

**TOWN OF GRIFTON**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
February 7, 2012

**Present:** Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Buddy Albritton, Sammy Whitehurst, Richard Hill, Mary Grace Bright; Manager Joe Albright

**Absent:** Commissioner William Barnes, Jr.

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:** None

**Discussion Items:**

1. *Sewer Rehab Project Plans and Specifications Approval-Resolution No. 2012-02*  
Manager Albright informed the Board that, as part of the process for the funding for the Sewer Rehab Project, we are required to approve a set of plans and specifications with the updated cost estimates. He also stated that the bottom line total is the same. The only difference is in the footages of the project.  
Manager Albright introduced Derrick Smith of the Wooten Company to go over the cost estimates and to answer any questions the Board may have.  
Mr. Smith indicated that after looking at the lines, it was discovered that there were a lot of six inch mains within the Town. The sizes of the lines are severely insufficient and need to be replaced.  
Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.
2. *Contentnea Creek Bridge Water Line Relocation – Bid Award*  
Manager Albright introduced Ryan Fisher, from the Wooten Company, to the Board. Mr. Fisher explained that 3 bids have been received. However, each bidder showed grave concern over loosing equipment and the number of man hours it was going to take to do this project because of the wetness of the land.  
Manger Albright recommended, after discussing the matter, that the Board reject the bids and revisit this item in dryer times. He feels if we wait until a dryer time of year we would receive more bids.  
Mayor Jackson asked about the possibility of the State helping with this project because of the location of the line.  
Manager Albright stated that he was sure that Gary Hartong, from the Wooten Company, had sent a letter with that request but does not remember getting any response. Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.
3. *Mower Repair/Replacement*  
Manager Albright stated that, because of the disrepair of one of the mowers we use for lawn maintenance, he feels we should purchase a new mower. We will receive a

trade in for the old mower which will bring the cost down to around \$6000.00. He stated that he does not feel that it is reasonable to spend \$2000.00 to repair a mower with 1600 hours of usage. Manager Albright recommended putting this item on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

4. *Hodges Field-Light Repair/Replacement*

Manager Albright stated that this item is an opportunity to replace the lights at Hodges Ball Field. He advised that we have received around \$12,000 from the insurance company for the light pole that fell during Hurricane Irene. It will cost around \$30,000 to 40,000 to put all new lights up. He suggested using the insurance money for a down payment and financing the rest, which would be around \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Commissioner Bright asked about grant possibilities through the Perkins Wells West Foundation.

Manager Albright stated that he did not know if this would be a big enough project to qualify for a grant and the timing of repairing the light poles is an issue. He advised the Board that the Little League organization is now taking signups and will begin playing on the fields as soon as March. He also stated that if we do nothing with the poles the field needs to be shut down and unused because the poles are rotten and it is a liability issue.

Commissioner Albritton suggested cutting the poles down and have them use the field only during daylight hours until we can check into funding.

Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting and he would make some calls between now and then concerning grant possibilities. The Board agreed.

5. *Appointment-Eastern Carolina Council*

Manager Albright informed the Board that this appointment has to be made each year. He stated that Commissioner Whitehurst was the 2011 representative asked if he would be willing to continue as Grifton's representative. Commissioner Whitehurst agreed. Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hill commented that the front of Town Hall looks good.

Manager Albright stated that he is in the process of getting some choices of options for lettering, etc.

Mayor Jackson commented that Angel and Alicia are doing a good job and things seem to be running very smooth.

Manager Albright stated that he is extremely impressed with the way Alicia has caught on so quickly.

Commissioner Albritton stated that Grifton Auto Parts building is also looking good.

Commissioner Hill informed the Board that he would be having brain surgery on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town of Grifton