



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

July 15, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor Huneycutt called the meeting to order. He asked Mrs. Leslie Murray, Town Clerk, to call the roll. Commissioner Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Commissioner Lanny Hathcock, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith and Ms. Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator were present. Mr. Reggie Bowers, Mr. Daniel Smith and Chief TJ Smith were also present.

Commissioner Jackson had the devotion for tonight's meeting. She talked about living in love and how we have to forgive others. She shared to keep peace in your environment. I Corinthians 13:13

Approvals

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

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2024 & June 27, 2024. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$330,045.21. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Special Presentation

During this time, Mayor Huneycutt presented a plaque to Chief Smith for his service to the Town of Oakboro. Commissioner Hathcock and Commissioner Carpenter presented his gun and badge to him respectively.

Open Forum

No one signed up for open forum.

Administration

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Ms. Harvey for any administrative updates.

Department Updates

Budget & Finance

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Barbee. Mr. Barbee shared the following information:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	97%	103%

Water Fund	141%	84%
Sewer Fund	82%	81%

Ms. Harvey also informed the board that we reinvested our CDs that were up for renewal at 5% yield.

Cemetery & Streets

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter called on Mr. Reggie Bowers to share. Mr. Bowers told the board the department had been working on cleaning and sweeping the streets for the cruise in, picking up limbs and debris, as well as sweeping the street before and after the 4th of July Celebration. He commented that Travis Little, Steven Thompson, Anthony Gasparini and Cory Yow were the guys who came in to do this after the 4th. Due to all of the rain, the department also spent time scraping the gravel roads and putting out more gravel. They also all helped with the sign at the mini park and taking it down so the new one could be put up.

Police Department

Mayor Huneycutt called upon Commissioner Lanny Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock referred to Chief TJ Smith. Chief Smith thanked the board for all they did during the presentation. The department had the following:

- 230 traffic stops
- 512 business checks
- 125 business openings
- 422 preventative patrols
- 3 traffic accidents

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Huneycutt called upon Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Jackson referred to Mr. Daniel Smith. Mr. Smith shared that soccer registrations had started for 3-15 year olds. He also is working the Oakboro Youth League to provide field opportunities for the baseball/softball side of things. He is in the process of rescheduling the Movie in the Park for a third time. He's looking towards an end of summer event.

Commissioner Jackson informed everyone that the Long Street Community Building was painted this week and for everyone to ride over there and look at it. Mr. Daniel Smith added the bathroom building was also painted and how well it all turned out.

Public Works

Mayor Huneycutt called upon Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Reggie Bowers for an update. Mr. Bowers shared the following information about the water and sewer departments:

Water

- Changed meter tops to several meters
- Replaced three meters
- Worked on four 2" water leaks

- Flushed water to help with chlorine.
 - 104 locates for water
- Sewer
- 104 locates for sewer
 - Force Main Backup at Oak Glen – department worked til 10:30pm.
 - Worked on eight E-1 pumps

Ms. Harvey asked for approval on the update to the grease and rag fees. The reason being is that if this gets to Stanly County through the lines, our fee will be major. We also have to pay to have these issues fixed.

Ms. Harvey also introduced the new Jeter system that Mr. Bowers and his department would like to have. The board was given three quotes. Mr. Bowers explained the one that he would like to purchase. The O'Brien brand was the one the board agreed to purchase. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbee to purchase the O'Brien Jeter. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Hathcock who asked Ms. Harvey for an update. Ms. Harvey advised there was no report at this time.

Historic Committee

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Carpenter who asked Ms. Cindy Thompson for an update. She updated the board that things were still being worked on regarding the sitting area next to Hinson's Tax and the cemetery arch.

Mayor & Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jackson thanked the staff and administration for their work and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanked Chief Smith for everything he has done for her and her family as well as the town. She also thanked Officer Antonucci and shared she would be missed as well.

Commissioner Barbee thanked the staff and also thanked the citizens for coming out on a hot day. He thanked Chief Smith as well.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked everyone in town who came to support the meeting. He thanked the fire department for their hard work for the 4th of July as well as all LEO that helped. He thanked the staff for cleaning the streets and also thanked Chief Smith and shared that he knew he would exceed in anything he does. He also offered prayers and thoughts for Commissioner Carpenter for the recent loss of his mother.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked Daniel and Reggie for their work as well as their department's work. He thanked Chief Smith for everything he had done for him and his family.

Commissioner Smith had nothing further to add.

Mayor Huneycutt thanked everyone for being present tonight. He shared he was keeping the Carpenter family in his prayers. He thanked Reggie Bowers and his department for staying out until 10:30pm to fix the issues with the pump station. He thanked Daniel Smith and his department for all they have done lately. He then commented to Chief Smith saying he was here in 2016 when Chief Smith came and that he has done tremendous things for our town. He stated he was not leaving that everyone would still see him in town. He shared a quote that "God will never lead you where his grace cannot follow you."

Mayor Huneycutt shared that we do have a need for a closed session for:

- Personnel – G.S. 143-318.11 (6)
- Attorney-Client Privilege – G.S. 143.318.11 (3)
- Contracts – G.S. 143-318.11 (5)


Closed Session

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

Minutes up until this point:



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk

Open Session

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously. The town clerk was asked to leave at this time.

There was no action taken.

Adjourn

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to continue the meeting until Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor

Georgia O Harvey, Town Administrator