

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 13, 2009

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Al Clements
Buddy Albritton, Johnny Craft; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson.

Absent: None

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.

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to accept the September, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Stacey & Ken Frable of 241 Harvey Circle came before the Board concerning a letter she received from the nuisance abatement officer concerning a lot owned by another family member. Mrs. Frable stated that she did not understand the reasoning behind receiving the letter when she and her husband keep the lot cut and trimmed. She stated that there are pine trees on the lot but that there are other vacant lots in Forrest Acres that look the same as hers. She stated that the lot is considered a wooded lot. Mrs. Frable stated that she wants to do what is right but does not understand what the Town wants done.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked Manager Albright to take a look at the lot and make a determination. The Board also told Mrs. Frable to disregard any letter she has received until she hears from Mr. Albright.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hill made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously for the following items;

1. Sewer Rehab Project – USDA Grant/Loan Application
2. Fire Department Slate of Officers
3. True Deliverance Church of Christ – Set Date for Public Hearing
4. 4-Way Stop Signs – Intersection of McCrae and Patrick St.
5. Manager Appointments to Various Boards

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Manager Albright presented a draft copy of the Fire Department Protection Agreement. He recommended that the Fire Department review this document as well as the Town Board and make any changes necessary that both the Town and the Fire Department agree upon.

After discussion, Manager Albright stated that he would contact the Fire Chief and have the Fire Chief put together a committee to analyze the document.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Manager Albright stated that at the October workshop Mrs. Joyce Jones commented that her street was too dark at night. It was determined that Martin Luther King Jr Drive is lit according to our normal standards. However, there is a light out and a repair request has been called into

Progress Energy.

Manager Albright also stated that he has determined that NCDOT has not been made aware of the Board's request to increase the speed limit along Highland Blvd. However, he will put the request in writing so that a determination and decision from NCDOT can be made.

Manager Albright brought to the Board's attention that the drop ceiling at the Museum is in need of repair. He has received an estimate in the amount of \$2144.00 to repair the ceiling and \$3254.00 to replace it. He is asking for guidance from the Board.

After further discussion, the Board asked Manager Albright to get 2 more estimates and bring them back to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Hill stated that his wife Jean, who serves on the Museum Board, said there is the odor of mold in the Museum.

Manager Albright informed the Board that there is money left from the retention pond on Pitt Street. Manager Albright asked if there was any further landscaping that the Board would like to do. However, any landscaping done would come out of the Town's pocket because the Stormwater Grant will not cover this expense.

Mayor Jackson stated that he and the Board are satisfied with the landscaping that is already there and that there are other things that are more important that the money needs to be spent on.

Manager Albright presented the overtime cost for the police department to the Board and ask that he be allowed time to investigate more options because it is just not feasible to pay this large amount out of the budget at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Craft stated that something needs to be done about the Railroad track on Queen Street.

Commissioner Clements asked about the cars at the utilities department that are not being used. He stated that he felt they need to be sold. He also stated that there is a brand new set of tires on the old police car and maybe they could be used on another vehicle.

Commissioner Clements also asked if the Board would hold a special meeting to hire the Police Chief.

Manager Albright stated that to date we have received 8 resumes and he recommended to the Board to hold a special meeting in mid November.

Commissioner Albritton stated that the ditch and the retention pond on Pitt Street need to be the same level. He also stated that there is a crack in the floor of the new utilities building.

Manager Albright recommended that he, the contractor, & Mr. Albritton look at the floor together.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Angel Hudson

Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Grifton desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that:

1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Town of Grifton:

2003 Ford Crown Victoria - VIN 2FAFP71W03X139154
Mileage: 158,162

1997 Ford Crown Victoria -- VIN 2FALP71W9VX124836
Mileage: 123,689

2. The Town Manager is authorized to dispose of the described property using any method he deems appropriate under Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Adopted this, the 10th day of November, 2009.



Billy Ray Jackson, Mayor

Attest:

Angel Hudson, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
FOR THE REDUCTION OF OILS, FATS, AND GREASE
IN THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM OF THE
TOWN OF GRIFTON**

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2005, the Town of Grifton was issued a permit from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality for the purpose of operating a wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the permit requires the Town to conduct a public education program informing the citizens and businesses of the negative effects of depositing oils, fats, and grease into the sewer systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Grifton that:

1. All sewer customers of the Town of Grifton receive educational material at least once per year.
2. Other means of communication, such as newspaper, web site, water bill, etc., be used periodically throughout the year as further sources of public education.
3. All grease related blockages of the sewer system be noted.
4. Sources of noted blockages be targeted with additional education and possible enforcement of Ordinance 51.14 (if applicable).
5. The Town Manager, and his successors, is authorized and directed to carry out this Program.

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2009.



Billy Ray Jackson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Angel Hudson
Town Clerk

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**BUDGET AMENDMENTS
&
BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

REVENUE	EXPENSE	GENERAL
+25338.00		1038300000 SALE OF FIXED ASSETS
		ADMINISTRATIVE
	+5000.00	1042001600 EQ/MT/REPAIR
		BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
	+11000.00	1050007100 MAINT/LANDSCAPING
	+ 2338.00	1050007400 CAPITAL OUTLAY
		WORKSHOP
	+7000.00	1056503000 SUPPLIES
		WATER/SEWER
+105,000		3039900000 FUND BALANCE APPRO.
		GENERAL OPERATIONS
	+105,000	3062007400 CAPITAL OUTLAY

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

EXPENSE	WATER
+15000.00	3064002500 WATER MTR PROGRAM
-15000.00	3064007400 CAPITAL OUTLAY
EXPENSE	CEMETERY TRUST FUND
+100.00	5350103300 SUPPLIES
-100.00	5350107400 CAPITAL OUTLAY