

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2010**

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

Absent: Commissioner Alton Clements

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 November minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Albright requested that the Grifton Volunteer Fire Department Slate of Officers be added as E.8 on the Consent Agenda. The Board Agreed.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

Jimmy Herring of 235 Chebistal Drive came before the Board to commend the Police Officer (Officer Barrow) that rescued a puppy from a ditch today. He stated that she done a fine job.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Façade Grant Applications
2. Water Shortage Response Plan- Resolution No. 2010-14
3. Ordinance Amendment- Museum Commission-Ordinance No. 2010-04
4. Code of Ethics-Resolution No. 2010-15
5. Park Hours- Ordinance No. 2010-05
6. Disposal of Town Owned Property-Resolution No. 2010-16
7. Board of Commissioners Retreat – Date set for February 18th at 8:30am.
8. Grifton Volunteer Fire Department Slate of Officers

Action Items

1. Rezoning Request – True Deliverance Church of Christ

Manager Albright informed the Board that the owners of the property are opposed to the zoning change so he recommended that the Board deny the request.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to deny the Rezoning Request from True Deliverance Church of Christ. Seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.

2. FY 2009-2010 Audit Presentation- Dean Horne

Mr. Dean Horne of Pittard, Perry, and Crone accounting firm came before the Board to present the audit. Mr. Horne stated that we have an unqualified opinion on our audit. He stated that this is the opinion that you should strive for because it is the best opinion an auditor can give. It means that all records are in order and there are no questions. Mr. Horne touched briefly on several issues one of

the most important being that we did not have to use as much fund balance in either fund that we were expecting to have to use. He also stated that the State has accepted the audit as presented. Commissioner Spikes made a motion to accept the FY 2009-2010 audit as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion was carried unanimously.

3. Multi-Family Dwelling Conversion Request

Manager Albright stated that we have received a request from the owner of 437 Main Street (Parcel#10684) to allow a conversion from a Single-family Dwelling to a Multi-Family Dwelling in a residential district. He stated that the property was currently zoned R-6 where Multi-Family Dwellings are permitted. After a review by administration and the Planning Board it has been recommended for approval.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to approve the request for a Multi-Family Dwelling Conversion for 437 Main Street. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried with Commissioner Hill voting against the motion.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Albritton wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Whitehurst wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone who attended the Candle Walk.

Commissioner Hill stated that he is not angry about the motion he voted against. That was just his opinion.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: 2011-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMUSSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFTON REQUESTING LOCAL STATE LEGISLATORS TO SUBMIT AND START LEGISLALTION TO SUPPORT THE TOWN'S REQUEST THAT THE GRIFTON SHAD FESTIVAL BE DESIGNATED AS THE OFFICIAL NORTH CAROLINA SHAD FESTIVAL.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Grifton wishes to support the Grifton Shad Festival Board of Directors in the promotion of the Shad Festival to be a recognized state event; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Grifton further wishes to acknowledge the volunteers and their efforts since 1970 when the first Grifton Shad Festival was held as an event to bring the community and surrounding area together; and

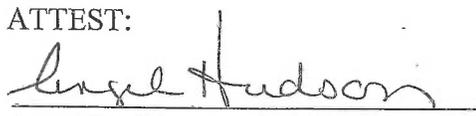
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Town of Grifton even further wishes to recognize that the Grifton Shad Festival, which is held annually, has grown to be a great marketing and promotion tool not only for the Town of Grifton but for Pitt County and eastern North Carolina as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Grifton requests the Pitt County State Legislative Delegation to submit and start legislation to support the Town's request that the annual Grifton Shad Festival be designated as the official North Carolina Shad Festival.

Adopted this the 11th day of January 2011



Billy Ray Jackson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Angel Hudson
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2011**

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

Absent: None

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

Special Presentation: NC Highway 11 Corridor Report

Mr. Alex Rikard with the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments came before the Board to present the NC Highway 11 Corridor Report. He stated that East Carolina Council and Mid East Commission have worked very hard on the study being presented. Mr. Rickard touched on several areas of the plan for road construction, which is a 20+ year plan. He informed the Board that they are the first Governing Body to see the maps provided. Mr. Rickard stated that at some point they would like to have some sort of resolution or endorsement for support to request D.O.T. to do the feasibility study.

Mayor Jackson thanked Mr. Rikard for his presentation.

Discussion Items:

First Item of Discussion: State Recognized Shad Festival Designation- Resolution No. 2011-01

Manager Albright stated that based on the request from Commissioner Whitehurst and the consensus of the remaining Board members, he has drafted a resolution to be forwarded to our State Legislative Delegation requesting that the Grifton Shad Festival be designated as the official Shad Festival of North Carolina. He asked the Board for this item to be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

Second Item of Discussion: Town Commons Shelter Construction-Bid Award

Manager Albright stated that the S.T.E.P committee would like to construct a 22'X56' wooden shelter, which will replace the 2 current existing aluminum carport type structures, on the Town lot. Because of the short time the committee has to obligate the money, Manager Albright has already obtained 3 bids for the structure. The lowest bidder was T.A. Bright Construction Company. The Committee, with member Tim Bright being excused from discussion and voting on the matter, unanimously recommends award of construction to the lowest bidder. Manager Albright asked the Board for this item to be placed on the consent agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

Mayor Jackson stated that he is uncomfortable with the bidder because the last 2 bids were given to the bidder and he was not satisfied with the work. He feels we should do more advertising for bidders.

Manager Albright stated that there was no time to advertise so he solicited bids from various construction companies and T.A. Bright, Inc. came in with the lowest bid.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to place this item on the consent agenda as requested by Manager Albright.

Third Item of Discussion: Harvey Building Use Request

Manager Albright stated that, per the Board request, he and Commissioner Whitehurst met with Mr. Linwood Thorbs and the owners of VanGuard Outreach Services. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the program and the space needs required for the 21st Century Tutorial Program. Manager Albright stated that he requested the parties involved put the request for this service in writing, which he presented to the Board. Manager Albright stated that he would not advise to approve this issue until further things are worked out between the parties involved. He feels we should also have recommendation letters from Grifton School and various others before any decisions are made. After further discussion, the Board agreed that this issue not be put on the consent agenda.

Fourth Item of Discussion: Police Department Overtime Pay Request

Manager Albright stated that, because of staffing shortages, there are two police officers that have accumulated an excess amount of overtime, therefore, Chief Cauley has requested these officers be paid for these comp time hours. Manager Albright informed the Board that there is excess money in the salary line item of the police budget due to fewer number of officers on the payroll during the summer months. Manager Albright asked that this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Spikes stated that she felt like it had been a pretty good year and thanked Manager Albright for all his hard work. She also stated that Grifton Barber Shop looks really nice and John Cox needs to do something about the building across the street.

Commissioner Hill stated that nothing has been done about the hole in his yard.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that progress on the Longhouse has been slow due to the weather and the holidays.

Commissioner Albritton stated that Albritton Construction would like to be put on the bidders list.

Commissioner Clements stated that he had missed the last couple of meetings but he is doing better and is hopefully on the up and up.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk