

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2005

Present: Mayor Tim Bright; Commissioners Bill Smith, Billy Kornegay, Johnny Craft, Richard Hill, Gene Fleming; Administrator Michael Peoples; Clerk Pat Bryan.

Absent: None

7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING.

A Public Hearing of the Town of Grifton was held on January 11, 2005 in the Town Hall.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Tim Bright.

Purpose: To Receive Public Comment Concerning the Proposed Update to the Town of Grifton Code of Ordinances Zoning Code.

Mr. Bill Smith gave a brief zoning update on the Code of Ordinances Zoning Code. He said the proposed code created new zoning districts. They changed the definitions of years of mobile homes from the proposed 10 years to 8 years. The proposed limit of manufacturing housing in the flood plain was removed.

Mr. Wiley Price, Planning Board Chairman, gave a brief update on the Code of Ordinances Zoning Code. He stated that they had done a lot of work to prepare for the future. The Planning Board had put a lot of effort in preparing the changes in the Zoning Ordinance Code.

A citizen questioned the 8 year age restriction of mobile homes coming to town.

After Board discussion, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:15PM.

7:30PM REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tim Bright.

Mayor Bright led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Minutes approved as written on a motion by Commissioner Craft. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Commissioner Smith for the following items:

Motion carried.

#1 Set a public meeting for the Home Consortium Program FY 2006 Funding on Tuesday, February 8th, 2005 at 7:00PM.

- #2 Approve Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a petition for annexation received under G.S. 160A-31 for the Grifton Mission Ministries. (R-05-02)
- #3 Approve Resolution Fixing a date for a Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 8th at 7:20PM to receive public comment concerning the voluntary petition for annexation filed by the Grifton Mission Ministries (old Cox Trailers complex) (R-05-03)
- #4 Set Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 8th at 7:25PM to receive public comment concerning the HOME Consortium funding proposed for FY 2006.
- #5 Approve Resolution supporting the Town of Grifton's request for NCDOT funding for the proposed pedestrian bridge through the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). (R-05-01)
- #6 Approve grant application for the Urban Forestry Program.
- #7 Appoint Michael Peoples as Grifton representative to the Mid-East Commission.
- #8 Approve FY 2004 Audit Report as presented.
- #9 Set special meeting for Board of Commissioner's retreat meeting, Friday, February 25th at 8:30AM at the Grifton Town Hall.
- #10 Approve underpinning extension for Ms. Linda Sanders per executed contract document.
- #11 Partner with the NCDOT to administer the Town of Grifton's 2004 Enhancement Project to install sidewalks on Highland Boulevard.
- #12 Advertise for RFP's for the administration of the Town of Grifton's HOME Consortium program.
- #13 Approve budget Amendments. (Attached)

Mr. John Bulow, Pitt County, presented the \$0.01 Sales Tax to be implemented to fund capital costs for the Pitt County School System and Pitt Community College's capital needs. He was asking for the Boards support of the resolution for the additional \$0.01 sales tax for this purpose. The Board asked to study the information at the next workshop meeting and report back to Pitt County with the results.

Ms. Marie Peedin, representing Wooten Company, presented the lowest bid on the NC Hwy 11 Sewer Project from Harrelson & Smith in the amount of \$402,808.00. He had omitted a bid for pipe and stone and requested to withdraw from the bidding. The Wooten Company and the Town Board accepted his withdrawal.

Ms. Marie Peedin recommended the next lowest bid from Ormond Utilities, Kinston, NC for the NC Hwy. 11 Sewer Project in the amount of \$559,346.00.

Motion by Commissioner Craft to award the bid of \$559,346.00 to Ormond Utilities, Kinston, N C, for the NC Hwy 11 Sewer Project as recommended by Ms. Marie Peedin from The Wooten Company. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the Grifton Zoning Code Ordinance effective February 1, 2005. (OR-05-01) Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to adopt Resolution accepting financing terms from First Citizens Bank for the purchase of a pumper/tanker truck for the Grifton Fire Department at a cost of \$134,000.00. (R-05-04) Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill to change the February workshop meeting from Wednesday, February 2nd to Tuesday, February 1st at 4:30PM at the Grifton Town Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried

Motion by Commissioner Smith to appoint Mayor Bright as alternate to the NRWASA Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

Administrative Peoples gave the following updates:

The sidewalk project on Church Street has started.

The curb and gutter has been installed on N. Highland Blvd this week.

Trade Mart plans will be submitted to the Planning Board on Thursday.

Eagle Scout Tim Allen will be working in the park this Saturday distributing mulch and stone for his Scout Project.

The Finistar rate is looking good.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Smith said the \$01 sales tax is too soon to act upon.

Commissioner Hill is upset with the appearance of the old Gower store on S. Highland Blvd in Lenoir County. The building needs to disappear soon.

The Board asked Adm. Peoples to get further communication with the property owner of the Gower building and act on the situation.

Commissioner Fleming is concerned with the Dawson/Jarrell House on Church Street now acting as Historical Society. The rules have not been met as presented earlier.

Adm. Peoples said there is a Historical Society meeting set for Tuesday, January 25, 2005 to discuss the best way to handle the property.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to go into Closed Session at 8:20PM – G.S.143-318.11(a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. Seconded by Commissioner Kornegay. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fleming to come out of Closed Session and enter regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Pat Bryan, Clerk