

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 10, 2012

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Buddy Albritton, Sammy Whitehurst, Mary Grace Bright, William Barnes, Jr., Richard Hill; 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 Bright made a motion to accept the June minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Albright requested the Board to enter into closed session, after Commissioner Comments and prior to adjourning, to discuss a personnel matter under authority of N.C.G.S. Chapter 143-318.11(a)(6).

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

None

Action Items

1. Conditional Use Permit Request- Set Public Hearing Date
Manger Albright recommended that the Public Hearing for Robert Dixon's Conditional Use Permit be scheduled for August 7th, 2012 at the next workshop meeting.
Commissioner Barnes made a motion to set a Public Hearing Date for Robert Dixon's Conditional Use Permit for August 7th, 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnes said he wanted to thank the Town staff for doing such a good job.

Commissioner Whitehurst asked about the ball field.

Manager Albright stated that he had talked to Mr. Coley and he stated they are going to try and do something with the scoreboard.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that he had been told that Andy's has some type of foundation set up for these types of project.

Commissioner Bright stated that she noticed the scoreboard has Pepsi on it and it may be worth it to ask the Pepsi Corporation about replacing or helping with the scoreboard. She also stated that we can also go back to the Perkins Foundation.

Commissioner Bright asked about the Street Timeline.

Manager Albright stated they would start on it at the next workshop meeting.

Commissioner Bright asked if there are any receivables or payables that have not been included in the final budgetary status report.

Manager Albright explained that in the General Fund we are still waiting on \$80,000 from FEMA.

Mayor Jackson allowed Nellie Green of 1953 Raymond Harris Road in Winterville, NC to come before the Board as Secretary for Bread of Life Gospel Tabernacle here in Grifton.

Mrs. Green stated that the Church had received an enormous water bill for a house they own at 453 Queen Street because of a leak. She stated that the bill is \$2256.50 and the Church is unable to pay the full amount and wanted to see if the Town would work with them on a payment plan of \$100.00 per month plus the regular monthly bill.

Manager Albright informed the Board that the bill was originally \$6127.03 and the Town had taken a total of \$3880.53 in sewer charges from the bill already and at \$100.00 per month it would take over two years to pay this back. He felt there should be some type of collateral in case the bill is not paid. He also stated that someone had called him about buying the property and didn't want the house to be sold and the Town stuck with the debt.

Mayor Jackson stated that he is uncomfortable allowing someone to do something we don't allow everyone to do.

Commissioner Bright stated that she felt this was an exception and that \$2256.50 was a lot of money to come up with at one time.

After a lengthy discussion about terms and time frame of the payoff, Commissioner Bright made a motion to authorize Manager Albright to work out a payment plan with the Church. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter under authority of N.C.G.S. Chapter 143-318.11(a)(6). Seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to exit the closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town of Grifton