



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
October 17, 2022
7:00 PM**

Mayor Little called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was a public hearing concerning the adoption of a moratorium on the processing of development applications and the consideration of development approvals for all major residential subdivisions and all other developments (both residential and non-residential) containing more than three dwelling units. No one spoke for or against this so the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Little welcomed everyone and asked the assistant town clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Hathcock, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Watkins were present. Doug Burgess, Town Administrator, TJ Smith, Chief of Police, Josh Almond, Parks and Recreation Director and Reggie Bowers, Maintenance Supervisor were also present. Commissioner Efird was absent.

Mayor Little asked everyone to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Devotions were by Mayor Little. She read from Joshua 24:15 and led us in prayer.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 and Commissioner Watkins seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$596,169.89. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable and a second was made by Commissioner Huneycutt. Voted and carried unanimously.

The next order of business was to adopt the resolution authorizing eminent domain to acquire real property regarding property in Kanter Woods on Bay Drive. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt this resolution. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

The next item is regarding the Stanly County Dog and Cat Ordinance. Mayor Little asked Mr. Burgess if there was anything he wanted to say on this topic. Mr. Burgess stated that the only thing we were doing is adopting Stanly County's ordinance for dogs and cats. We have to adopt their ordinance in order for Stanly County to handle our problems we may have. This is a formality. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to adopt the Stanly County Animal Protective Service. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

No one signed up to speak for open forum.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance – Commissioner Smith referred to Town Administrator Doug Burgess for an update. Mr. Burgess stated at this time, general fund is at 54% revenue and 36% expenditures, water fund is at 17% revenue and 15% expenditures, and sewer fund is at 29% revenue and 18% expenditures.

Cemetery and Streets – Commissioner Hathcock stated the town is still working on some drainage around town. He also reiterated that if the public sees anything that needs to be fixed to contact us and let us know.

Police Department – Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief TJ Smith. During the past month, there were 713 preventative patrols that included business and neighborhood checks, 122 incident reports which includes eight arrests and 87 citations.

Mayor Little requested for Chief Smith and/or another officer to be at the Oakboro Park for the Larry Branch Road Dedication on October 29 at 10am. Part of the road will need to be closed. Chief Smith stated he would be present.

Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Watkins referred to Josh Almond. Mr. Almond informed the board that the soccer season was being wrapped up and the town is currently involved in registering children for basketball. In the past month, the town park has hosted three cross country meets as well as the Rocky River Conference Championship. Mr. Almond updated on the grant stating that they have executed the agreement. The total cost of the grant is \$35,000. The town will pay \$3,500 and DOT will pay \$31,500. Mr. Almond will continue to update the board regarding the grant process.

Mayor Little wanted to let everyone know how thrilled she was that lots of people were utilizing the park. She states it's absolutely wonderful we have a park that people can enjoy.

Water and Sewer – Commissioner Hathcock and Mayor Little referred to Reggie Bowers who was present and reported to the board. In water this month, he stated that four new water meters were installed at new homes and they had replaced 8 old meters that had broken. They also installed 3 new water taps and had two water leaks. The new waterline was laid at the new townhomes.

Dellinger set the new wet well for Charlotte Pipe & are preparing to start tying that in. There were three E1 Pumps to work on. James Road pump station had some electrical problems they had to work on. In addition, the maintenance department had to work on three sewer leaks. Mr. Bowers stated that Mr. Mark Cash continued working to clean the ditches out as well as moving some trees after the hurricane.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement –

Commissioner Efird was absent. Commissioner Hathcock stepped in on his behalf. To begin with, the final plat approval for the town homes on Dorsett Street (Olympic Construction) was brought to the board's attention. Commissioner Hathcock encourages everyone to ride by and see the quality work that was done. He stated all of the required work had been completed. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the final plat for the town homes. Commissioner Watkins seconded. There were no questions from the board. Voted and carried unanimously.

The next item Commissioner Hathcock brought up was the Round About at Big Lick Road and NC 205. This is in conjunction with the Town of Red Cross. Commissioner Hathcock stated that Red Cross had already adopted this. Mayor Little questioned why Red Cross adopted this. Commissioner Hathcock

stated that the majority is in Red Cross town limits. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt this round about. Commissioner Smith seconded. There were no questions. Voted and carried unanimously.

The third item is regarding a resolution directing the clerk to investigate a property for voluntary annexation on Alonzo Road. Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adopt the resolution for the town clerk to investigate this voluntary annexation. Commissioner Hathcock seconded. There were no questions. Voted and carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mayor Little stated that we did have the public hearing regarding the moratorium. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt this moratorium. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Huneycutt wanted to clarify that this will go into effect immediately and will terminate December 5, 2025. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Watkins stated everything's good.

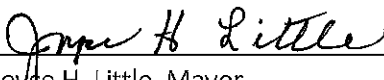
Commissioner Smith stated he felt like it was a nice gesture to recognize Larry Branch. It was very important to recognize those that had sizable contributions and impact on the town. This was something that should have been celebrated and he appreciated what she did to make it happen.

Commissioner Huneycutt wanted to thank everyone for being at the meeting tonight. He stated he wanted to make sure they were doing what they needed to be doing. He went on to agree with Commissioner Smith.

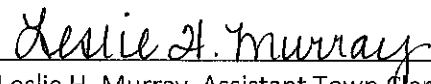
Commissioner Hathcock wanted to thank everyone for coming and mentioned Mr. Barnhardt and Mrs. Thompson. He offered her a chance to say something. She reminded everyone of the forum that was being held on October 18 at 6:30.

Mayor Little thanked everyone for coming and told everyone to have a great night.

Commissioner Hathcock made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Leslie H. Murray, Assistant Town Clerk