



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
September 19, 2022
7:00 PM**

Mayor Little called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was a public hearing concerning the creation of an annexation boundary between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro. No one spoke for or against this so the public hearing was declared closed.

The second order of business was a public hearing concerning the approval of System Development fees to fund costs of capital improvements necessitated by and attributable to such new development, to recoup costs of existing facilities which serve such new development or a combination of these costs, as provided in NC General Statutes, Chapter 162A, Water and Sewer Systems, Art 8 System Development Fees. No one spoke for or against so the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Little welcomed everyone and asked the assistant town clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hathcock, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Watkins were present. Doug Burgess, Town Administrator, Chief TJ Smith, Josh Almond, Parks and Recreation Director and Tommy Kost, Public Works Supervisor were also present.

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

Devotions were by Commissioner Watkins and he led us in prayer.

Mayor Little requested to amend the agenda to add an SRO (School Resource Officer) Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Huneycutt and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022. Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022 and Commissioner Hathcock seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Little entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$103,516.49. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the accounts payable and a second was made by Commissioner Watkins. Voted and carried unanimously.

The next order of business was to make a decision on public hearing #1. Commissioner Efird explained that this is a mutual agreement between Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro. The map enclosed in the commissioners' packets showed a line that both parties agreed on. No properties were divided in this line. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to accept this interlocal agreement between the Town of Red Cross and the Town of Oakboro. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Regarding public hearing #2, Commissioner Efird shared that system development fees were necessary to help offset the cost of new developments. These fees help pay for the cost of the new sewer and water systems that serve these areas. Commissioner Efird shared this is a study done by Wooten Engineering and prepared by our Attorney Al Benschhoff. Commissioner Efird made the motion to adopt the system development ordinance as written. Commissioner Hathcock seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

The next item is regarding the disposal of surplus property. This gives the town administrator the ability to dispose of surplus property owned by the town pursuant to GS 160A-266. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to allow the disposal of surplus property by the town administrator and Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Jesse Morgan with Morgan Chair wanted to introduce himself and stated that Friday night they had lost everything in a fire at his business in Stanfield. He has moved his business to 209 S Main Street and wanted to let everyone know that he will be bringing 25 guys to the town and was able to save jobs. Jesse gave the glory to God and to all the people helping him get back up and running.

David Heath spoke and wanted to make an announcement regarding the candidates' forum sponsored by GOBA (Greater Oakboro Business Association) on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Oakboro Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The public can submit questions through social media or see Kristy Thompson at Uwharrie Bank. He urges the public to submit questions and attend the event. He also invited Jesse Morgan to join GOBA.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance – Commissioner Smith referred to Town Administrator Doug Burgess for an update. Mr. Burgess stated that usually revenue is down at the first part of the year because we do not get taxes at the beginning of the fiscal year. At this time, general fund is at 10% revenue and 22% expenditures, water fund is at 13% revenue and 10% expenditures, and sewer fund is at 25% revenue and 14% expenditures.

Mr. Burgess also stated we were awarded \$250,000 from the state – it is ARP money that is earmarked for sewer for the Rosegate pump station at Forest Creek. This will be administered by Stanly County and we will have a separate budget. It is a reimbursement type fund so invoices will have to be submitted. Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt the budget allowing this. Seconded by Commissioner Hathcock. Voted and carried unanimously.

Cemetery and Streets – Commissioner Hathcock stated that the town had been working on some drainage issues. In addition, DOT did fix Aquadale Road/Highway 138 with the potholes so that should not be a problem anymore.

Police Department – Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief TJ Smith. Chief Smith stated he has received an application that is worthy of further review for a new police officer. More information will be coming by the next meeting. When this gentleman is hired there will be two officers per shift.

During the past month, there were 470 neighborhood checks, two arrests, 113 calls for service and 69 citations.

Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Watkins referred to Josh Almond. Mr. Almond informed the board that the town was awarded the bicycle and pedestrian planning grant with NCDOT. We were awarded the grant at the end of August. By the end of October there will be a municipal agreement and a notice to proceed will be issued in January or February. There is a deadline of 12 months from that date to finish

the study. This will keep our pedestrian and bicyclers safer. Mr. Almond will keep the board informed of the progress.

Water and Sewer – Commissioner Efird referred to Tommy Kost who was present and reported to the board. In water this month, he inspected the water line installation. Several water meters were also installed this month. In the sewer department this month, there were four E-1 startups. There is also contract work to be done in the alley way between West Fourth and West Sixth Streets.

Commissioner Efird expanded on the Interlocal Agreement between Town of Red Cross and Town of Oakboro to allow Oakboro to furnish water and sewer where we can. Commissioner Efird asked for any questions. This relates specifically to Forest Creek phases 4,5 and 6. The rates will be charged at outside rates for any Town of Red Cross area. Commissioner Efird made a motion to adopt the Interlocal Agreement between Town of Red Cross and Town of Oakboro. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Efird continued talking about the system development fees that were determined by the Wooten Company. This needs to be adopted and added to the table of fees for the town. A motion was made by Commissioner Hathcock to adopt the system development fees and seconded by Commissioner Huneycutt. Voted and carried unanimously.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement – Commissioner Efird stated that 937 Bay Drive needs approval to allow the town attorney to handle this situation. Commissioner Efird made a motion to adopt this and allow the attorney to handle 937 Bay Drive. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Little asked where we stand on SRO for the school. Chief Smith stated that part time guys were helping at the school as well as Sergeant Eschert and himself were also.

Mayor Little also asked about the grant for the SRO and if the grant has been applied for. Chief Smith stated that it has been applied for. Commissioner Smith asked if Sergeant Kaus would be interested in being the SRO again. Chief Smith stated his schedule had changed and he was not interested at this time.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Watkins didn't have anything.

Commissioner Smith stated that he was very sorry about what happened with Morgan Chair. He also spoke highly about Mr. Morgan and stated that he came from a good family and also graduated at the top of his class and went on to UNC Chapel Hill. Jesse's brother Andy is a pastor and Commissioner Smith was sure he sent up a prayer for the situation and family on Friday night. He wanted Mr. Morgan to let the town know if there was anything we could do to help.

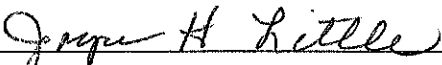
Commissioner Huneycutt added to the comments made previously. He welcomed Mr. Morgan to the Town of Oakboro. He also stated that the town looks great and he appreciates the hard work that Tommy and maintenance have done to take care of this. He also wants the town employees to know he appreciates them.

Commissioner Hathcock expressed his sorrow for what Mr. Morgan had been through. He asked for the people who were there to please come back and if anyone had any questions to please ask.

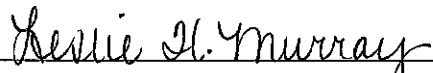
Commissioner Efird also welcomed Mr. Morgan to the Town of Oakboro and stated the business is a welcomed asset to this town.

Mayor Little welcomed Mr. Morgan to the town. She stated there's always a purpose in everything that happens.

Commissioner Huneycutt made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Watkins seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Joyce H. Little, Mayor



Leslie H. Murray, Assistant Town Clerk

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER G.S. 160A-31

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of an area described in said petition was received on October 4, 2022 by the Town of Oakboro Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 provides that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Town Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oakboro deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oakboro that:

The Town Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the Board of Commissioners the result of her investigation.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk

