

TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 11, 2009

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Al Clements  
Buddy Albritton, Johnny Craft; Manager Shawn Condon, Clerk Angel Hudson.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to accept the July, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

#1. Jimmy Herring came before the Board representing Emily Exum. Mr. Herring said that it is Mrs. Exum's wish that the path on Pitt Street across from their office not be used as a travel path. It is her intention to either sell the property for \$5000.00 or block it so it cannot be used as an entrance. Mr. Herring stated that there is also a Town water line running across this property. Mr. Herring also stated that the property on Tucker Street that she keeps getting nuisance letters about is not her property even though the County shows her as the owner. Mr. Herring also asked about the paving of Chebistal Drive.

Manager Condon was asked by the Board to find out if there is an easement for the water line on the Pitt Street property.

The Board informed Mr. Herring that Chebistal Drive is next on the list of streets to be paved.

#2. Bishop Rosenboro of True Deliverance Church came before the Board requesting the use of the green building on Queen Street as a Developmental Center/Church.

Manager Condon informed Bishop Rosenboro that he needs a conditional use permit and that needs to go through the Planning Board for them to make the recommendation to the Town Board.

Mayor Jackson stated that he did not want all the vacant buildings on Queen Street to become Churches.

Commissioner Craft asked Bishop Rosenboro if he knew how bad that structure was in and how much it would take to bring it up to code.

Mr. Clements asked Bishop Rosenboro if he knew what type of establishment was behind that building.

Bishop Rosenboro stated that it would be a Church on Fridays and Sundays and a development Center the rest of the time. He also stated that he has done a walk through and some repairs need to be made.

#3 Mac Chauncey came before the Board to complain about his utility bill and request that his bill be reduced. He stated that he feels there is no way he could have used that much water because he and his wife both were in the hospital 2/3 of the time of service. He has been through the chain of command and his last step was the Town Board. He stated that Angel had someone come out and check the meter and he hired a plumber to check it also and there was nothing wrong. He also stated that the policy was explained to him that he had to use 5000 gallons over his normal average to receive a sewer adjustment and because he did not meet this criteria Angel sent him to Shawn. Shawn stated that he also had to go by the policy that was now in place.

The Board agreed to table this issue until the next workshop meeting.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Craft made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously for the following items;

- #5. Approval of Town of Grifton Identity Theft Protection Policy.
- #6. Approval of purchasing a car for the Public Works director in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.
- #7. Approval of changing the speed limit on Pitt Street from 35MPH to 25MPH.

#### CONSIDERATION/ACTION ITEMS

Manager Condon asked the Board to re-examine the Library hours at the next workshop meeting.

Mayor Jackson wants Manager Condon to have a discussion with the Library Board then bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve a proclamation declaring September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the Town of Grifton. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Manger Condon brought up the issue of grave digging services

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve contracting out grave digging services pending contract being approved by the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spikes asked if we are collecting money on all the violations we are writing.

The Board stated that they wanted to know how much money is owed and how much has been collected for these violations.

Commissioner Clements brought it to the Boards attention that we will be one man short at the Police Dept. because of Kenneth Todd's resignation.

Mayor Jackson stated that in front of the Police Dept. there are water hoses and mops. He feels

the police cars should be washed in the back of the building instead of the front and he also feels community service workers need to be picking up trash.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town Clerk