

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
APRIL 5, 2011**

**Present:** Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Buddy Albritton, Richard Hill, Sammy Whitehurst; Manager Joe Albright

**Absent:** Commissioner Alton Clements

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:**

Ms. Brenna Lilly, who resides at 719 Riverwalk Way, came before the Board to voice her concerns and ideas about the St. David Street Park. She is concerned for the safety of the children and adults who utilize the park. She also expressed an interest in helping to obtain grants to upgrade the park.

Manager Albright informed the Board and Ms. Lilly that our intern, Alicia Arnold, is in the process of crafting a park maintenance policy which will include a checklist. Ms. Arnold will do the initial inspection and set the plan in motion. He also informed Ms. Lilly that the Board expressed the need to update the park during the budget workshop in February. He also stated that he is in the process of getting cost estimates to fix the building to see if it will be possible in the upcoming budget.

Manager Albright assured Ms. Lilly that an assessment would be done and any imminent dangers would be corrected as soon as possible.

**Discussion Items**

1. *Budget-Schedule Workshops*

Manager Albright informed the Board that he will be finalizing the proposed budget in April and he would like the Board to schedule at least one budget workshop to be held in May.

The Board agreed to hold a Budget Workshop beginning at 5:00 p.m., which is two hours before the regular workshop meeting, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

**Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Jackson stated that Mrs. Marjorie Harris had approached him about cleanup at the Harvey Building. She stated that the students would be willing to clean if the Town would purchase the supplies such as; mop, bucket, dust mop, etc. The Board agreed to purchase supplies for cleaning.

Commissioner Albritton stated that the Town Commons looks good.

Commissioner Whitehurst asked Manager Albright about the entrance way signs.

Manager Albright responded by saying that he spoke to the contractor last week and the contractor stated the holdup was a permit issue. Manager Albright called the permitting office and they informed him there was a problem with the application and the inspections office made them reapply on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The permit still has not been issued. Manager Albright stated that the contractor gave the impression that the permit had already been applied for before March 31<sup>st</sup>. Manager Albright stated that he would like to investigate the permitting issue further before talking with the contractor again.

Commissioner Hill stated that Grifton is improving its appearance and he is proud of the changes.

Commissioner Spikes expressed her appreciation to Commissioner Whitehurst and Wayne Hardee for the work they have put into the projects they have been working so diligently on.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.