

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2018**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Mary Grace Bright, Johnny Craft, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Will Barnes

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 Kennedy made a motion to approve July Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to Be Heard

1. Eric Dennis of 233 McCrae Street came before the Board to express his concerns with Grifton Police Officers working with no backup. He gave the statistics of officer related deaths and injuries of officers in the U.S. He then gave the statistics of Grifton from January 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018. He commented that he would like to see if there is any way we could get the officers not by themselves in the evenings and at least have 2 officers on duty. He ended by saying at the end of the day the officers are going to be the ones here to help us. He thanked the Board for their time.

Guest Speakers

1. Mario Perez – Pitt County District Court Judge
Mr. Perez was not present at this meeting.
2. Grifton Volunteer Fire Department
Justin Johnson came before the Board on behalf of Grifton Volunteer Fire Department to get approval for the Fire Truck Parade on October 13, 2018. He would also like to get approval to use the lots behind Hwy 55 for a Touch-A-Truck event on the same day. He commented that they would be cooking and serving plates from 10:00am to 2:00pm as well.
Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve Grifton Volunteer Fire Department's requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bright.
Commissioner Oakes asked Mr. Johnson if it would be to wet to put the trucks on the property behind Hwy 55. Mr. Johnson stated that there is cement there that will be utilized.

Commissioner Kennedy asked Mr. Johnson if a parade permit has been obtained by the Chief of Police. Mr. Johnson responded that he has spoken with the Chief and they are waiting on approval from D.O.T.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items (Motion Needed)

1. Approval of Commitment to School Resource Officer Program
Commissioner Bright made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Hiring of Interim Town Manager
Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bright. The motion carried unanimously.
3. NRWASA Board Member Appointment – Interim Town Manager
Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.
4. CMSD Board Member Appointment – Interim Town Manager
Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items

1. CSX Lease
Commissioner Bright made a motion to table this item until further clarification was obtained from our Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Certification of Municipal Declaration to enact speed limit changes on Dawson Road next to Grifton School.
Chief Silva commented that he and Principal Smith have requested that the speed limit be lowered for child safety.
Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Police Vehicle Purchase
Commissioner Craft made a motion to purchase a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan from the Village of Simpson in the amount of \$16,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bright welcomed Mark Warren back to Grifton and expressed the Board's appreciation of his willingness to come back and help us as Interim Manager.

Commissioner Bright commented that a Mid East Representative needs to be appointed since Joe Johnson is no longer our representative.

After a brief discussion, Interim Manager Warren was appointed to the Mid East Commission.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Jackson reconvened the meeting.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to enter into closed session as authorized by G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to exit the closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kennedy asked that the item of the purchase of the Sewer Vac Truck from Winterville be added as a discussion item. The Board agreed.

Discussion Addition

4. Purchase of the Sewer Vac Truck from Winterville, NC.

Commissioner Kennedy asked Manager Warren to make contact with the Manager from Winterville to get the information needed concerning this truck.

Manager Warren agreed to do so.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton