

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

March 1, 2011

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

Absent: Commissioner Sammy Whitehurst

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**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on a request from Franklin Earl Hart to rezone parcel #80521 on W. Littlefield Rd from B-1 Commercial to RA-20 Residential.

Manager Albright stated that the public hearing was duly advertised through the local media, property posting and adjacent property letters.

There was no public comment concerning this matter.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Discussion Items:**

**First Item of Discussion: *Museum Board Appointment***

Manager Albright presented the following names of people who have agreed to serve on the Grifton Museum Board: Cindy Graham, Wayne Hardee, Gary Gladson, Kay Walston, and Nancy Liles. Manager Albright recommended approval of these individuals be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

**Second Item of Discussion: *Planning Board Appointment Recommendation***

Manager Albright informed the Board that Mike Houston has submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Board. Therefore, an opening has come up for a member representing the Lenoir County ETJ of Grifton. Manager Albright recommended Mr. Darryl Rodgers of 5233 Woodlawn Dr., Grifton to fill this seat. Manager Albright also stated that Commissioner Hill has met him and the Planning Board has recommended approval. Manager Albright asked that this be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

**Third Item of Discussion: *Overtime Pay Request-Utilities Department***

Manager Albright informed the Board that there are two employees at the Utilities Department with large amounts of built up overtime. Because of the illness of one of our employees in this Department, the amount of overtime will only increase. Manager Albright recommended these employees be paid their overtime and this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting. The Board agreed.

**Fourth Item of Discussion: *Authorization to Hire a Temporary Employee***

Manager Albright stated that because of the illness of an employee he feels we need to hire a temporary employee to help with the work load at the utilities department. Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda for the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed to hire a temporary employee at the utilities department and to place this item on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Spikes commended Manager Albright on a job well done.

Commissioner Hill asked for an update on the house on the corner of Pitt and Main Street.

Manager Albright responded by saying that he has not heard anything from the owner and will check into it.

Commissioner Clements wanted to verify that the ribbon cutting for the Indian Village will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Commissioner Albritton voiced his concerns over how to keep the birds out of the new shelters.

Mayor Jackson brought to the Boards mentioned a couple of trees that need attention.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town Clerk