

TOWN OF OAK CITY

April 1, 2019

Minutes

TOWN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Stalls

PRAYER-Tommy Williams

REGULAR SESSION

In Attendance- Mayor Stalls; **Commissioners;** E. Brown, J. Brown, Harrell and Porter

AGENDA/MINUTES- Motion by Commissioner Porter to accept the agenda and minutes 2nd by Commissioner Harrell. **Motion passed**

CONSENT AGENDA-None

BOARD REPORTS - Commissioner Porter discusses Mid- East Commission Banquet coming up on Thursday, April 18th at Sunset Staples. Commissioner Porter stated to the board members to let her know if they plan on attending so she could let Mid-East Commission know by April 12th. The fee is \$20.00 to be paid for by the town but it will be free for Commissioner Porter and Harrell due to them being on the Mid-East Commission Board. Commissioner Porter also discusses the Legislative breakfast that she and Commissioner Harrell will be attending on April 12th. Commissioner Porter informs the board about that the Census is hiring for field workers with a starting pay of \$14.30 per hour and anyone who is interested can let her know so she can give them the contact information. The Census is also looking for volunteers to form a Census committee and anyone whose interested can contact Commissioner Porter as well and she would inform the County Managers office. Lastly, Kim Martin from the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. who assist towns with obtaining grants will be coming to meet with the Board members an hour before the schedule meeting to train the Board members on different General Statues as it pertains to the State of NC Town Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Haislip Vacant Seat - Mayor Stalls address the board about the 2 potential candidates who would like to fill the seat Mr. Phillip Burnett and Mr. Henry Edmondson. Mr. Phillip Burnett address the board giving them some background on

who he is and the reason he wanted to become a Commissioner for the Town of Oak City; however, Mr. Edmondson did not attend the meeting. Mayor Stalls entertain a vote for both Burnett and Edmondson. Commissioner Sue Harrell and Vonetta Porter voted in favor of Mr. Burnett filling the vacant seat while Commissioners Eddie and Joey Brown voted for Mr. Edmondson making the votes split. Leaving Mayor Stalls to break the tie, Mayor Stalls stated that he doesn't have nothing against Mr. Edmondson and really don't know him all that well. But feel like Mr. Edmondson would not be able to fill his obligations as a Board member and attending the meetings due to his other primary obligations of being a well-known farmer in the area. Mayor Stalls stated that he feels like Mr. Burnett will be a better choice because he was retired and a longtime resident of the town who has shown interest in the past. Mayor Stalls broke the tie vote in favor of Mr. Phillip Burnett. **Motion passed 3 to 2.** Mr. Burnett was then sworn in as the new Commissioner by the Town Clerk/Commissioner Porter.

NEW BUSINESS

Tina Brown - Addresses the board about the food pantry being in Oak City for 1 year now serving 52 people. Ms. Brown stated that she has been approached about opening the pantry twice per month in Oak City and that she will be talking with the volunteers to see if this is something they would like to do before addressing the board about their decision. Ms. Brown stated that they open up 3 days per week in Robersonville and once per week in Hamilton. On every 3rd Saturday of each month they serve all of Hamilton, Oak City and Robersonville hot meals one time per month usually the 3rd Friday of every month.

Eddie Stock (Meters) - Eddie Stocks and Winston from Edgecombe Martin address the board about upgrading meters for the citizens of Oak City customers. They discussed how the meters will be installed by them and with these meters EMC will read them from their office and send it to the Town Clerk for billing. With these meters they will be able to see when the customers all using the bulk of electricity and know when the lights have gone out at a customer's house. The new meters for a little extra cost would also be able to disconnect from Edgecombe Martin office. Mayor Stalls suggested that the board take a month to look over the proposal from Edgecombe Martin and in next month meeting the board needs to be prepared to vote on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A

Meeting adjourn at 8:27 P.M.