

TOWN OF OAK CITY

December 7, 2020

Minutes

TOWN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Stalls

PRAYER- Commissioner Phillip Burnett

Attendance: Mayor Stalls; Commissioners: Phillip Burnett, Hank Edmondson, Vonetta Porter and Sue Harrell (attended via phone).

REGULAR SESSION

AGENDA/MINUTES-Motion to approve by Commissioner Edmondson 2nd by Commissioner Burnett

CONSENT AGENDA-N/A

BOARD REPORTS- Commissioner Harrell reports that the beautification committee can't complete decorations on the Town Commons until an outlet was installed by the "Welcome to The Town of Oak City" sign. Harrell reports that a school bus is parked on the Town Commons blocking the decorations that the Beautification Committee just completed. Mayor Stalls stated that he had been asked about the bus being parked on the Town Commons and that permission was not given for them to do so. Mayor Stalls stated that he will be talking to the bus driver to let her know she need to talk with the school about finding another parking area.

OLD BUSINESS

Conversion of Ordinances- Commissioner Porter and Attorney Keen Lassister discusses the town having a conversion of ordinances. Attorney Lassister stated that it was something good for the town to consider because of all the benefits that comes with it such as helping the town with new ordinances that may need to be done or updated. Attorney Lassister also stated that the Town could wait before making a decision once they look at another town ordinance to get more information on what Oak City may be missing. The Board agreed to wait to look at the other town's ordinance as well as discuss new ordinances before making any decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment- Motion made by Commissioner Harrell to accept budget amendment for new software and supplies in the amount of \$2500.00 2nd by Commissioner Burnett. **Motion passed**

Attorney Lassiter – (provide updates on cemetery and abandon property) Attorney Lassister discusses abandon properties for the town they need to be condemned. Attorney Lassister states the Town has an ordinance from 1998 that was never signed and therefore it made the ordinance unlawful. Attorney Lassister tells the board to contact the Building Inspection Office for the County to see, if they have a “adopt agreement” that would demolish the abandon buildings at no cost to the town. Commissioner/Town Clerk Porter asked, if the Town needs to adopt this ordinance now, so it would be in place going forward and Attorney Lassister stated that it would be a great idea to do so. Attorney Lassister went on to further explain that the Fire Department can also burn buildings for the town but first the owner(s) have to be served papers to give them time to respond and if more action is required the town attorney will file the necessary paperwork.

Attorney Lassister discusses the rules in place for performing maintenance at the cemetery without the Town of Oak City permission. Attorney Lassister stated that the Town needs to adopt an ordinance explaining the fines and penalties for performing such maintenance without permission. Attorney Lassister states that the fine needs to match the penalty when adopting the ordinance.

Public Comment-N/A

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Edmondson 2nd by Commissioner Harrell.

Meeting adjourn @: 8:05 p.m.

William Stalls - Mayor Feb 1st 2021

Vonetta Porter, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

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