



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
May 20, 2024
7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee called the meeting to order. He asked Mrs. Leslie Murray to call the roll. Mayor Pro Tem Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Commissioner Lanny Hathcock, Commissioner Bud Smith and Ms. Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator. Mr. Reggie Bowers, Chief TJ Smith and Officer Payton James were also present. Mayor Christopher Huneycutt was on a planned vacation and was absent tonight. Commissioner Jackson was absent until the department updates section on the Historic Committee. She had an emergency at home but was able to come in at that time.

Commissioner Hathcock had the devotion for tonight's meeting. He shared a Memorial Day Prayer with everyone.

Approvals

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024, May 9, 2024 and May 13, 2024. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$461,025.14. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Open Forum

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee reminded everyone that open forum limits each person to three minutes each and to be respectful.

Andrew Mullis of 20109 Ridgecrest Road stated that he is present because of some controversy. He believes that the community deserves to know what is going on with the Oakboro Police Department. He asked what caused the officers who resigned to look for other opportunities. He would like to know what the board has to say about the Police Department. He shared that he likes to make donations into the Oakboro Community as he is sponsoring the Oakboro Cruise In now.

Linda Caputo of 298 Jaida Lane questioned if the board has any plans on paving Eighth Street down to Main Street and also Gold Street. In addition, she asked to know an update on the sewer smell from that area.

Administration

Ms. Harvey had nothing at this time.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee shared the following information:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General	93%	100%
Water	119%	70%
Sewer	80%	76%

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee shared that the board and town administrator had been working on a new budget and plan for things addressed in open forum. He entertained a motion to set a public hearing for the 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to set a public hearing for Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7pm. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by those present. Mayor Pro Tem Barbee confirmed that date and asked the clerk to get the ad in the newspaper.

Cemetery and Streets

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee referred to Commissioner Carpenter. He turned it over to Mr. Reggie Bowers for the report. Mr. Bowers shared that the department had swept the street for the cruise in and picked up trash to beautify our town. They also repaired and cleaned more road signs that have been messed up by the trees or damaged. He shared the department also put out stone on the gravel roads. With the rain the town has had, Mr. Bowers shared that the department will start repairing the pot holes caused by that. No Through Trucks Sign was placed on Pine Street to keep the trucks from cutting through those small roads. Ditches were cleaned as well as sides of the road seeded and strawed from repairs on water lines. They also cleaned the road sides.

Police Department

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee asked Commissioner Hathcock to provide the police department updates. He shared the statistics from this past month.

- 297 – Traffic Stops
- 88 – Citations
- 11 – Calls of Service
- 3 – Civil Paper Served
- 10 – Medical Call
- 5 – Escorts
- 1 – Check Points

Commissioner Hathcock presented Chief TJ Smith with a certificate for completing his Firearms Instructor Training.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem asked Ms. Harvey if she would update the board on the department since Commissioner Jackson was absent and Mr. Daniel Smith was away at the last soccer games of the season for Oakboro.

Ms. Harvey shared that there was a movie in the park scheduled for this past weekend but the weather didn't cooperate. It has been rescheduled for June 30, 2024 at 8:30pm. Youth soccer finishes their playing time this week. On June 15, 2024, there is a food truck and vendor event sponsored by Sunny Day Markets. Ms. Harvey invited everyone to come out and attend this event.

Public Works

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee called on Commissioner Smith for this update. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Bowers to share about the public works from this past month. Mr. Bowers shared the following:

Water

- Installed/Replaced 10 water meters
- Repaired four old water meters
- Attempted locate of water leak on Pecan Drive (6" water line)
- Repaired 2" water line leak on James Road
- Repaired ¾" water line leak on Redwood Drive
- Flushed water on South Main Street
- Lightning ran in on pump station and the department is taking turns manually turning on and off the pump daily.

Sewer

- Repaired 25 E-1 pumps
- Completed maintenance on Oaks at St. Martin Pump station
- Installed new float in Bo Run Pump Station
- Installed two sewer taps
- Completed maintenance on Buster Road Pump Station working with Clear Water and Union Power.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement

Mayor Pro Tem called on Commissioner Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock shared there was no report.

Historic Committee

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee referred to Commissioner Carpenter. Commissioner Carpenter referred to Ms. Harvey. The Historic Committee met this month and they shared an update on the cemetery arches. Some of the parts are on back order. At the meeting, there was a presentation by Mr. Marshall Coble. He requested a historic marker be placed in Oakboro. She shared the Historic Committee agreed for this

to be done if allowed. Ms. Harvey advised that the committee did select officers for the new year. Those officers and members are as follows:

- Ms. Cindy Thompson – Chairman
- Mrs. Teresa Smith – Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Ray Eschert – Member
- Mr. Fred Smith – Member
- Ms. Mary Jean Freeman – Member
- Ms. Donna Harris – Alternate Member
- Ms. Meredith Sain – Alternate Member
- Mr. Alan Love – Alternate Member
- Ms. Barbara Carpenter – Advisor
- Ms. Jane Barnhardt – Advisor

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the members of the Historic Committee. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor & Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming and asked them to come back next time.

Commissioner Jackson shared that it was great to see all the smiling faces at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee thanked everyone for coming and taking the time to make the comments. He appreciated everyone for being there.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked everyone for coming and sharing concerns.

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for coming. He shared with Mr. Mullis that he was free to call him at any time as well as anyone else in the room.

Closed Session

Mayor Pro Tem Barbee advised that the board has a need for a closed session regarding Personnel (G.S. 143-318.11(6)) and Attorney-Client Privilege (G.S. 143-318.11 (3))

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go out of closed session and back into open session. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Session

During closed session, Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to allow Stanly County Sheriff's Office to cover for the police schedule where we didn't have coverage. Commissioner Jackson seconded.


Commissioner Carpenter asked how much this was going to cost. Ms. Harvey shared that it would depend on the officer present and the officers would be paid their overtime rate.

Adjourn

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk/Finance Officer