



**Board of Commissioners
MINUTES
Monday, August 15, 2022
Public Hearing 7:00 PM
Followed by Regular Meeting**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to hear comments, for or against, a request for a major subdivision located at 21479 E. Eighth Street, Oakboro, NC. With no one signing up to speak, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Little opened the regular 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.

Commissioner Bud Smith had devotions.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to amend the agenda to add "attorney/client privilege" to the Closed Session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from July 18, 2022 and August 1, 2022. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$301,011.99. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The Decision on the 2042 Comprehensive Land Use Plan was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to name the street entering Oakboro District Park "Larry Branch Drive" and have an unveiling in the fall. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Attorney Al Benshoff started a discussion on Moratorium on Subdivisions. There was much discussion.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the formal moratorium on building and keep single family houses but subdivisions at the Board's discretion. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Attorney Benshoff said he would circulate a draft as the hard part is in the details.

Open Forum: No one signed up.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Smith referred to Town Administrator, Doug Burgess, for a report. Mr. Burgess reported that as for the General Fund – Revenue was at 8% and Expenditures at 12%. (Due to the fact that all insurances became due at the beginning of the fiscal year.) Water Fund – Revenue was at 7% and Expenditures at 6%. Sewer Fund – Revenue was at 20 % and Expenditures at 9%.

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Hathcock reported that he was looking into speed humps for Stoney Run and “children at play” signs were installed this week.

Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief Smith for a report. 88 reports for services, 320 field contacts, 59 citations and 5 arrest.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Watkins referred to Josh Almond, head of parks and rec. Mr. Almond reported that he had 105 kids signed up for soccer – that program is growing. He should be hearing about the Bicycle Grant before the end of August.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efir welcomed Tommy Kost as he has been battling an illness and referred to Reggie Bowers for a report. Mr. Bowers reported that his department had set 6 new meters, replaced 4 old ones, repaired 4 water leaks, flushed lines to raise the chlorine level as it dissipates in summer months, installed E-1 pumps at 4 new houses, inspected 4 more and repaired 2 E-1 pumps. He also reported that a recent lightning storm completely destroyed the two pumps and controllers at the Rosegate Pump Station. He had to have station pumped out by AL Lowder until a pump could be located. Mike and Patti Efir drove to Simpsonville, SC and picked one up on July 25, 2022 as it couldn't be delivered for a week or two.

His crew has also been clearing ditches, scraping roads and installing new road signs.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird discussed the previous Public Hearing for a request for a Major Subdivision. He reported that the fees had been paid, it was sent to the Planning Board with a favorable recommendation from the Project Review Committee. It was then presented to the Planning Board and they sent it to the Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation to adopt.

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to allow the Major Subdivision for 21479 E. Eighth Street, Oakboro, NC. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Watkins voting no.

Commissioner Efird also reported that the Oakboro Board of Adjustment had recently approved a "Special Use Permit" for Mr. Binkley at 109 E. Fourth Street, Oakboro, NC. Mr. Binkley will be allowed to live in a dwelling behind the building that he is turning into a restaurant/bakery. There was a vote of 5-0.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Watkins says he's good.

Commissioner Smith said that he is glad that Larry Branch would be getting recognition due to his hard work for the Town of Oakboro.

Commissioner Huneycutt agreed with Larry Branch being recognized and thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Hathcock also agreed that it was great Larry Branch would have his name on the street and it would honor his family.

Commissioner Efird thanked everyone for attending meeting.

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

Closed Session – Action Taken

Commissioner Smith made a motion that Attorney Al Benshoff should proceed with a Resolution to handle unanswered nuisance letters in Kanter Woods Subdivision. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to allow the HOA to handle unanswered fence issues in the Forrest Creek Subdivision. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to go back into Open Session. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

This the 16th day of August, 2022.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk