

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 13, 2018**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Will Barnes, Mary Grace Bright, Johnny Craft, 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 Barnes made a motion to approve October Workshop and Regular Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to Be Heard

1. Lee Vasquez of 6262 Brassie Drive came before the Board on behalf of the Grifton Garden Club. She would like for the planters to be placed back on the sidewalks so the Garden Club can replant them to help beautify our Town. She also commented that they have a budget for potting soil and about 15 slow growing juniper trees.
2. David Conway of 7043 Church Street came before the Board to express his desire to put 6 to 8 camper lots in the mobile home park he owns on Church Street. Mr. Conway stated that he has cleaned the park up and is planning to elevate the front of the park to keep it from flooding.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously for the following items:

1. Approval of Christmas Gifts for 2018
2. Approval of Town of Grifton Financial Audit Report for FY 2017/2018 as presented by CRI.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Budget Amendment to purchase 2019 Dodge Charger Pursuit and equipment to be installed on vehicle. (To replace 2016 Dodge Charger in accident on 10/19/2018)
Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the 2019 Dodge Charger and equipment in the amount of \$11,137.58. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craft. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration to adopt Ordinance to prohibit accumulation of leaves, grass clippings, etc. in public right of ways.

Manager Warren stated that the Ordinance has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and all suggestions that were made have been changed.

Commissioner Oakes stated that he feels the public should be notified before enforcement such as water bill inserts, facebook, website etc.

Commissioner Bright stated that our normal weekly pickup regulations should be included.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the changes and for it to become effective 1-1-19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

Mayor Jackson asked for any discussion.

Commissioner Barnes questioned the fines and warnings.

Chief Silva stated that warnings would be given to first offenders but if a criminal citation was given then the fine would be up to the judge.

The motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

*Manager Warren gave the Board prices on fencing that has to be put up at the Depot for Insurance purposes and per the CSX lease agreement.

Mayor Jackson recommended the Black vinyl fence due to the aesthetics and durability.

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to put the black vinyl chain link fencing up at the Depot. The motion as seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion carried unanimously.

*The Library boxes will be placed out by the Eagle Scout at Mattie's mini park and St. David Street Park.

* The www.grifton.com website is now live but is still a work in progress.

*Update was given on canal cleaning.

*An estimate to repair erosion at RV Park is approximately \$49,750.00.

*Status given on taking possession of the Jet Vac from Town of Winterville.

*All century link lines will be switched to suddenlink with a savings of \$1200.00 per year.

*Track/Trail Partnership update was given.

*An estimate for roof repairs from damage by Hurricane Florence was given stating that Town Hall would be \$2075.00, Police Station \$3123.00 and the Museum \$1622.00 from Service Roofing. He added that C.A. Lewis has given a bid of \$12600.00 to repair the façade at the Library. However, at the Board's wishes Manager Warren stated that he would get an estimate from Greenville Awning to replace what is there now with an awning comparable to the one at the Group Home.

*Street patching repairs will probably begin after the Thanksgiving Holidays. There are 19 areas that need to be repaired.

*Updates were given on the maintenance and repairs that have been done at the St. David Street Park and Mattie's mini Park.

*NC Wildlife has been contacted to put the buoy at the creek back at the ramp area.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Oakes commended the ladies for the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Commissioner Kennedy thanked the Garden Club for taking care of the planters.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that he feels that the \$49,700.00 to repair the RV Park would be better spent on other projects that are needed in Grifton.

Mayor Jackson agreed with Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Bright asked Manager Warren if Derrick Smith from the Wooten Company has been contacted concerning the paving.

Manager Warren stated that Mr. Smith could not meet with him until after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Bright stated that she feels the paving quality is unacceptable.

Commissioner Bright stated that she will be relocating in the spring. Therefore, she has offered her resignation to the Board. Her last meeting will be the second meeting in January unless the Board wishes for her to stay until the seat is filled. She stated that she would be flexible if needed.

Mayor Jackson thanked Commissioner Bright for her service on the Board

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

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton