

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2019

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Johnny Craft, Angela Gay, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Interim Manager Mark Warren, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: None

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Jackson stated that a correction needs to be made in the March 12th minutes: the price of the tractor is \$4500.00 not \$450.00.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve March Workshop and Regular meeting minutes with the correction of the amount paid for the tractor as \$4500.00 instead of \$450.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to Be Heard

None

Discussion/Action Items

1. *Request from Grifton Volunteer Fire Department for speed bump on S. Dupont Street.*
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.
Mayor Jackson and the Board stated to confer with the Fire Department and the Police Department of the exact location of the placement of the speed bump.
Manager Warren stated that he feels a policy should be in place to deal with the speed bump requests.
2. *Consideration to approve Resolution to adopt N.C. Local Government Debt Setoff Program.*
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.
3. *Consideration to approve Resolution to rename a portion of Gordon Street to Kornegay Street.*
Manager Warren asked for clarification of the area.
Mayor Jackson stated that it would be from Queen Street to Main Street.
Commissioner Kennedy asked if the property owners have been contacted.

Mayor Jackson stated that it was not necessary.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. *Request from Grifton Museum Board to appoint John Macheimer to the Board.*

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Possible Add On Item – Authorize public hearing for conditional use permit for Church Street at 5678 Hwy 11 N.*

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

*Grant was received in the amount of \$2000.00 from Pitt County for the Grifton Improvement Baseball Association.

*Town employees and volunteers are working on trying to get the RV Park back into shape in hopes of tentatively opening on May 1, 2019.

*Employee luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 12:00 at the Depot.

*Planning Board met on April 4th to review a subdivision plat, meet with Dave Thornwell and discuss a conditional use permit for a church at 5678 Hwy 11 N.

*Meetings with CMSD and NRWASA indicated there would be no increases from their agencies in the upcoming budget year.

*The storm drain tile for Lewis Drive has been ordered and will be installed after Shad Festival and as soon as weather permits.

*Repairs have begun on the soffit at the police department and the library.

*A new sign for the police department has been ordered.

*Fema submittals continue for Hurricane Florence. We probably will not get any reimbursement before the end of the fiscal year.

*Duke Progress will be here to meet on April 16th at 9:30am to discuss the substation.

*3 metal benches have been ordered for St. David Street Park.

*Per Ms. Kennedy, Grifton Garden Club has donated \$250.00 to the Park Trust Fund for a matching grant that was applied for through Vidant.

*Utilities and Police Department has been coordinating with Shad Festival Committee for this weekend.

*Applied for a loan to renovate Well #2 on Dupont Street. The Town was awarded the loan and \$39,000 will be a grant and the other \$39,000 will be an interest free loan.

*Met with Derrick Smith, Derrick Ennis and Billy Raynor concerning the Ennis property.

Recommendations were given such as: possibly ditching out further property along Patrick and McCrae Street or putting a pipe and swell from the rear of their property to Queen Street which may be encompassed in our USDA project.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kennedy asked if we are going to commit to the Pitt County Fair this year and if so we need to start planning.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the person had been contacted about the Depot door.

Manager Warren replied that if the contact information was given to him he would make that happen.

Clerk Angel Hudson presented the Board with a Budget Revenue & Expense Report ending March 31, 2019 and stated if there were any questions to let her know.

There being no further business Commissioner Barnes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton