

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2019**

**Present:** Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Johnny Craft, Angela Gay, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Interim Manager Mark Warren, 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 Craft made a motion to approve January Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Persons to Be Heard**

\*Gary Gladson of 2908 NC Hwy 118 Grifton came before the Board on behalf of the Museum to thank the Town of Grifton for all their support throughout the years.

\*Nicole Dietrich of 6101 Weyerhaeuser Road Grifton came before the Board to express her concern of a safety issue. She stated that the yellow lines on N. Highland Blvd are faded and some are completely gone.

Manager Warren will contact the State because it is a State issue.

Commissioner Kennedy asked for a moment of silence for former Commissioner Gene Coley.

**Consent Items**

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve the consent items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously for the following items:

1. *Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent – N.C. division of Emergency Management*
2. *Request from Shad Festival Committee to extend closing hours at Depot Building on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00p.m. to 11:30 p.m.*

**Discussion/Action Items**

1. *Appointment of Bettie Jones to Museum and Indian Village Board*

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to appoint Bettie Jones to the Museum and Indian Village Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *Petition from Ms. Carolyn Carr and residents of Tucker Street for speed bumps.*

Manager Warren stated that the petition and signatures are attached.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to place (2) speed bumps on Tucker Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Approval of the Submission of Depot lease to CSX*

Manager Warren stated that this document has been reviewed by the Attorney and the Insurance Carrier. He commented it is recommended that the highlighted items in red be included. The yellow highlighted items are what the Board needs to be aware of and the brown highlighted items should be removed.

Manager Warren recommended this document be submitted to CSX with changes. Commissioner Craft made a motion to submit the lease to CSX with the noted changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Manager's Report**

Manager Warren gave a report on the following items;

\*FEMA reimbursement paperwork from Hurricane Florence is still on going

\*Reminder that the Budget Retreat Workshop will be held at 5:00pm on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

\*The follow up compliance inspection report from Environmental Quality Sewer Collection System is attached. Please read at your convenience. On page 2 the last paragraph says the Town has a favorable outcome and the inspection enforcement action will not be pursued at this time. Manager Warren stated that the purchase of the Jet Vac and the Sewer Bypass played a factor in us not being fined.

\*There are ongoing maintenance repairs at the civic center and art rooms.

\*Neuse River Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee needs an at large citizen to represent Grifton. Manager Warren and Chief Silva now serve on the committee but we do have to have 2 residents from Grifton to serve. The Board needs to keep this in mind.

\*Town of Winterville has a 1988 Ford Tractor for sale and has accepted our offer of \$4500.00. The Board has asked about purchasing a bush hog as well. Manager Warren recommended the purchase.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to purchase the tractor from Winterville in the amount of \$4500.00 and to purchase a bush hog as well. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

\*State of NC Department of Commerce is offering assistance and possibly funding through an NC Rural Main Street Planning Center. The Program is called Downtown Initiative. He will be filing an application on our behalf in hopes of getting assistance or guidance.

\*Submission of the Deer Urban Archery Season through the NC Wildlife Commission is about to begin. Chief Silva will be the contact person for this program.

\*Manager Warren gave the Board a copy of the Pitt County finance report.

\*We have filed a request for the annual funds for the Civic Center and Library from Pitt County.

\*We have submitted a report to Pitt County for the Grifton Baseball League and requested funds for 2019/2020.

\*A proposal from County Boys logging to access our RV Park is attached. However, our RV Park is currently closed and FEMA is still considering whether or not they will produce funds to rehab the park.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Oakes asked that when the state is called about the yellow lines to please have them check the culvert on N. Highland Blvd past the city limits sign.

Mayor Jackson asked Billy Raynor to check all state roads in Grifton so a list could be turned in with all issues at one time.

Commissioner Oakes asked about the burned house on St. David Street.

Manager Warren stated that it is still under investigation.

Commissioner Kennedy passed out a document in the form of a motion. It is a motion to establish a Grifton Parks Endowment. Commissioner Kennedy read his motion. (See attached)

Manager Warren stated that he sent the Town Attorney a copy of the document and the attorney advised that the word endowment be changed to fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Angel Hudson presented the Board with a Budget Revenue & Expense Report ending January 31st, 2019 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 Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton