



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

June 17, 2024

7:00 PM

Mayor Huneycutt called the meeting to order. He asked Mrs. Leslie Murray to call the roll. Commissioner Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Commissioner Lanny Hathcock, Commissioner 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 Barbee had the devotion for tonight's meeting. He shared from 2 Corinthians 6:15 and fathers since June 16, 2024 was Father's Day. He said those who's fathers have gone on before them that they could always depend on our Heavenly Father. He then opened the meeting in prayer.

Public Hearing

Mayor Huneycutt opened the public hearing on the budget. He stated that this public hearing is to hear comments for or against the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

David Heath – He feels like this is one of the most important meetings and he likes to come and speak during this time. He wants to speak on improving the livability of Oakboro. He mentioned the sidewalk project. He also mentioned giving more money to Parks and Recreation. He shared that he would like to see a splash pad. Mr. Heath said as the board makes their decisions, all of the infrastructure is very important.

There were no more comments for or against the public hearing. The public hearing was declared closed at this time.

Commissioner Barbee read the Budget Ordinance for 2024-2025. He shared that the total general fund is \$2,437,927, total water fund is 1,466,000 and total sewer fund is 1,340,887. The Town of Oakboro's total budget is \$5,244,814. He made a motion to adopt the budget ordinance for 2024-2025 and it was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Voted and carried unanimously.

Approvals

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

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 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 \$375,627.24. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Mrs. Betsy Heath thanked the board for the clean up day on June 8. She also shared her concerns about the police department. She would like to make sure that two officers remain on nights as well as days. She appreciates what we have but wants to make sure that coverage continues. She is concerned about the 4th of July with all the people as well as the safety of her employees.

Mrs. Carolyn Coffey spoke asking questions about a neighbor with a pool and a fence. Ms. Harvey advised her she could talk with her about this if she would come by tomorrow morning. Mrs. Coffey said she would come by and get her questions answered concerning the zoning.

Mr. David Heath also spoke during this time. He would like for the town to consider adopting a resolution for commemorating the holiday of Juneteenth.

Mayor Huneycutt declared the open forum closed at this time.

Administration

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

Resolution for Stanly County to collect Oakboro Rural Fire Department Tax

Ms. Harvey advised the board we needed a motion and second regarding the resolution entitled "Resolution for Stanly County to collect Oakboro Rural Fire Department Tax." After the resolution was read, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Barbee and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Voted and carried unanimously.

Contracts

Secondly, Ms. Harvey brought two contracts before the board. The first one for our auditor – Mr. Eddie Carrick. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve Mr. Eddie Carrick's contract. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

The second contract is for our attorney – Mr. Albert Benshoff with Brough Law Firm. Ms. Harvey asked for approval from the board for a one-year contract with our attorney at a rate of \$235/hour. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve this contract. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Budget & Finance

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

Revenues

Expenditures

General Fund	112%	113%
Water Fund	130%	82%
Sewer Fund	86%	89%

Ms. Harvey also requested the board set a continued meeting date for budget amendments later this month. The board decided on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Oakboro Town Hall for yearend amendment approval.

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, mowing the shoulders of the road, cleaning up a tree that fell across the street and cleaning Main Street for the 4th of July celebration.

Ms. Harvey also updated the board on the Stoney Run lighting and advised that the specific information was in their packet. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to allow Ms. Harvey to move forward with the Stoney Run lighting as she sees fit and Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Police Department

Mayor Huneycutt called upon Commissioner Lanny Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock referred to Chief TJ Smith

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Huneycutt called upon Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Jackson referred to Mr. Daniel Smith. Mr. Smith shared that the movie that was postponed will be coming up on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 8:30pm.

Commissioner Jackson also made a motion to appoint Mr. Daniel Smith to the Convention of Visitor's Bureau board. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

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

- Installed four new meters
- Located and cleaned valve boxes
- Responded to 97 811 calls
- Installed two water taps

Sewer

- Responded to 68 811 calls
- Sewer cleanouts fixed
- Three E-1 pumps startups
- Fixed sewer line break
- Worked on 12 E-1 pumps

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. Harvey for an update. Ms. Harvey shared there was no report at this time.

Mayor & Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Smith thanked Sheriff Crisco for the help he has given us. He also thanked Mr. Daniel Smith for all his work on the event this past weekend. Commissioner Smith shared that the splash pad in the mountains is a raving success. He would like to see a dog park as well. Commissioner Smith also shared with the crowd that our elections are coming up and this board is only as good as it's members. He commended Sheriff Crisco again and shared that his guys are good because of his leadership.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked everyone for coming tonight to the meeting. He also reminded everyone to come out and support the fire department. He shared this is year 66 of this event. He encouraged everyone to support the 4th of July festival.

Commissioner Barbee thanked everyone for coming and also thanked all of the town employees. He appreciates the decisions made in a forward-thinking manner. He shared it is the 4th of July and he encouraged everyone to keep an eye out for one another. He hopes we will always be a family-oriented event and we do that by watching out for each other.

Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone for coming out tonight and shared that she appreciated all of the hard work from the town employees.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked Mr. Daniel Smith and Mr. Reggie Bowers for doing a great job.

Mayor Huneycutt thanked Commissioner Barbee for his devotion tonight about fathers. He emphasized to make sure your dad knows how much they mean to you. He thanked Chief TJ Smith and the Sheriff Jeff Crisco

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

At the beginning of the closed session, Mayor Huneycutt asked Mrs. Murray to step out of the closed session.

Minutes up to this point submitted by Leslie Murray



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Town Administrator Harvey took minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

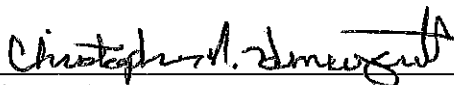
Open Session

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

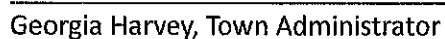
There was no action taken.

Adjourn

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to continue the meeting until Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.



Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor



Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator