

# Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Monday March 1, 2010

6:15 PM Briefing

7:00 PM Public Hearing

7:15 PM Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting with a briefing beginning at 6:15 pm in the Oakboro Town Hall. Present were Commissioners Ernest Broadway, Georgia Harvey, Roy Helms, Ted Parker, and Terry Whitley. Town Administrator Larry Branch was present. Mayor Joyce H. Little presided.

During the briefing, a discussion took place involving a need for a work session prior to May 31 regarding Codification of Ordinances, no date was set.

Mayor Little called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Pastor Rick Williams led the devotion.

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Commissioner Helms seconded and the motion passed.*

Accounts payable came to the amount of \$61,033.16.

*Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept and pay the accounts payable. Commissioner Helms seconded and the motion passed.*

Wes Tucker spoke on behalf of the Stanly County Arts Council and gave a PowerPoint presentation about Promoting Arts in Our Communities. He stressed that Volunteering and Local Government support help to fund the programs.

The Mayor asked the Board for a decision on the Public Hearing regarding the Town's Game Room Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Game Room Ordinance. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

The new member and alternate recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board were discussed. The Board accepted their recommendations.

*Commissioner Helms made a motion to appoint Bill Young as an Inside Regular Member to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Broadway made a motion to appoint Jonathan Teeter as an Inside Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustments. Commissioner Helms seconded and the motion passed.*

The Clerk read a memo from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding their recommendations to the Board. They requested increasing the number of advisors allowed. These alternates would be used to replace current members as their terms expire. The HPC also recommended forming a centennial committee to begin planning the 100 year birthday of the Town in 2015. Commissioner Whitley suggested putting an ad in the Newspaper requesting volunteers for the Commission. The board would also like the committee to revisit the District limits and begin work on expanding them.

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to accept Stacey Teeter, Mitzi Caddell and Whit Efir as Advisors to the Historic Preservation Committee. Commissioner Helms seconded and the motion passed.*

The Town Administrator Larry Branch had no comments.

The Director of Public Services, Ross Holshouser, gave a presentation regarding the Personnel Policy. He stated that the Town would need to pay \$5,800 to have a pay and classification study done in order to have the Personnel Policy updated, this will be billed over two fiscal years.

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to accept offer of \$5,800 and enter a contract with North Carolina League of Municipalities. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.*

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Citizen Bill McCollum stated that he didn't appreciate the Taxpayers dollars going to businesses out of town when the Town has a business that will perform the same services inside the town limits. He gave the commissioners a copy of an invoice that had been paid and stated that a lower price had been offered by the business in town and the town still had someone outside of the limits to do the work. He also stated that he'd seen that some sort of tank had been dug up on

8<sup>th</sup> street and was wondering if there had been a spill there. He asked the town to look into it.

Citizen Howard Feis stated that he noticed the former Home for the Aged is up for sale and suggested the Town purchase it and turn it into a Bed & Breakfast. He also suggested that the Town needs to put in walking trails around the Long St. Park. He didn't believe that the Town should be sealing cracks in the streets instead of repaving the area. And stated that someone had their horse in the District park and left it's residue throughout the park.

The Mayor closed open forum.

Ted Parker stated that the Finance officer was looking into the Re-Investment of some funds with-in the Capital Management fund.

There were no Commissioner comments regarding the cemetery.

The Chief of Police spoke in regards to February's reports. He stated that they had an increase in calls the month of February. He stated that there had been an attempted Robbery at the Bank of Stanly. He also stated that the officers would be receiving some additional training via a webinar in the following weeks. The Grant has been sent to the States Finance Officer for funds to be released. He also stated that some personnel issues needed to be dealt with in regards to policy clarification.

Commissioner Harvey gave an update for Parks and Recreation. She stated that Partners in Health would be sponsoring a Gold Shoe Hunt. They would like our permission to place a gold painted tennis shoe in the park. Each shoe would have a number that corresponds to a prize that will be awarded at the Locust Spring Festival.

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to allow Partners in Health to place a Gold Shoe for the Hunt in our District Park. Commissioner Whitley seconded and the motion passed.*

The commissioners then discussed the need for a set price on the Amphitheater in the District Park as rental requests are beginning to come in.

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to set the price for inside town residents at \$100 and outside town residents at \$150. That if commercial/promotional or non-profit events are requested that prices can be negotiated based on security needs etc. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

The mayor reminded the commissioners and the public that there is a County Parks and Recreation meeting at West Stanly High School.

Streets Commissioner Helms gave an update on the various projects. Beverly Rd. and Thomas St. had been fixed along with the dip in the road in Oak Glen. The sidewalk repairs in front of the Methodist Church and the Church of God had been approved. Larry Branch was to be catching potholes around town and having them repaired.

Water and Sewer updates included low pressure issues that resulted in the discovery of two leaks that were repaired. The EQ basin should be completed in 20 days and so far we had received no civil penalties associated with recent spills due to heavy rains due to the fact that we have been pro-active in the building of the EQ Basin. The easements needed to complete the Force-main should be completed with-in ten days.

Commissioner Whitley addressed the public comments regarding the Game Room Ordinance stating that they are not intending on keeping businesses from coming into town, just desiring to regulate how and where they can be in association to Schools, Churches and neighborhoods. Commissioner Parker thanked Pastor Williams for coming to give our devotion.

*Commissioner Helms made a motion to go in to executive session. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Helms made a motion to return to Open Session. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.*

While in closed session several items were considered and discussed, issues concerning personnel policy, and specific personnel concerns.

*The following motions were made and added to the Minutes via motion to amend and accept in April 5, 2010 meeting pursuant to NCGS 160A-168.*

*Commissioner Helms made a motion to put all Holiday hours accumulated and referenced to in Chief Lowder's memo from 3/1/2010 into the Police Officers sick time accrued. They would also pay the holidays that occur prior to the new personnel policy in the amount of 8 hours per shift. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to keep the Compensatory time capped at 84 hours and to pay Officer Burgess down to 84 hours. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Whitley made a motion to go ahead with the recommendation by Finance Officer Leigh Anne Mulligan to move some of the money currently in Capital Management to Home Savings Bank. This is contingent upon Commissioners Harvey's inspection of the situation with the Finance Officer. Commissioner Harvey will annul if necessary. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

*Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

---

Joyce H. Little, Mayor

---

Whitney Mackey, Town Clerk