

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2018**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Mary Grace Bright, Johnny Craft, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Manager Joe Johnson, 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.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to accept January Workshop & Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to Be Heard

1. Tim Albritton of 6310 Niblick Road came before the Board to inform them of issues he had with the Grifton EMS that he would like to become public record. Please see attached.
2. Mary N. Moore of 6931 Pitt Street came before the Board to state that she feels the Board should answer questions during public expression. She feels it is a waste of time for the public to stand up and talk if they are not going to get any response.

Consent Agenda

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

1. **Fire Department Funds** – Fire Department will be given the full \$25,000 that was received for the sale of the Fire Truck.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Animal Ordinance Amendments

Commissioner Craft made a motion to adopt the proposed Animal Control Ordinance with amendments with the understanding that in IX Section 90.23 “Animal Noise Prohibited” the word (*continuously*) be omitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bright. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Set Retreat Date and Time

Commissioner Craft made a motion to set the Annual Board Retreat date for March 9th, 2018 from 8:30am to 11:30am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Carr, Riggs, Ingram Amended Contract.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to accept the amended Contract for Carr, Riggs & Ingram. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Road Closure

Manager Johnson explained that DOT needs this resolution in order to close the streets for Shad Festival.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to approve the resolution upon approval by our Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bright reminded the Board that the Town Commons cleanup day will be held on March 10th.

Commissioner Bright informed the Board that the Town wide cleanup day would be held on April 7th with a rain date of April 14th.

Commissioner Bright asked if we have a time frame on when the street lights on Main Street are going to be replaced.

Manager Johnson stated that he would contact the engineer and see if there any updates on this project.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he asked Manager Johnson if there were funds in the budget that would allow for an employee appreciation dinner. Manager Johnson replied that we did have those funds available. Commissioner Kennedy stated that he felt a good time to have it would be the week after Shad Festival at the Depot during lunch. He asked the Board for their input as well as the employees. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to have an employee appreciation dinner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Oakes thanked Manager Johnson for the little bit of help with the area on Church Street and asked when more is planned to be done.

Manager Johnson stated that they will get to it just as soon as possible.

Commissioner Oakes asked why there was no limb pickup this week.

Manager Johnson replied that we are very shorthanded this week working only with a 3 man crew due to 2 vacancies and 1 unexpected emergency surgery.

Commissioner Oakes asked how we are coming with filling the vacancies.

Manager Johnson replied that he will be doing interviews all day on Wednesday and hopes to have someone on Board very soon.

Commissioner Barnes asked Manager Johnson if he had obtained a quote on the steel plating. Manager Johnson stated that he had not.

Commissioner Barnes asked about the RV Park.

Manager Johnson stated that he is hoping with the upcoming nice weather that more progress will be made at the Park and hopes to be open sometime in March.

Commissioner Craft asked Manager Johnson when he planned to have the pot hole on Church Street at the canal that goes under the pavement filled in.

Manager Johnson informed Commissioner Craft that it has been filled in but it will be a major job to repair.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton