

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2018**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Johnny Craft, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Manager Joe Johnson

Absent: Commissioner Will Barnes, Commissioner Mary Grace Bright

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.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to accept March Workshop, Regular & Budget Retreat Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to Be Heard

Jake Keator of 576 E 3rd Street (Times Leader) came before the Board to announce that this would be the last Board meeting he would be covering as a member of the Times Leader. He thanked the Board for welcoming him and being so helpful during his time covering the meetings.

The Board thanked Mr. Keator for being friendly and cordial and wished him luck in his new endeavors.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously for the following item:

1. Resolution to order the Clerk to investigate the annexation request received from Dogwood Creek Land Holdings, LLC for accuracy and to make sure it includes all the names of all property owners in the proposed area to be annexed.

Discussion/Action Items

1. *Set Public Hearing Date for No Smoking Ordinance*
Commissioner Craft made a motion to set a public hearing date for the No Smoking Ordinance for May 8th, 2018 at the Regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he is proud to announce that the Marine Corp Band will be performing for the Shad Festival.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the fence has been taken down at the Depot, mainly by Manager Johnson, and he feels it looks much better. He commented that we now need to underpin the Depot to avoid damage to the duct work. However, Manager Johnson has stated that this will need to wait until July when the new budget starts due to availability of funds in that department.

Commissioner Oakes asked if we should wait.

Manager Johnson said he would look in the budget to see if it could be taken from another department.

Manager Johnson informed the Board that he has received a quote, only for the labor, and it was \$1500.00.

Commissioner Craft asked the Board if it was okay if he called someone to give an estimate. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Oakes asked Manager Johnson if he has heard from DOT concerning the areas on North and South Highland Blvd.

Manager Johnson stated that he has received an email stating that the request has been sent to the appropriate department.

Commissioner Kennedy expressed his concerns with the looks of the solar farm on S.Highland Blvd. He feels this area needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Oakes stated that the Solar Farm on Brown Hodges/Church Street buffer trees are dying and needs to be addressed. Commissioner Oakes asked that this be addressed before the contractors leave the premise.

Manager Johnson stated that he has talked to the project foreman concerning this issue and explained the process he was given.

Commissioner Craft stated that the hole on Glenwood and Dawson needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the RV Park would be open for Shad Festival.

Manager Johnson stated that he did not believe so and it would be a couple more weeks before we opened it back up. He explained the reasoning.

Clerk Angel Hudson presented the Board with a Budget Revenue & Expense Report ending March 31st, 2018 and stated if there were any questions to let her know.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton