

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 8, 2007

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Bill Smith, Richard Hill, Ardathy Spikes, Al Clements; Manager Shawn Condon, Clerk Angel Hudson.

Absent: Commissioner Johnny Craft

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Billy Ray Jackson.

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

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to accept April minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joyce Jones at 6941 MLK, Dr. came before the Board to say that she is having trouble with Waste Industries leaving too much debris behind when they pick up the yard waste.

Manager Condon assured Mrs. Jones and the Board that he would personally speak with Stan Matthews at Waste Industries face to face regarding this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously for the following items:

- #1 Action to approve the high bids for sealed bid sale of surplus property.
- #2 Action to approve the establishment of a "round up" policy to help fund downtown revitalization.
- #3 Action to approve amending contract between the Town of Grifton and the NC Rural Center for the NC STEP program.
- #4 Action to approve the setting of a budget workshop for Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30PM at the Grifton Town Hall.
- #5 Action to approve the setting of a public hearing for the FY 2007-2008 Town of Grifton Budget for Tuesday, June 5, at 6:15PM at the Grifton Town Hall.
- #6 Action to approve Budget Adjustments and Amendments.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Hill made a motion to re-designate Town Manager Shawn Condon as representative to the Neuse Regional Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution in support of House Bill 127 and Senate Bill 208, which calls for a public referendum to approve \$500 million in new clean water bonds and an immediate appropriation of \$50 million to fund critical infrastructure needs. Seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Condon presented an estimate to repair the Town Hall roof. He was going to get 2 more estimates and see which one would be more cost effective.

After discussion, the Board agreed to allow Manager Condon, with Commissioner Craft's input, to proceed with roofing work after two other bids were received.

Commissioner Clements stated that the warranty information for the roof should also be included in the quotes.

Discussion of the 2007 Salary Study was made by the Board.

Manager Condon stated that in order to bring 2 utility workers and the police department up to the state minimum there would be an additional cost of \$12,000 in the budget.

Commissioner Hill said he felt it was unfair to give some employees a raise and not others. He felt all employees should be rewarded.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept option #2. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried with Commissioner Hill opposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Manager Condon stated that he and Mayor Jackson had a brief meeting with the Grifton Rescue Squad and hopefully by July 1st the current plan for Lenoir Co. will be in place.

Manager Condon notified the Board that he would have a Budget to present next Tuesday, May 15th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clements asked about the status of the paving plan and the group homes.

Commissioner Hill commented that Manager Condon and Mayor Jackson are doing a great job with the Rescue situation concerning Lenoir Co.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, and condition of appointment of an individual public officer. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to exit closed session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith presented Manager Condon with his revised salary information. The Town Manager will receive a 7% increase in salary, bringing his salary to \$44,833 per year and maintaining his car allowance at \$350 per month.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.