

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Public Hearing followed by Regular Meeting

November 20, 2017

7:00 PM

Mayor Burgess declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone would like to speak, for or against, in regards to Text amendment to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Oakboro Zoning Ordinance to increase the size and height of signs in the H-B zoning district from 20 feet to 30 feet, to decrease the setback from 20 feet to 5 feet and to allow a larger individual sign allowance. As no one signed up to speak, Mayor Burgess declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Burgess welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. The Clerk called the roll with the following Commissioner's present: Commissioner Efirm, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess and Commissioner Little. Commissioner Broadway and Commissioner Harvey were not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burgess.

Commissioner Little had the devotions.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2017 and November 2, 2017. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$712,067.82. Commissioner Huneycutt second the motion and it carried.

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Open Forum

Those signed up to speak:

Betsy Heath, Adam Miller, David Heath, Ryan Laws, Hilda Keeney, Jennifer Shue, Lynn Morton, Avon Morgan, Michelle Brattain.

Betsy Heath: As a Business Owner, she would like to see Oakboro increase the man power for the Oakboro Police Department on 2nd shift, as a lot goes on after dark. Her camera picks up things happening in her parking lot at Variety Pick-Up and she thinks that 2 officers on duty would be better.

Adam Miller: He lives in the Oak Glen Subdivision. In reference to the new speed hump that was installed, he thinks it should be smaller – signs are needed and yellow stripes also needed.

David Heath: He agrees with wife, Betsy Heath, that more than one policeman on duty would be worthwhile.

Ryan Laws: He's a 10-year resident at Oak Glen Subdivision. He stated that the new speed hump does not meet specific federal or state allowances per NCDOT.

Hilda Kenney: She is also a resident of Oak Glen Subdivision. She thinks the speed hump is too high. She would like to see it shaved down and more speed humps added.

Jennifer Shue: She said the speed humps could only be put in after traffic studies were conducted and 60% of neighborhood is notified. She says she can hear cars scrubbing and a house bill states that the City is responsible for damage to cars.

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Lynn Morton: He wanted to back up what everyone else had said regarding the speed hump.

Avon Morton: She agreed that the speed hump is needed but on a smaller scale.

Michelle Brattain: She was perplexed as to how it got approved.

Chris Palmer: He stated that when he asked for a speed hump (Oakboro Town Board Meeting on September 18, 2017) it was because of so many children in the Subdivision. He didn't mean for all of this to happen.

Mayor Burgess insured everyone that the Board would take all of these comments into consideration.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Harvey not in attendance

Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Efirm reported that the potholes have been patched and the dead trees removed. He is getting a quote on putting stone on the brick facades at entrance to cemetery.

Police Department: Commissioner Broadway not in attendance. Chief Smith reported that, since last meeting, OPD had 134 calls, 679 Business Checks, 11 arrests, 41 citations and that on December 2, 2017 there would be a Holiday Dinner served at the fellowship hall of Oakboro First Baptist Church from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Everyone in town is welcome to come. He also has OPD calendars if anyone is interested.

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Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efirid made a motion to approve the Text amendment to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Oakboro Zoning Ordinance to increase the size and height of signs in the H-B Zoning district from 20 feet to 30 feet, to decrease the setback from 20 feet to 5 feet and to allow a larger individual sign allowance. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Efirid called on Parks and Recreation Director, Josh Almond, for a report. Mr. Almond reported that the land is being cleared for the new District Park Community Building. He has had 57 children register for Basketball which will result in 8 teams. He also reported that the gym scheduling issues had been resolved.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt had no report.

Board Member Comments:

Commissioner Efirid: He thanked so many citizens for showing up and voicing their opinions and concerns. He told them that the Board takes their concerns seriously and will do everything to rectify the problem. He also wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Huneycutt: He wanted to echo Commissioner Efirid's comments and remind everyone to be thankful and grateful for family.

Commissioner Little: She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving.

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Commissioner Little made a motion to go into Closed Session in order to discuss personnel. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

Closed Session – Action Taken


Commissioner Little made a motion to go into Open Session. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to give the Town Employees a one-time Christmas Bonus of \$250.00 for full time employees and \$100.00 for part time employees. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner Huneycutt brought up the Oakboro time and temperature sign only working on one side. Mayor Burgess has a quote for \$40,000.00 to replace. After discussion, it was decided to take the clock down and research more options.

Commissioner Little made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried.

This the 20th day of November, 2017.



Doug Burgess, Mayor



Patti W. Efirm, Town Clerk