

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 9, 2008

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Bill Smith, Ardathy Spikes, Johnny Craft E. F. Albritton, Billy Smith, Richard Hill; Manager Shawn Condon, Clerk Angel Hudson.

Absent: None

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 Flag of the United States of America.

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

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Bishop Terry Roseboro, of True Deliverance Church of Christ, came before the Board to invite them to a "Feed the Community" event on November 26, 2008. Bishop Rosenboro stated that he felt this was a way to bring all members of the community together as one to break bread and feast together. He also asked that the rental fee for the Depot be waived if they decided to use this facility. They are also looking into using the School Cafeteria.

Mayor Jackson stated that the Board does not have the authority to waive the fee because the Depot belongs to the Grifton Chamber of Commerce. However, Mayor Jackson offered to donate a 150.00 out of his own pocket to the Church to help with the expense of this event.

Commissioner Craft and Commissioner Hill along with a member from the audience also donated money for this event.

Bo Jackson 218 W Main Street in Bisco, NC came before the Board representing Shane Cohen. Mr. Jackson asked the board if they had made a decision on selling the property obtained by the Town from Keith Newby.

Manager Condon stated there are 3 ways the Town could sale the property.

Manager Condon suggested using the upset bid method and the Board agreed.

Manager Condon will get in contact with Mr. Jackson to inform him of what needs to be done to start the process.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

#5. Approval of Budget Adjustments and Amendments.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Craft made a motion to approve a resolution approving conveying Lot 4 Birchwood (Pitt County Parcel #030206) to Habitat for Humanity for constructing a single family house for a low or moderate income family. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Condon presented a bid from W.A. Gaskins for the Mashie Drive Drainage Project. Manger Condon stated that Robert Williams has tried, on several different occasions, to obtain more bids from other contractors but has been unsuccessful in getting them to return the bid information to him.

Commissioner Spikes suggested running the bid information in the newspaper.

The Board agreed to table this project until more bids are obtained.

Commissioner Craft made a motion to take 1/3 from the total Rescue Squad bill and to bill them for the balance due as of September 30, 2008. As of October 1, 2008 the Rescue Squad will no longer be obtaining gas/diesel fuel from the Town of Grifton but will need to find another source. Seconded by Commissioner Spikes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hill stated that he felt saddened to know that we are slowly losing the Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Smith noted that just because we are forgiving 1/3 of the Rescue bill does not mean that our formula is wrong. The Board is doing this to help the Rescue Squad. He also stated that we could still help the Rescue Squad by making donations.

The Board stated that it will be up to Manager Condon and the Rescue Squad itself to set up a payment plan for the balance due.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Manager Condon stated that he spoke with Robert Williams concerning the ditch situation between Mrs. Joyce Jones' house and the tennis courts on Martin Luther King Drive.

Mr. Williams recommended putting more stone in the ditch so that should be happening very soon.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hill wanted to know what will be done about the stumps on Mashie Drive and McCrae Street.

Manager Condon said the contractor is supposed to be returning to work on those stumps.

Commissioner Craft stated that something needs to be done about the yard on the corner of Glenwood Dr. and Cannon Blvd.

Commissioner Smith noted that there is a stump at the RV Park that needs to be removed.

Commissioner Albritton asked if the utility guys clean the storm drains.

Manager Condon responded by saying that the drains are cleaned before and after a storm.

Roslyn Thorbs of 252 Tucker Street complained about the dip in the road and how water stands in it due to lack of drainage on Tucker Street.

Manager Condon assured Ms. Thorbs that the Town will take a look at the situation and see if any improvements are possible.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town Clerk