



**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
7:00 PM

AGENDA (amended)

- A. Meeting Called to Order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- C. Approval of Minutes (August Workshop, Regular Meeting, and Special Meeting) *Page 5*
- D. Recognition of Persons to Be Heard (**NOTE: Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Everyone addressing the Board shall first state their name and their residential physical address**).
- E. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. Board of Elections Agreement Addendum *Page15*
 - 2. Golf Cart Operation on Town Streets – Ordinance No. 2012-02 *Page17*
 - 3. Street Improvements Project – Set Date for Special Meeting *Page22*
 - 4. Façade Grant Application – 613 Queen Street
- F. ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. **Sewer Rehabilitation Project Additional Funding Award – John Nelson** *Attachment 1*
 - 2. Zoning Change Request – 459 Main Street *Page23*
 - 3. **De-annexation Request – Milton Garris** *Attachment 2*
 - 4. **Proclamation – Vern Davenport** *Attachment 3*
- G. Commissioner’s Comments
- H. Adjourn.



September 11, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Joe Albright, Manager

SUBJECT: Manager's Comments for September Regular Meeting

Below I have attempted to summarize and provide explanation for each agenda item.

Item E-1: Board of Elections Agreement Addendum

In 2009, The Town of Grifton and the Pitt County Board of Elections entered into an agreement allowing the Board of Elections to conduct our municipal elections. However, Lenoir County did not sign on to the Agreement. This Addendum adds Lenoir County as a party to the agreement. I recommend approving this Addendum via the Consent Agenda.

Item E-2: Golf Cart Operations of Town Streets – Ordinance No. 2012-02

Based on a previous request from the Board, the Police Chief and I have crafted a proposed ordinance legalizing, with regulation, golf cart operation on certain streets in Town. The proposed ordinance uses components from the ordinances already in place in the Towns of Ayden and Winterville, respectively. I recommend approval of Ordinance No. 2012-02 via the Consent Agenda.

Item E-3: Street Improvements Project – Set Date for Special Meeting

Based on discussion during the regular workshop last week, I recommend that the Board call a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the Streets Improvement Project on Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.

Item E-4: Façade Grant Application – 613 Queen Street

We have received a Façade Grant Application from David Jones. Mr. Jones is the new owner of the property located at 613 Queen Street (formerly operating as Aeromarine). The Community Development Committee met in August and recommends funding the application. However, it should be noted that the budgeted funds for the Façade Grant program have been exhausted. I recommend this matter be tabled via the Consent Agenda until such time as the Board deems that appropriate funds are available to award the grant request.

Item F-1: Zoning Change Request – 459 Main Street

We have received a request from Tonnia Pollard of 302 East Hanrahan Road to rezone the property located at 459 Main Street (Parcels 19556 and 16352) from R-6 Residential to CBD Central Business District. Adjoining property owners were notified via first class letter of the request and of the public hearing. Also, the property was posted with a sign outlining the request and the time, date, and place of the public hearing. Further, notice of the hearing was placed in Town Hall and advertised in the Times Leader newspaper. The Planning Board heard the request on August 30th and unanimously recommends approval of the rezoning.

The public hearing was held during last week's Board of Commissioners' Workshop. More than twenty speakers addressed the Board offering varying opinions concerning the request. However, the Board is tasked with making the final decision in this request. The most important factor in making this decision is not whether or not a "fish restaurant" is an appropriate use for this property; but it is whether or not the Board feels this property is more appropriately

suited for residential use or business use. Because, if rezoned, the property is eligible to be used for any allowed use in the Central Business District zone.

Included in the agenda packet are the monthly reports from the Library and the Police and Utilities Departments.