



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
December 19, 2022
Regular Meeting
7:00 PM**

Mayor Little opened the first public hearing to hear comments for, or against, the annexation of Parcel Number 650302698005 located on Alonzo Road, and owned by Olympic Acquisitions of Oakboro, NC into the corporate limits of the Town of Oakboro, NC. No one spoke for or against this and the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Little continued with the second public hearing. This public hearing is to hear comments for, or against, the closing of a lane located on Parcel Number 650301386688 West Second Street, Oakboro, NC. No one spoke for or against this the second public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Little welcomed everyone and asked the assistant town clerk to call the roll. Commissioners Mike Efird, Lanny Hathcock, Chris Huneycutt, and Bobby Watkins were present. Commissioner Bud Smith was absent. Mr. Doug Burgess, Town Administrator was also present along with Chief TJ Smith, Mr. Reggie Bowers with public works, and Mr. Josh Almond with parks and recreation.

Commissioner Huneycutt led the devotion time reading from Philippians 2:1-5.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to follow the agenda as printed. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to follow the agenda as printed and Commissioner Watkins seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022 as printed. Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022 and Commissioner Huneycutt seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$503,366.29. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$503,366.29. Commissioner Hathcock seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

Mayor Little recognized Aftermath Cares for a presentation to Sergeant Eschert and K9 Joker. Aftermath Cares presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to our K9 unit. They also thanked the duo for their service.

Mayor Little called for a decision regarding public hearing number one. A motion was made by Commissioner Huneycutt to annex this property on Alonzo Road into the Town of Oakboro town limits. Commissioner Watkins seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

Mayor Little called for a decision regarding public hearing number two. A motion was made by Commissioner Efird to close the alleyway off of West Second Street. A second was made by Commissioner Hathcock. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

Open Forum

No one signed up to speak during this time.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Commissioner Smith referred to Mr. Burgess for an update. Mr. Burgess reported that revenue in the general fund is at 82% and expenditures at 58%. In water fund, revenue is at 31% and expenditures were at 29%. With sewer fund, revenues are at 47% and expenditures are at 45%.

Cemetery and Streets

There was no report at this time on cemetery. Mr. Bowers covered the streets under Public Works.

Police Department

Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief Smith. Chief Smith started with the monthly report. Sixty-eight citations were given, there were 89 calls of service along with one supplement and one arrest. There were also 321 field contacts. Chief Smith informed the board that interviews were held with Payton James and Shane Allen. Chief Smith is asking the board to allow him to proceed with paperwork on both individuals. A motion was made by Commissioner Huneycutt and a second by Commissioner Hathcock to allow Chief Smith to continue with the paperwork for the hiring process.

Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Watkins referred to Mr. Josh Almond. He reported that basketball will be coming up soon. Mr. Almond updated the board on the grant. He also wanted to recognize Mr. Rodney Hahn, Mr. Steven Thompson and Mr. Travis Little for all of their work in the parks and recreation department especially this time of year.

Public Works

Commissioner Efird referred to Mr. Reggie Bowers. Mr. Bowers stated that in water this past month, six new water meters were set and they replaced five water meters. They also repaired two 2" water lines and started laying the 8" new water line in Phase B in Forest Creek Subdivision. With the new water tower, they have all of the plumbing done and waiting on the electricians to get started. In sewer, the department had two different 2" sewer lines burst so those were repaired. The department replaced three E-1 pumps. RDR has put in new valves and upped the pump station to a three-inch pipe and tied it in. They straightened up the pump station and it is in good shape now. Mr. Mark Cash is helping Mr. Bowers with finding I & I. A few places were found and repaired. Mr. Bowers is also working with Dellinger on Buster Road and waiting on electrical. In streets, the department has put stone on the dirt roads, put up new stop signs. Several of the side streets had brush leaning over and the department had been working on cutting this back in order for two vehicles to safely travel those roads. He wanted to let the board know he has good guys working for him.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement

There was no report.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Watkins stated that Tuesday morning when he went out of his house, water was running out of his garage to the drain. He got on the phone and called town hall who in turn was able to call Mr. Reggie Bowers who came immediately to help.

Commissioner Huneycutt thanked everyone for being present tonight. He stated he was thankful for all of the town's employees. He also wanted to recognize the police department and also K9 Joker and Sergeant Eschert for the award received tonight. Commissioner Huneycutt stated that as Mayor Pro-Temp he wanted to recognize the board members. At this time, he recognized the outgoing board members, Commissioners Efird and Watkins as well as Mayor Little for their hard work and years of service. Commissioner Huneycutt went on to say it was a privilege to serve on the board for 10 years. He feels all of the commissioners have become good friends. Commissioner Huneycutt respectfully resigned at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Watkins to accept Commissioner Huneycutt's resignation. A second was made by Commissioner Hathcock. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.

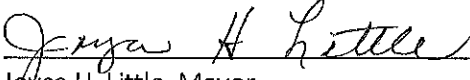
Commissioner Hathcock stated it was good to see the citizens at the board meeting, that it was always nice to a crowd of smiling faces. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also went on to thank Commissioners Watkins and Efird as well as Mayor Little for helping him along. He stated it has been an honor to serve with each person. He commented that if there was anything he could do for the board or the citizens to please let him know.

Commissioner Efird stated he had served nine years as commissioner. He's very pleased with the accomplishments the boards have made over the years. This position has not always been fun, but he has worked hard to do what was right for the town. As outgoing commissioner, he hopes he will be known for doing the right thing. Commissioner Efird wishes the new board much success as Oakboro will be growing and will require a lot of planning. He hopes the board will continue to work together.

Mayor Little stated she was very grateful for the time she has served as mayor as well as all accomplishments that have been made over the last 18 years. She wishes to thank a lot of people. First, she thanked Mr. Burgess, our town administrator. She stated what a great job he has done for the town and that he will continue to do if the town will listen to him and that he could keep the town out of trouble. Secondly, she thanked our attorney Mr. Albert Benschhoff. She thanked him for the great job he had done and for guiding us and stated that he was the one who could really keep us out of trouble. Next, Mayor Little went on to thank the office staff, Mrs. Patti Efird, Mrs. Leslie Murray and Ms. Beverly Parr for all of their hard work. She stated the office ladies would always help if needed. She went on to thank Mr. Efird for being the zoning and code enforcement officer. She feels like the town is on good grounds with Mr. Efird looking over things. She thanked Mr. Reggie Bowers, Mr. David Lamb, Sr, Mr. David Lamb, Jr. and Mr. Anthony Gasparini for all of his hard work. Mayor Little continued with the parks and recreation department. She thanked Mr. Josh Almond for the excellent job he did at the park along with the entire parks department, Mr. Rodney Hahn, Mr. Steven Thompson and Mr. Travis Little. She thanked Chief Smith, Captain Richards, Sergeant Eschert, Sergeant Kaus, Officer Field, Corporal Howard, Officer Hill as well as part time officers, Mr. Carey Money and Mr. Mark Shue for all the work done at the police department. Mayor Little especially wanted to thank K9 Joker and K9 Bane for their service. Mayor Little

said it has been a great honor and privilege to serve and she will continue to love the people of Oakboro and the Town of Oakboro. She concluded with a message to the new board and mayor by saying continue to love and support our employees and the town. She thanked everyone again for allowing her to serve and asked the Lord to bless each of the people in a special way.

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Watkins seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by the members present.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Leslie H. Murray, Assistant Town Clerk