

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
November 2, 2010**

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

Meeting called 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: True Deliverance Church of Christ – Rezoning Request**

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to begin the public hearing as scheduled. Seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Albright informed the Board that the Town has received an application from True Deliverance Church of Christ to rezone parcel #39684 (old Berce' Bldg.) from I-Industrial to R-14 Residential. He also informed the Board that the public hearing has been duly advertised through the local media, property posting, and adjacent property letters.

Minister Wilson came before the Board representing True Deliverance Church of Christ and Pastor Terry Rosenboro. Minister Wilson stated that their plans are to purchase the property so there should never be any need for the property to be rezoned back to I-Industrial.

Being no further public comment the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Manager Albright recommended that this be put on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

**Discussion Items:**

**First Discussion Item: Employee Christmas Gifts**

Manager Albright presented the formula for Employee Christmas Gifts and stated that it would be a total of \$4293.00. He strongly recommended that this be placed on the agenda to be voted on at the next regular Board meeting.

**Second Discussion Item: NC STEP Committee Update**

(a) *Town Commons and Entrance Way Beautification Projects:*

Manager Albright stated the Committee has been working with our engineers designing improvements to the Town Commons and our entrance ways into Grifton. The upgrade to the Town Commons would involve new sidewalks, brickwork, fencing, trellis work, landscaping and some seeding. This project has already been bid out and Manager Albright will have a resolution to adopt at the next meeting to accept the bid so the contractor can begin working.

(b) *Indian Longhouse Replica:*

Manager Albright informed the Board that Wayne Hardee and Commissioner Whitehurst have been working diligently and are making very visible progress.

Mr. Hardee stated that they are about 80% complete with the project.

(c) *Marketing Plan:*

Manager Albright stated that Greta Lint has come up with a marketing plan for Grifton that has outlined some strengths and weaknesses and has also come up with a budget for items in the marketing plan.

(d) *Civic Center/Museum Board Recommendation:*

Manager Albright stated that the purpose of this request is for the Board of Commissioners to establish a separate Advisory Board for the Museum.

Wayne Hardee stated that while at the Longhouse over the weekend he was forced to leave because of the profanity that was being used by intoxicated individuals at the Overlook Park.

Mayor Jackson stated that he wants the Police Department to start zeroing in on people consuming alcohol in public places.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Albritton commented that there are several large pot holes on Country Club Drive and Fairway Drive.

Commissioner Clements thanked Manager Albright for the newsletter that was inserted with the utility bills this month.

Commissioner Whitehurst asked if there has been any further contact with the State about the Railroad Crossing.

Manager Albright responded by saying it was time to remind them.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that they have received confirmation that there is no other city in the State that uses the slogan "The Shad Capital".

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that he would be hosting a meeting on 11-16-10 at 7:00 to see if we can have some ongoing activities in Grifton that will keep people coming into Town.

Commissioner Hill stated that the prisoners done a fine job while in Town and covered a wide area.

Commissioner Spikes thanked Wayne Hardee for the hard work he has done on the Longhouse Project and commended Manager Albright on the newsletter.

Mayor Jackson also thanked Mr. Hardee.

David McClaine addressed the Board about the laws governing the golf carts.

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Angel Hudson  
Town Clerk