

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING**

July 5, 2016

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Mary Grace Bright, Johnny Craft, Sammy Whitehurst; Interim Manager Mark Warren, Clerk Angel Hudson; Town Attorney Cliff Parsons

Absent: Commissioner Mike Coles

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:

*Mr. Thomas Warren – owner of 6834 N Highland Blvd came before the Board to ask if the Town of Grifton would consider using his property free of charge and in return the Town would keep the property cleaned.

Mayor Jackson stated that we would have no need for it at this time because we now have Town owned buildings that could be used for our functions.

Mr. Warren thanked the Board for their time.

*Mr. Chuck Owens of 735 Fairlane Drive came before the Board on behalf of the Grifton Rescue Squad to welcome an invitation to meet with Town officials or employees to develop rescue plans for any facility that is Town owned.

*Mr. Raymond Oakes of 800 Fairlane Drive expressed his concerns with the recently paved streets and the Country Club Mobile Home Park.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Acceptance of Resignation of Commissioner Sammy Whitehurst

Manager Warren stated that he has checked the Charter and with the Attorney and he recommended to place this item on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed.

2. Appointment of vacancy on the Board of Commissioners per G.S. 160A-63

Manager Warren advised the Board that the vacancy has to be filled but it does not give you direction on how it should be filled. Attorney Parsons recommended a ballot in which all persons that have shown interest in the vacancy be put on a ballot and each Town Board member circle the person they deem to be the most suitable. He commented that there is a lot of flexibility.

3. Authorize public hearing for request for conditional use permit to erect Manufactured Home at 279 Michael court (Parcel#63719). Approved by the Planning Board on 6/21/16.

Manager Warren commented that the Planning Board approved this conditional use request unanimously and recommended to proceed with a public hearing.

Town Manager Report

Manager Warren stated that he would inform the Board on several issues at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss a matter as authorized by G.S. 143-318.11(3) Attorney-Client Privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to exit the closed session and return to the workshop meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bright commented that a citizen on Main Street has asked for a street light between Pitt Street and the overlook Park. Commissioner Bright asked that we request Duke to assess the location and consider a street light.

Commissioner Bright commented on her concern of the street walkthrough time not being long enough and wants to make sure the time does not expire.

Manager Warren stated that he would make sure the time did not expire.

Commissioner Bright asked where we are on the Town Manager search.

Manager Warren stated that he plans to have a notebook with the applicants at the next meeting.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to vote on the Commissioner vacancy at the August meeting. No one seconded the motion and the motion failed to pass.

Commissioner Craft stated that he feels we are moving faster than necessary and should wait until the August meeting instead of the next regular meeting this month.

Commissioner Barnes also feels that it does not need to be done quickly.

Mayor Jackson reminded the Board that voting is usually done at the regular meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk