

**TOWN OF GRIFTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
June 11, 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 Kennedy made a motion to approve May Workshop and regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Persons to Be Heard**

None

**Public Hearings**

**First Public Hearing**

Mayor Jackson announced that we are now in a public hearing.

Mayor Jackson stated that the first Public Hearing is a Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing and everyone wishing to speak will need to be sworn in just as in a court of law.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on a request from Mr. William Roach for a conditional use permit to allow a church at 5678 Hwy 11 North (Parcel #26049).

Mayor Jackson asked for comments.

Mr. William Ray Smith of 4648 Braxton Road Grifton was sworn in by Clerk Angel Hudson.

Mr. Smith indicated that he was the owner of the building and that it has come before the Board previously to be a sweepstakes. The Board declined the request due to the opposition from the neighbors. He respects the Board's decision on that vote. However, with this being a Church he feels it would be a much better thing for the neighborhood than a vacant building and he would appreciate the Board's consideration to pass this request.

Manager Warren stated, that if there is a motion to approve, the following criteria needs to be met and is stated under Item G of our zoning ordinance:

1. Is the proposed use allowed by the zoning ordinance for this district?
2. Is the proposed use essential or desirable to the public convenience and welfare?
3. Will the proposed use impair the integrity or character of the surrounding or adjoining districts, or be detrimental to health, morals, or welfare?

4. Will the proposed use have a negative impact on the Transportation system, schools, recreational areas and natural resources of the community?
5. Will the proposed use be adequately served by utilities, access roads, drainage, sanitation and other necessary facilities?
6. Will the proposed use have ingress and egress designed to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets?

Mayor Jackson asked if the findings of fact have been satisfied.

Manager Warren stated the findings of facts, a plot plan was submitted and this public hearing was advertised.

Mayor Jackson announced that this public hearing is closed.

### **Second Public Hearing**

Mayor Jackson announced that we are in the second public hearing.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear public comment on the renaming of a portion of Gordon Street (from Water Street to Queen Street) to Kornegay Street as required by Pitt County Addressing Ordinance.

Mayor Jackson asked for comments. There were no comments.

Mayor Jackson announced this public hearing is closed.

### **Third Public Hearing**

Mayor Jackson announced that we are now in the third public hearing.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear public comment on the proposed 2019/2020 fiscal year budget.

Mayor Jackson asked for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Jackson announced that this public hearing is closed.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

1. Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Mr. William Roach for a church located at 5678 Hwy 11 North (Parcel#26049) being all findings and legalities have been satisfied. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve the renaming of Gordon Street (from Water Street to Queen Street) to Kornegay Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gay. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule for 2019/2020 Fiscal year as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Oakes made a motion to adopt the close out amendments for 2018/2019 budget year as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Manager's Report**

Manager Warren gave the following report.

\*Recommendation to accept qualifications of the Wooten Company to provide engineering services for rehabilitation of well#2 (\$78,427.00 Total Project cost).

Manager Warren stated that 50% of this amount is grant and the other is a loan from the State of North Carolina. He asked that the board allow him to negotiate with the Wooten Company (the only proposal received) to complete the minimal engineering on this project.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to allow Manager Warren to negotiate with the Wooten Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion was carried unanimously.

\*He and the Chief Silva have applied for a grant through Duke Energy Foundation. It is the storm resiliency grant category in the amount of \$50,000 to upgrade the portable police radios as well as the equipment in our current radio tower and communications.

\*Charges have been filed against the individuals involved in the vandalism of the St. David street park building. The building has been secured, insurance claim filed, and a petition has been filed with the juvenile court counselor for restitution for the damages.

\*Economic Development Council has agreed to send another Economic Development Director to come down and work with him between July 22 and the 26<sup>th</sup> to prepare an action task plan as a follow up on the previous report.

\*Library letters have been installed.

\*He has engaged in conversation with NCDOT concerning the North and South entrance signs. Van Sparrow with NCDOT will be designing and submitting a plan to install plants, such as daylilies, at these signs to improve the aesthetics. This will be at no cost to the Town.

\*The developer has been contacted about the dead trees at the solar farm and he has responded and will be submitting an action plan to replace those trees. However, it will probably be in the fall when they are replaced.

\*Billy Raynor met with Duke Energy regarding a yard light at the park to give increased presence of lighting around the building.

\*All FEMA reimbursements have been received from Hurricane Florence.

\*The RV Park has been re-opened. There are still a few things that need to be done. The park is re-opened due to the help of the following volunteers: Morry Barber, Stephen Shirley, Jessie Fields, Randall Hart, Dew Burch, Michael Whaley and Shawn Jackson. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for these volunteers.

\*He handed out an NC Water Dashboard so the Board could look at other town's water and sewer rates and compare them to ours.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Oakes asked who is supposed to maintain the planters. He commented that there are dead flowers in some of the pots.

Manager Warren stated that his understanding is that the Garden Club took on that task.

Commissioner Oakes asked what the hours of the gaming businesses is supposed to be because he was out at 1:00 am Sunday morning and there were still people in the buildings.

Manager Warren stated that he thought it was 12:00am but he would have the Police Chief look into this matter.

Commissioner Kennedy asked how many users have we had since the RV Park reopened.

Chief Silva replied that there have been a few tent campers but the only RV rentals have been the ones the weekend of the re-opening.

Clerk Angel Hudson presented the Board with a Budget Revenue & Expense Report ending May 31, 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