

TOWN OF OAK CITY

September 9, 2020

Minutes

TOWN MEETING 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Stalls

PRAYER- Commissioner Harrell

REGULAR SESSION

AGENDA/MINUTES- Motion to accept agenda/minutes made by Commissioner Harrell 2nd by Commissioner Burnett.

CONSENT AGENDA – N/A

BOARD REPORTS- Commissioner Porter reported that the NC Department of Commerce CDBG Coronavirus Program is a program that will help cover people outstanding utility balance throughout the county if approved by the state. Porter stated how she had to send in a report on how many customers that were delinquent on his/her utilities payment and the total amount delinquent. Porter informed the board that as of September 3rd when the report was due the town had 37 customers past due for the amount of \$16,123.23. Porter stated she will keep the board updated when she get more information.

Commissioner Harrell discusses the leak at the Senior Center and how she called Todd's Roofing which is the man who fixed the roof and he came back out and fixed the leak.

Commissioner Edmondson discusses mosquito spraying and that he has sprayed twice and that he has talked to Eric (utility lineman) who he will be showing how to use the machine. Edmondson stated that it takes him about an hour in a half to spray.

OLD BUSINESS –N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meetings due to Covid-19- Commissioner Porter discusses with the board on how they want to proceed with having the public be a part of the monthly meetings due to Covid-19. Commissioner Edmondson stated that he didn't have a problem with the public coming to the meeting because we have a small turn out that attend. Edmondson also stated that along as they continue to get there temperature check and wear a mask before entering the building he was find with the public attending the meeting. Mayor Stalls stated that he would to love to continue having the public attend the meeting.

Commissioner Harrell made a motion that the board would continue to allow the public to attend the meeting along as they wear a mask, get temperature check, and use hand sanitizer upon entering the building with a limit of 14 people which includes the board members. 2nd by Commissioner Edmondson. **Motion passed unanimously**

Desmond Miller (4H) - no show

Spencer Burnette- Approach the board about the 4 wheelers riding on the streets. Commissioner/ Town Clerk Porter to call the NCLM to see if the town needs an ordinance or if the Sheriff Department could just enforce it or if the board needed to vote on what needs to be done.

Streets- DOT Mr. Mulder sent in the quote to repair some of the town streets in the amount of \$5100.00 Commissioner Harrell makes a motion that the DOT repair N. West & West Commerce Street (near Post Office), two areas on S. Chestnut Street, two areas on St. Marks Street, and some patching on W. Latham Lane as well as some shoulder work on W. Fourth Street using the Powell Bill Fund. 2nd by Commissioner Edmondson. **Motion passed unanimously**

Ditches- Some of the bigger ditches in town need to be mowed which include the ditches on Commerce and Fourth Street. Commissioner Harrell made a motion that Ricky Cannon cuts the 2 ditches 2nd by Commissioner Burnett. **Motion passed unanimously**

The SoundSide Group- Commissioner Porter discussed with the board that the back-up hard drive is broken and she has to get another one and also that VPN that will allow for the clerk to work from home if needed to be installed. The cost for the VPN and labor was more than the board wanted to spend. Edmonson ask Porter to call SoundSide about the \$320 cost being too expensive and to call and find out what the cost entails. Porter stated that the for the back-up hard drive she could order that off of Amazon for \$59.99 versus the price SoundSide charge. Mayor Stalls tells Porter to contact Billy who also does work on the Town computers to see if he can install the VPN at a cheaper rate.

Public Comment- Abbie Mason with TFBU foundation stated that they have partnered with 4H to assist with children in the community. Abbie stated that TFBU have 17 children committed to attending there program using computers to do virtual learning. Ms. Mason also asked about having a Sheriff satellite site here in town and if it was possible. Commissioner Porter stated that it was discussed years ago and the Sheriff Department was supposed to get a site in the old jail at the Town Hall but due to lack of funding that the Sherriff department couldn't do it.

After Close Session – Commissioner Harrell makes motion to pay former Commissioner Joey Brown's Estate his July salary without withholding taxes 2nd by Commissioner Edmondson. Motion passed unanimously

Motion to end meeting made by Commissioner Harrell 2nd by Burnett. Meeting ended at 9:17 p.m.

Mayor William Stalls 10/5/20
Vonetta Porter Town Clerk 10/5/20

