

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2019**

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

**Recognition of Persons to Be Heard**

None

**Public Hearing**

Purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment on a request by Karly Radford for text amendment to Zoning Ordinance to permit electronic gaming operations, bingo operations, and places of entertainment as a use by right in the Highway B-1 Zoning District and to permit a maximum of (50) fifty gaming machines for any establishment in the Highway commercial B-1 District.

Grifton Planning Board recommendation: That gaming operations be allowed in the B-1 Highway Commercial District subject to a conditional use permit with the maximum number of games be considered at the conditional use permit hearing with the size of building being factored in considerations.

Mayor Jackson read the rules of the public hearing.

\*Paul Porterfield of 4889 Pine Villa Drive came before the Board in opposition.

Mayor Jackson asked the audience to raise their hands if they were against the ordinance change.

The majority of the room raised their hands.

Mayor Jackson asked the audience to raise their hands if they are in favor of the ordinance change.

No hands were raised.

Kevin Woolard of 654 Wall Street came before Board in opposition.

Dr. Cascioli Smith (no address) came before the Board in opposition.  
Ervin Gray 6742 Brassie Drive came before the Board in opposition.  
Loreto Allen 5026 Pine Villa Street came before the Board in opposition.  
After all had spoken Mayor Jackson closed the public hearing.  
Commissioner Craft made a motion to deny the text amendment change to the zoning ordinance requested by Karly Radford. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation**

Mayor Jackson presented former Commissioner Mary Grace Bright with a letter of appreciation from the Town Board.

Ms. Bright thanked the Board and expressed her sincere appreciation to the Board and the Citizens.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

1. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Manager Warren stated that this project would increase the sewer flat rate by \$1.38 but feels this opportunity may not come up for the Town again. He recommended approval.  
Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the Resolution Directing the Application to the LGC for approval of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (\$441,000) and requesting LGC approval of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried 4 to1 with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.
3. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the Resolution declaring the intent of the Town to reimburse itself for the capital expenditures incurred in connection with various improvements to the Town's Sewer System from the proceeds of certain tax-exempt obligations issued in calendar year 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried 4 to1 with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.
4. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the engineer professional services agreement (\$237,000) between Town and The Wooten Company for U.S.D.A. 2017 Wastewater Pump Stations and Sewer System Improvements project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.
5. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to adopt the Capital Project Ordinance for the U.S.D.A. Loan/Grant for the \$1,717,000 Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gay. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.
6. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as bond counsel for U.S.D.A. Sewer System

Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gay. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.

### **Manager's Report**

Manager Warren gave a report on the following items;

- \*Updates on FEMA reimbursement procedures and meetings
- \*Updates on the possible Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project
- \*Update on the Buckleberry Solar Farm Landscaping
- \*Ribbon cutting for the Fitness Trail was held with Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Gay attending the event
- \*Jet Vac Truck has been utilized numerous times
- \*Florence debris cleanup updates
- \*Mideast has been contacted concerning the mapping of our storm drain systems and possibly a map of all Town owned properties
- \*Fence at the Depot has been installed
- \*Email has been sent to Duke Energy to follow up on relocation of substation

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Kennedy asked about the progress of the lift station by Mr. Oakes' house. He also stated that the storm drain on Tucker Street should be looked at as well. Billy Raynor stated that he would have the engineers look at both when they are back in town.

Commissioner Barnes asked about the roads.

Manager Warren stated that all of the warranty on the street work is done.

Commissioner Oakes asked if anyone has spoken to Tropicanna and Dollar General concerning the trash around their buildings.

Manager Warren responded that a letter has been sent and asked Officer Venable to speak with the owners.

Chief Silva stated that he would utilize community service workers to clean trash in the right of way around the buildings.

Commissioner Oakes stated that he is still receiving complaints about Power House noise after hours.

Chief Silva stated that he had investigated this but has not been able to issue any citations.

Mayor Jackson asked the Chief to do something about vehicles playing music too loud.

Chief Silva stated he had a decibel meter and would investigate utilizing the device in the future.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton