

**TOWN OF GRIFTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
June 12, 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.

Mayor Jackson asked for a correction in the Workshop minutes to read that he asked for the meter to be changed for the Harper's because it was hard to read and not because it was an old meter.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve May Workshop, Budget Workshop & Regular Meeting minutes with a change to reflect in the May Workshop meeting: Last paragraph, Last sentence under recognition of persons to be heard should read: " Mayor Jackson asked that the meter be changed because it was hard to read. " The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Recognition of Persons to Be Heard**

Mary Newton Moore of 6931 Pitt Street came before the Board to complain that her water killed her plants and makes her itch when she uses it to bathe. She would like for it to be tested. She also complained about the amount of her water bill and the number of days of service.

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. Federal Procurement Requirement and Conflict of Interest Policies
2. Cancellation of the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Workshop meeting.
3. June Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget Amendments

**Resolution**

1. Resolution fixing date of public hearing on question of annexation pursuant to G.S. 160A-31. (Buckleberry Solar/ Dogwood Creek Properties)

Manager Johnson stated that the resolution has been corrected so that the public hearing date will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 during the regular scheduled Board meeting. Commissioner Bright made a motion to approve the resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on question of an annexation pursuant to G.S. 160A-31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

1. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule  
Manager Johnson stated that this ordinance reflects all changes the Board requested. The Board confirmed with Manager Johnson that Servline was removed from this budget ordinance.  
Commissioner Bright made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried with Commissioner Oakes voting against the motion.
2. Renewal of Carr Riggs & Ingram Contract  
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the audit contract with Carr Riggs & Ingram. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Barnes asked Billy Raynor if he had taken a look at the cracks in the streets. Billy Raynor replied that he has not had the time to do so at this point. Commissioner Barnes commented that there are cracks in every street.

Commissioner Oakes asked if we are moving forward on the Tucker Street issue. Manager Johnson stated that it would be sometime in July before it would be addressed. Commissioner Oakes asked about the canal that is blocked with a tree and a beaver dam. Manager Johnson stated that we know the location but we do not have access. The Board instructed Manager Johnson to contact the drainage district because this drainage ditch needs to be kept clear to prevent from water backing up into Grifton. Mayor Jackson stated that he has spoken with Mr. Raynor concerning this ditch before and that this ditch, even though it is outside the city limits, needs to remain clear. Manager Johnson stated that we are looking into have a drone to camera this ditch. Commissioner Oakes asked if Manager Johnson has heard anything from D.O.T. concerning Highland Blvd. Manager Johnson stated that he received an email stating that they are forwarding the request to the appropriate department. Commissioner Oakes also stated that when the Fire Department has movie night it would be nice for the Town to show support. Commissioner Oakes asked if anything has been done about the duckweed in the ponds in Country Club. Manager Johnson stated that aquatic weed killer has been sprayed. Mayor Jackson asked if the duckweed would stop up the drainage tile. Billy Raynor stated that he would keep a check on it to make sure this does not happen.

Commissioner Kennedy discussed the Tucker Street issue and asked if it is on the list to do in July or if it is not going to be done at all.

Manager Johnson stated that it is on the list of things to do in July.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if the abandoned mobile unit on that property is paying taxes. Manager Johnson stated that he did not know.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the signs at the North and South Entrance need to be weeded.

Billy Raynor stated that he had instructed his guys to weed eat and then spray.

Mayor Jackson instructed Mr. Raynor to spray the herbicide and give it a chance to kill the weeds before a weed eater is used.

Commissioner Kennedy feels the weeds need to be pulled. He also feels it is an embarrassment that the beds at the signs are not being maintained appropriately.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that it is still a mystery of who owns the metal building next to the railroad.

Mayor Jackson stated that the Harvey's own the building.

Manager Johnson rebutted by asked the Mayor how that was because when he pulls it up on OPIS it shows CSX as owning it.

Mayor Jackson stated that the property does belong to CSX but the building belongs to the Harvey's.

Manager Johnsons stated that he has had a problem getting CSX to return his emails.

Commissioner Kennedy asked about the black fencing around the solar panels on Highland.

Manager Johnson stated that he has sent a request for them to be removed.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that it looks terrible and needs to be removed asap.

Commissioner Kennedy asked about the web page.

Manager Johnson stated that he has a training session this Thursday and we will then be able to move forward with the web page.

Commissioner Kennedy announced that there will be another Bike Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It will begin by the Town Commons Shelter and go up behind the Christian Church, back down McCrae Street to the bank and then back up to the shelter. He has discussed this with the Chief and he is on Board. The event is for children up to 12 years of age. They will decorate the shelter and the parade will begin about 10:30.

Commissioner Bright reminded everyone of the Catch the Vision Committee meeting that will be held at 7:00pm at 450 Queen Street.

Commissioner Bright asked for verification from Manager Johnson that the drop offs on Highland have been reported to D.O.T along with the pot holes and such.

Manager Johnson confirmed that the drop offs have been reported as well.

Commissioner Bright informed Manager Johnson that she wants a plan for the Depot roof in July or August at the very latest.

Mayor Jackson stated that he was informed that someone in the Dogwood Lane/Casey Drive area is cleaning their yard and throwing the debris in the ditches. He feels there should be a stiff fine put into place for people that throw trash in the ditches. When people do this it works against trying to keep the ditches clean so they will drain.

Commissioner Bright stated that the person putting the stuff in the ditches needs to be talked to by Manager Johnson.

Clerk Angel Hudson presented the Board with a Budget Revenue & Expense Report ending May 31, 2018 and stated if there were any questions to let her know.

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town of Grifton