

Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Tuesday September 13, 2011
5:30 Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met September 13 at 5:30pm in their regular meeting after attempting to establish a quorum on September 6 & 8, 2011. Present were Commissioners Broadway, Harvey and Parker. Commissioner Helms and Whitley were absent. The following Town employees were present, Ross Holshouser, Larry Branch, David Nichols and Chief Lowder. Mayor Little presided.

Mayor Little called the meeting to order, led the pledge of allegiance and then the devotion.

Commissioner Broadway made a motion to follow the agenda as written. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept the minutes from July 19 and August 1. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.

*Commissioner Parker made a motion to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$224, 412.94
Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

Mayor Little opened the floor for Public Comment. There was no one in the public to speak during open forum, therefore Mayor Little declared it closed.

Commissioner Parker deferred the radio read meter financing resolution reading to Mayor Little who read the resolution out loud. There were no questions regarding the resolution.

Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adopt the resolution to approve financing terms in regards to radio read meters. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.

Ross Holshouser informed the board that the light on the cemetery flag pole has been fixed and the letters are off the wall now. The wall will need to be washed to fix what was left from the letters being there for some time.

Commissioner Harvey asked the board to accept the new members and changes to the HPC as recommended.

*Commissioner Harvey made a motion to allow Katherine "Nikki" Huneycutt and Shelby Ashcraft to serve as a members and to allow Eva Ann Howard to continue to serve as a member on Historic Preservation Commission. In addition to allow Betty Vasu and Opal Furr to serve as advisors.
Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

The proposed text amendment and reason for this change was discussed. With the annexation of properties on St. Martin Rd. recently, one of the members on the Planning and Zoning Board would not be eligible to serve in his current capacity. The ratio of ETJ Residences and Inside Town residences was reviewed by GIS representatives for the county resulting in 246 addressable structures in the ETJ and 952 in the town limits. This equates to 4 to 1 and allows for the change in required memberships on the Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning. The text amendment reflects this change. *Commissioner Harvey made a motion to hold a public hearing to consider this amendment during the October 3 regular meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

Mayor Little introduced the Resolution opposing a rate increase by Duke Energy. *Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

The proposed change to the ordinance regarding Noise and Sound level was discussed. The concern about residential use was brought up, and it was stated that would probably fall under normal decibel level requirements. With the desire to not have it affect residential areas and properties a public hearing was called by the following motion. *Commissioner Parker made a motion to consider the text amendment to § 95.02 during a public hearing to be held on October 3^d at the regular meeting. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

The Chief gave his report for monthly activity and mentioned that several awards and accolades had been handed out at the last attempt at a meeting. He warned of scams and hacking that have been taking place.

Larry Branch gave an update on the parks and stated the equipment had arrived and the playgrounds were being installed this week. The need for a work session to discuss the status and projects in the PARTF grant was mentioned. *Commissioner Harvey made a motion to hold a work session at 4 pm on Thursday September 22 at Town Hall to discuss Parks. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

Streets updates included the fact that the sidewalk in front of the Presbyterian Church had been repaired.

David Nichols, Utilities Director had worked recently to get the Town's Sewer Use Ordinance up to date. The need to include this in the previously scheduled work session was determined. *Commissioner Harvey made a motion to include the Sewer Use Ordinance in the work session scheduled for September 22 at 4 pm. Commissioner Parker seconded and the motion passed.*

Commissioner Harvey asked if the discussion regarding the customer request could be tabled until more information could be received from Ross Holshouser regarding the circumstances. *Commissioner Harvey made the motion to table the discussion regarding the customer request about sewer use/fees charged. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.*

Mayor Little asked if there were any comments from the Board. Commissioner Harvey stated that she wanted to say congratulations to Det. Green on his award he received at the last meeting. She also stated that she felt the Town had some of the best employees and is proud of them all.

Mayor Little highlighted the events she had attended. She also congratulated Leigh Anne Mulligan on the Charlotte Business Journal's CFO of the year Finalist recognition she received. She also sent condolences to Leigh Anne on the passing of her Grandmother. She declared that the past Sunday was Never Forget Day, in remembrance of the lives lost in the 911 tragedy. She said that a great remembrance service had been held at her church and wanted to thank the Police and Fire Departments for the job they did at the ceremony. She also stated that See You at the Pole Day would be at Oakboro Elementary on Sept. 28th.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (3)- (5)- (6). Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Harvey seconded and the motion passed.

While in closed session the following motions were made.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve engagement letter from Raftalis to pay an additional \$12,000. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to give Kemp Co. the WWTP clarifier project @ a cost of \$41,937. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Broadway seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Joyce H. Little, Mayor

Whitney Mackey, Clerk