

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
February 5, 2019

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

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.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

-Glen Johnson of 459 Williamston Drive Winterville, NC came before the Board to recognize and thank Interim Manager Warren for his participation and representing the Town of Grifton on his radio show. Mr. Johnson also stated that he is an advocate to realtors for the Ayden, Grifton and Winterville area.

-Georgia Smith of 3210 Boardwalk Lane Apt A Greenville NC came before the Board for the second time more prepared to ask for support from the Board in opening a House of Life Rehabilitation Center in the building now owned by Debra McNeil on Queen Street. She stated that when she came before the Board the first time she wasn't fully prepared but she has now seen all agencies she needs to get the drug rehab facility started.

Mayor Jackson asked Ms. Smith to schedule an appointment with the Manager Warren to discuss zoning issues and give more informative information.

-Tommy Suggs of 5681 Gilbert School Road Grifton NC came before the Board on behalf of the Shad Festival. Mr. Suggs is requesting to have an additional 30 minutes on Friday and Saturday nights for the bands to play during the Shad Festival event. He commented that if it works and the Board approves it will be understood from here on out that instead of the 11:00pm cut off time it will be 11:30pm. If it does not work then it will go back to the 11:00pm time.

Discussion Items

1. *Resolution Designation of Applicant's Agent – N.C. Division of Emergency Management.*
Manager Warren stated that this is an official document from FEMA that needs to be done. It will make him and Clerk Angel Hudson as agents on behalf of the Town of Grifton.

Mayor Jackson advised Manager Warren to put this on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

2. *Appointment to Grifton Museum & Indian Village Board*
Manager Warren explained that there is a vacancy on the Grifton Museum & Indian Village Board and they have asked that Ms. Bettie Jones be appointed to the position.

Mayor Jackson strongly encouraged that the appointment for Ms. Jones be considered and approved.

Mayor Jackson advised Manager Warren to put on next week's agenda.

3. *Received Petition from Ms. Carolyn Carr of Tucker Street requesting speed bumps.*

Manager Warren stated that Ms. Carr has delivered the signed petition of the Tucker Street residents in favor of the speed bumps. Manager Warren commented that the speed bumps would be approximately \$1200.00 for 2 moveable bumps.

Mayor Jackson advised Manager Warren to put this item on the next week's agenda.

4. *Submission of Depot Lease to CSX*

Manager Warren advised the Board that the attorney and the Insurance Company have reviewed the lease and he will have a more formal document for their review at the next meeting.

Mayor Jackson advised Manager Warren to put this item on next week's agenda.

Manager Report

-All Town Hall employees have been sick but we are on the mend.

-Winterville has a tractor they are putting up for auction that we could use for mowing. He gave all the positives of having a tractor. He also stated that it is a 1988 40HP Ford tractor with 3600 hours on it. It is a 3910 model. He has had a mechanic look at it and gave a good review. Winterville is asking \$5000 but we could start with a bid of \$4500.

After further discussion the Board directed Manager Warren to get more information and report back.

-Manager Warren suggested having the Budget Workshop on February 26, 2019 at 5:00p.m. The Board was in agreement with this date and time.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnes stated that there is a sink hole on the corner of Dupont and Queen Street that needs to be assessed.

Commissioner Oakes asked about the status of Duke Energy and the substation.

Manager Warren stated that they have stated they are still working on the situation.

Commissioner Oakes asked about the trash at the Dollar General and the Tropicanna.

Manager Warren stated that Dollar General cleaned theirs up but it wasn't long before it looked as it did before.

Manager Warren informed the Board that the Buckleberry Canal landscaping has been completed.

Commissioner Gay asked when Ms. Smith first came before the Board.

The Board replied that it was in October but Ms. Smith needed more information for the Board at that time.

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 Clerk