

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 2, 2012**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners William Barnes, Jr., Mary Grace Bright, Richard Hill, Sammy Whitehurst, E.F. Albritton; Manager Joe Albright

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.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

None

Discussion Items

1. *Sewer Rehab Project Budget – Ordinance No. 2012-02*

Manager Albright stated that because of the need to request additional funding from USDA-RD it is necessary to adopt a new Project Budget Ordinance reflecting the additional funds. Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.

2. *Sewer Rehab Project- Local Government Commission Application – Resolution No. 2012-10*

Manager Albright stated because the Town is borrowing \$573,000 from USDA thru Revenue Bonds we are required to have approval from the Local Government Commission. Manager Albright recommended this Resolution be approved at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed.

3. *Buckleberry Canal Dip Out Plan*

Manager Albright informed the Board that, through diligent efforts of the property owners on Lewis Drive, the Drainage District has come back to the Town to inform us they are planning on dipping out the Buckleberry Canal and will bring the cost back to the Board when received. Manager Albright stated that after receiving the monetary amount of the bids the Board could decide how much they would like to contribute, if any, in making this happen.

Commissioner Whitehurst asked if they were going to eradicate the weeds in the ditch. Commissioner Barnes asked if the people tending the farm would oppose the dipping. Manger Albright stated that the tenant farmers would not oppose. Commissioner Bright explained her understanding of the Drainage District and asked why upkeep was not being done on this canal.

Manager Albright explained that all sections of the district have been prioritized and they use yearly assessments to determine how money is used within a broad area. Commissioner Bright asked if the property owners on Lewis Drive have considered buyout.

Manager Albright stated that this area is not considered to be in the flood plain but it is heading in that direction because of the repetitive loss.

Commissioner Bright asked if the Town is doing a study and evaluation of Pitt Street. Manager Albright responded by stating that Pitt Street is similar from a flooding standpoint and different in every other aspect.

Mayor Jackson stated that the Town has a lot of things to do with little to do it with.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnes stated that he has been receiving lots of input on the surveys.

Commissioner Whitehurst asked when the potholes were going to be fixed. He also stated that Mashie Drive needs gravel in a few holes.

Manager Albright stated that Moses paving should be in Town within the next 2 weeks.

Mayor Jackson stated that Patrick Streets needs attention.

Commissioner Hill stated there is a limb hanging over the Road on Highland and McCrae Street.

Commissioner Bright reminded the Board about the John Lawson Legacy Event on October 20 and 21st. She also stated that the Board needs to congratulate the Museum Board and Volunteers on their hard work they are doing.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to enter into Closed Session concerning a personnel matter under authority of N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to exit the closed session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town of Grifton