

TOWN OF OAK CITY

June 7, 2021

Minutes

FISCAL YEAR END BUDGET MEETING 6:45

TOWN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Stalls

PRAYER- Commissioner Sue Harrell

Attendance- Mayor Stalls; Commissioners: 4 are present- Burnett, Edmondson, Harrell, and Porter with 1 vacant seat

REGULAR SESSION

AGENDA/MINUTES- Motion to accept made by Harrell and 2nd by Edmondson.

CONSENT AGENDA- N/A

BOARD REPORTS- Commissioner Harrell states that her husband Mike will continue to put up the flags down Commerce Street as long as he's able to do so. Harrell also states that 3 more poles are needed as well as flags to continue down Commerce Streets. Mayor Stalls stated that the Town of Oak City will be using EMC for here on out for all of the utility work. Commissioner/Town Clerk Porter reports on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and how Oak City is schedule to receive \$80,000 half this year and the other half next year with all the money needed to be spent by 2024. Porter stated that right now it's not clear on what the money can and can't be spent on with the exception of broadband. Porter stated another meeting for ARP will be scheduled for June 16 at 2 p.m. that she will be attending and any board member who wants to attend can. Porter also discuss the Water Infrastructure meeting she attended and the steering committee meeting she will be attending that's about the bicycle route that will be coming through each town in Martin County.

OLD BUSINESS- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment - Motion made by Harrell and 2nd by Porter to accept General Fund (GF) # 3, #4, and #5. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

Fiscal Year End Budget 2021-2022- Motion to approve made by Porter 2nd by Edmondson. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

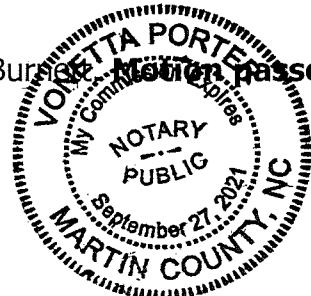
Utility Rates- Mayor Stalls informs the board that the Town of Oak City haven't raised rates in almost 4 years. Porter stated that a few months back during the March meeting the board had discussions with Eddie Stocks from EMC and former lineman Nick Cannon on raising rates for the new fiscal year to be compatible with Edgecombe Martin-County (EMC). Porter stated that during that meeting Mr. Stocks and Cannon stated that we should have been raised rates to match EMC because the town was losing money. Harrell chimes in and states that the board actually postponed raising rates last year due to Covid. After much discussions Commissioner Edmondson makes a motion to raise rates as follows: For residential minimum charge will go to \$25.00, kwh charge will go to \$0.1222, for commercial minimum charge will go to \$35.00, kwh first break will go to \$.1172; for the first 4,000 kwh and second break will go to \$.0797 for the next 8,000 kwh., security lights will go to \$10.00 per light, 1/2 security light will go \$5.00, and 1/3 security light will go \$3.33, for installation of new security light with pole will be \$50.00, and for installation of security light on existing pole it will be free. Motion 2nd by Commissioner Harrell. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

Schedule Special Call Meeting- Commissioner/Town Clerk Porter addressed the board about having a Special Call Meeting for the board to discuss and adopt ordinances with the town attorney Mr. Lassiter. Porter ask each board member to review the ordinance book we received from American Legal Publishing from another town they have done so during the meeting the process will go quicker. Porter informs the board that the board will not be able to complete the process in one meeting but according to the towns attorney it could be multiple sessions. Porter also states that Attorney Lassiter prefers to meet on a Wednesday or Thursday due to other schedule meetings. Motion was made by Harrell to have Special Call meeting on Wednesday, June 30 at 5:30 and 2nd by Porter. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0)**

Public Comment- Jean Spruell- Boyd discusses the plate sale that was held on June 5 by the Parade Committee. Boyd stated they had good turnout but would like to encourage support from the board members as well. Kevin Tuner ask the board if the town had community watch with all the turn of the things that happened in town. Porter stated that they it was one years ago but that was something the community had to do and not the board.

Motion made to adjourn by Commissioner Harrell and 2nd by Burdette. **Motion passed unanimously (4-0). Meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.**

William Stalls - Mayor 7-7-21
Vonetta Porter - Town Clerk 7/7/21



Resolution- Commissioner/Town Clerk Porter contacted each board member by phone individually on June 17 to ask about adopting the support of the Resolution for Viability Study for the efforts of Martin County Government and the municipalities of Williamston, Hassell, Hamilton, Oak City, Everetts, Parmele, and Robersonville. Each board member, Burnett, Edmondson, Harrell and Porter gave a yes vote to support the Viability study and to make Vonetta Porter, Town Clerk/Finance Officer the authorize representative. **Resolution passed with a vote 4-0.**

Willie Stalls - Mayor 7-7-21

Vonetta Porter - Town Clerk 7/7/21

