

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2011**

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

Absent: None

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 Clements made a motion to accept the January minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

None

Action Items

1. East Carolina Council Board Appointment

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to appoint Commissioner Whitehurst to the East Carolina Council Board. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Entranceway Sign Replacement Project – Resolution No. 2011-02

Manager Albright explained this project is the replacement of the entrance signs on north and south Highland Blvd. He is requesting authorization to receive informal bids and award the contract for construction via Resolution No. 2011-02.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-02. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Rezoning Request- Public Hearing

Manager Albright stated that there has been a request for a zoning change on land parcels #71692 and #80416 from commercial to RA-20. The individual requesting the change is planning to build a house on these parcels. The matter has not been before the Planning Board as of today's date but will have been discussed before the next Board of Commissioners workshop meeting. At this time, Manager Albright is asking for the Board to schedule a public hearing for this request at the next workshop meeting.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Request to Consider the sale of Parcel #11027 Owned by The Town of Grifton

Manager Albright stated there has been a request to sell the property we own on Brooks Alley. Commissioner Spikes made a motion to allow the property to be sold in an upset bid process. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Appointment to the AFG Board

Manager Albright stated that an appointment needs to be made to the AFG Board.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to appoint Commissioner Whitehurst as the representative for the Town of Grifton to the AFG Board. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that the Town Commons is coming along and the landscaping should be finished by Friday. He also stated that Grifton should be proud of the Town Commons area.

Commissioner Clements thanked the Chief of Police for the excellent report he submitted and stated that the Library and Utilities reports are also very informative.

Commissioner Albritton asked about the Street Lights and if they could be replaced. Manager Albright responded by saying that if the lights were a repeat problem they could be replaced, however, it will cost the Town approximately \$300 to \$400 per light.

Mayor Jackson stated that he has observed an astronomical amount of rocks on top of the shelter at Mattie's mini park and the roof of the shelter is leaking. He also noticed the way the equipment has been abused.

Mayor Jackson expressed his disappointment in the way people care for the things the Town provides for recreational use.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk