

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

August 12, 2014

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners E.F. Albritton, Mike Coles, Mary Grace Bright, Sammy Whitehurst; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioner Will Barnes

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 Albritton made a motion to accept the July Workshop and Regular minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

None

Discussion/Action Items

1. *Non-Contiguous Annexation Request –Resolution 2014-07*

Manager Albright recommended setting a public hearing for September 2nd, 2014. Commissioner Albritton made a motion to set a public hearing for 9-2-14 at the workshop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coles. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. *Rezoning Request – Highland Solar Center*

Commissioner Coles made a motion to approve the rezoning request for Highland Solar Center for Lenoir County property located at 3717 S. Highland Blvd from R-14 to I-Industrial. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Shad Festival*

Ms. Annie Harrison, representative of the Shad Board stated that in the workshop meeting last week Commissioner Bright asked that the Shad Board propose a resolution that we bring on six members of the volunteer group to join our organization and have them as voting members. The six people that come on Board were Charles Mitchell, Tommy Suggs, Rhonda Jordan, Bruce Clements, Van Tucker and Norma Barnes. The group put together a financial forecast which was presented to the Town Board. Mr. Bruce Clements is now the treasurer of the Shad Board which makes him an executive member. The president for the upcoming festival will be Annie Harrison and Charles Mitchell will co-chair with her. The vice president will be Cyndy Graham, the Secretary is Casey Tripp and the Treasurer is Bruce Clements. She stated that there are now 12

voting members. Ms. Harrison stated that there has been a productive meeting held since the Town Board workshop meeting.

Mayor Jackson stated that he would like for someone to periodically give updates.

Ms. Harrison agreed and said she would be happy to come anytime she was needed.

Mayor Jackson stated that it sounds like we are on the road to recovery.

Commissioner Coles made a motion to accept the information received from the Shad Board and the action taken by that Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. *Comprehensive Plan*

Manager Albright asked the Board for direction on when they would like to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. The length of the discussion depends on the preparedness of the Board.

Mayor Jackson asked if the Board could get a copy of the plan before the September Workshop.

Manager Albright responded by stating he would definitely get a copy to them.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Albritton asked about the progress of the St. David Street tennis courts.

Manager Albright stated that it is a money issue. He also stated that with the condition of the asphalt you could make major repairs but it will still be too small.

Commissioner Bright suggested looking for grant opportunities.

Manager Albright will obtain estimates for grant opportunities.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that the letter received from Ms. Casey in Maryland concerning arts and crafts was a nice letter with some great ideas.

Manager Albright stated that this should be brought to the attention of the CDC.

Commissioner Coles stated that he feels there is opportunity and we should capitalize on what we have.

Commissioner Bright thanked everyone that has been working with the Shad Festival.

Commissioner Bright stated that John Lawson Days will be November 7th and 8th.

Commissioner Bright stated that she has been seeing lots of little advertising signs popping up in Town.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton