

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
December 1, 2009

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Al Clements
Buddy Albritton, Johnny Craft; Manager Joe Albright

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.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Item of discussion: Conditional Use Permit – True Deliverance Church of Christ

Bishop Terry Rosenboro of True Deliverance Church of Christ came before the Board to apologize for not being able to attend the public hearing. He stated that the paperwork for the parking information requested by the Board was submitted the next working day.

After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for True Deliverance Church of Christ with the following findings;

- (a) The proposed use is listed among the conditional uses in the district for which the application was made;
- (b) The proposed use is essential or desirable to the public convenience or welfare;
- (c) The proposed use will not impair the integrity or character of the surrounding or adjoining districts, nor be detrimental to the health, morals, or welfare;
- (d) The proposed use will minimize any negative impacts on the transportation system, schools, recreational areas, and the natural resources of the community;
- (e) The proposed use will be adequately served by utilities, access roads, drainage, sanitation, and/or other necessary facilities; and
- (f) The proposed use will have ingress and egress designed to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Albright informed Bishop Rosenboro that he would also need a zoning permit in addition to the conditional use permit.

Second Item of discussion: Speed Limit Increase Request – Update

Manager Albright informed the Board that DOT approved the request, however, they want to extend the 55 mph from McCotter Drive to Hwy 11.

After further discussion Commissioner Craft made a motion to withdraw the request from DOT and leave the speed limit at 45 mph. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously.

Third Item of discussion: Grifton Volunteer Fire Department – Slate of Officers

Manager Albright has invited the leaders of the Fire Department Board to come to the January meeting to work towards a resolution.

By consensus of the Board it was decided that this item not be put on the consent agenda for the next meeting.

Fourth Item for discussion: Grifton Civic Center By Laws

The civic center has made a request to change some of the wording on the by laws.

Manager Albright stated that it was his intent to specify the changes at next weeks meeting and this item will not be put on the consent agenda.

Fifth Item for discussion: Manager Updates

Manager Albright informed the Board that he, Dr. Ed Bright & Dr. Bill Rasberry met with Wanda Yuhas, Executive Director of the Pitt County Development Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential opportunity to be involved in a program that would provide the Town management assistance. The program is being offered through the Community and Regional Development office at ECU.

Manager Albright also informed the Board that in November, the State performed an inspection of our Fire Department. Our Department failed the inspection due to lack of communications equipment. We have 12 months to correct the deficiency before our insurance rating is affected. Merging the Town and Rural departments would alleviate this deficiency.

Manager Albright let the Board know that the Fire Department's annual Christmas Party will be held on December 5th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The Fire Department asks if you plan to attend to please R.S.V.P as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hill wanted to know if there was any Board that Mr. Condon was on that has not been covered.

Manager Albright responded by stating that Mid-East was the only one that he was aware of and this would be handled at the next regular Board meeting. He also asked that a Board member volunteer for this seat.

Commissioner Clements asked Commissioner Craft if he would be willing to continue his seat on the CMSD Board until his term expired.

Commissioner Craft stated that he would definitely continue until his seat expired.

Mayor Jackson asked the Board their feelings on having Commissioner Elect Whitehurst sit in on the closed session.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to enter into closed session – police chief search update – as permitted under NCGS Chapter 143-318.11(a)(6) and to ask Commissioner Elect Whitehurst to join in the closed session and ask Commissioner Craft not to join. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to come out of closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk