

Mr. Burgess also reported that the police department was requiring new radios. The cost is \$63,456.58.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to purchase new OPD radios at a cost of \$63,456.58. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to amend the budget to reflect the cost of the new police radios in the amount of \$63,456.58. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Hathcock reported more patching and paving should start up in October with the Powell Bill monies coming in.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Watkins referred to Josh Almond, Head of Parks and Rec. Mr. Almond reported that he was looking at an Outlay Grant that would be \$10,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 match. He and Doug Burgess would be looking at different projects to pursue.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird reported that the process for the new water lines on Wade Rd. will be beginning very soon. Oakboro has several big projects going on and they are well into the process for the new water tower for Charlotte Pipe. They continue to work on I and I with all lateral lines repaired. Now they will start on the 12' lines to be repaired.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird requested from the board that the "Zoning Enforcement Officer" be allowed to call for a Public Hearing as long as he has all required and necessary information and has completed each task necessary to call the hearing. This would save weeks in the process, instead of him having to wait for the Board to meet once a month – he could do everything necessary to have the public hearing at the next scheduled board meeting.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to allow the Zoning Enforcement Office the permission to call for Public Hearing as long as he has done all required and necessary work to call for one. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

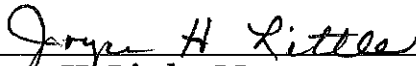
Commissioner Efird also reported that with one of the water easements that he's trying to complete, the homeowner's home loan would come due, immediately, if they sign an easement with Town. Our attorney, Al Benshoff, offers that the best remedy for this would be for the town to condemn this property under eminent domain, then the homeowners would not have to deal with the bank's requiring entire loan due.

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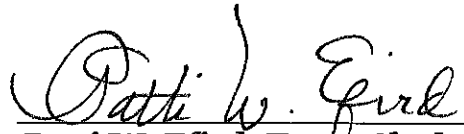
Commissioner Efird made a motion to condemn, under eminent domain, 597 square feet for a permanent water easement and 300 square feet of temporary construction easement at 305 E. 1st Street in Oakboro. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

This the 20th day of September, 2021.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk

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