

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 5, 2018

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Mary Grace Bright, Johnny Craft, Raymond Oakes; Manager Joe Johnson, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Claude Kennedy

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:

*Ardathy Spikes of 6748 Pitt Street came before the Board. She started out by expressing her appreciation to the Board and what they are faced with each month. She also made a complaint about trash that has been out by the road on the corner of Charles and Pitt Street for at least 3 months. She then asked the Board if there is a flat rate on the water bill. She commented that the tenants in the apartment complex she manages are having trouble understanding why their bills keep going up and down if there is a flat rate.

Mayor Jackson directed Manager Johnson to take care of the trash issue that Mrs. Spikes is speaking about.

*Lisa Owens of 735 Fairlane Drive came before the Board to express her concerns about the power substation. She commented that June 1st is the beginning of Hurricane season and they are predicting several storms. She asked if the Town has been in contact with Duke Energy about moving the substation out of the flood zone.

Public Hearing

Mayor Jackson stated that we are now in a Public Hearing and explained the rules of the public hearing.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Jackson closed the public hearing.

Discussion/Action Items

1. *ServLine Proposal*

Manager Johnson explained the proposal to the Board.

After a lengthy discussion and the Commissioners expressed their concerns with this program the Board directed Manager Johnson to delete this from the proposed budget at this time.

The Board directed Manager Johnson to relay to Servline that they are more than welcomed to come in and have Town Hall meetings, at their expense, in order to educate the citizens of their service. The Board feels it is better for people to choose the service than for them to have to opt out of a service.

2. *Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget*

Manager Johnson stated that, per Board request, he has reduced the sewer rate from \$1.02 to \$0.50 on the flat rate, changed the RV Park rental fee from \$35.00 back to \$20.00 per night and reduced the FEMA acquired lots to \$1.00 per year for 5 years as it is currently charged.

Commissioner Bright stated that she did not see anything in the proposed budget to paint the Depot roof.

Manager Johnson confirmed that there are no funds budgeted for this purpose but he would continue to try and get contactors to give estimates.

3. *Buckleberry annexation petition sufficiency.*

Manager Johnson stated that the Clerk has completed the investigation into the sufficiency of the petition for annexation by Dogwood Creek Land Holdings, LLC and has found the petition to be complete.

4. *Resolution- set date for public hearing on Buckleberry Solar Farm Annexation*

Manager Johnson recommended setting the public hearing date for the Buckleberry Solar Farm Annexation for Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00pm.

The Board instructed Manager Johnson to put this item on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

5. *Federal Procurement Requirements*

Manager Johnson explained that the Federal Government has set new procurement requirements and conflict of interest policy for Local Governments. These requirements must be in place by June 30 for Local Governments that are currently spending federal funds. The requirements also must be followed in order to receive federal funds. He stated that this means that the guidelines will need to be followed during disaster type events in order for FEMA to reimburse any funds.

The Board instructed Manager Johnson to put this item on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

6. *Budget Amendments*

Manager Johnson explained that the following budget amendments will need to be made in order to balance the current budget.

FY 2017/2018

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

-27,000.00	103350.0700	FEMA HURRICANE MATTHEW
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EXPENSES

+20,000.00	104200.0400	ADMINISTRATIVE – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
+3000.00	105550.3000	WORKSHOP – VEHICLE OPERATION/POLICE
+1000.00	105650.3000	WORKSHOP – VEHICLE REPAIR/ PUBLIC WORKS

+3000.00	105650.3100	WORKSHOP – VEHICLE OPERATION/PUBLIC WORKS
+800.00	104500.4500	TAX DEPARTMENT – CONTRACTED SERVICES
-800.00	104300.4500	ELECTIONS – CONTRACTED SERVICES
-2000.00	104950.6000	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CODE UPDATE
-1000.00	104950.6100	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – CODE ENFORCMENT
+3000.00	105910.1300	CIVIC CENTER – UTILITIES

The Board instructed Manager Johnson to put this item on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Barnes asked if there would be a workshop meeting next month since it would be held on July 3rd.

After further discussion, it was decided by the Board to put a motion in place to cancel the July 3rd workshop and just have the July 10th regular meeting as scheduled.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bright expressed her appreciation to Manager Johnson for sending emails letting the Board know what is going on in each department. She commented that it helps when being confronted about certain issues to have an answer.

Commissioner Bright stated that there are a several yards in town that need to be addressed concerning grass.

Commissioner Bright stated that we need to make sure our emergency plans are in place for Hurricane Season.

Mayor Jackson asked Billy Raynor to give an update on utilities.

Mayor Jackson asked Chief Silva to give an update on the police department.

Commissioner Oakes asked if the Tucker Street issue has been resolved.

Manager Johnson stated that this is on the list of things to do and explained the details.

Commissioner Oakes commented that the ponds are not draining as they should.

Billy Raynor stated that there is a tree and a beaver damn obstructing the flow.

Commissioner Oakes voiced his concerns about the drain tile in country club overflowing into the lift station causing more work on the lift station than necessary.

Commissioner Oakes and Billy Raynor will meet to discuss solutions for this issue.

Commissioner Barnes expressed his concerns with cracks in the newly paved roads and the need for edging to keep the grass down so the water can drain from them.

Commissioner Bright stated that the contractor did not do a good job on the paving from the beginning and someone needs to be contacted concerning the arising issues.

Commissioner Oakes verified that the contractor did come back and address some of the issues but not all.

Mayor Jackson asked Billy Raynor about the status of the Ingles property on St. David Street.

Billy Raynor stated that a contractor will need to be called to come in and blow out the lines.

Mayor Jackson thanked all that attended the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk