

TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2012

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Buddy Albritton, Sammy Whitehurst, Mary Grace Bright, William Barnes, Jr., Richard Hill; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson

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.

Manager Albright presented an amended agenda.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to accept the August minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard:

None

Consent Agenda

It was decided by the Board to hear each item individually.

1. *Board of Elections Agreement Addendum*
Commissioner Bright made a motion to accept the Board of Elections Agreement Addendum adding Lenoir County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. Motion carried unanimously.
2. *Golf Cart Operation on Town Streets-Ordinance No. 2012-02*
Commissioner Albritton made a motion to accept the Golf Cart Operation on Town Streets – Ordinance No. 2012-02. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. *Street Improvement Project- Set Date for Special Meeting Workshop*
Commissioner Hill made a motion to set the date of September 18, 2012 at 7:00pm for the next Special Meeting Workshop to discuss the Street Improvement Project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.
4. *Façade Grant Application-613 Queen Street*
Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to table the Façade Grant Application for 613 Queen Street until funds become available. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

1. *Sewer Rehabilitation Project Additional Funding Award – John Nelson*

Mr. John Nelson, of USDA Rural Development, came before the Board to inform them that an additional \$99,529.00 grant has been awarded to the Town of Grifton to cover the overage of the bid award for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Nelson stated that all other content of the initial Letter of Conditions dated March 30, 2011 remains unchanged. Commissioner Bright made a motion to accept the additional \$99,529.00 grant award and conditions. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

2. *Zoning change Request – 459 Main Street*

Manager Albright stated that all legal requirements have been met and the Planning Board has recommended approval.

Manager Albright stated that if the property is changed from R-6 Residential to CBD Central Business District any business allowed under CBD could be operated at this location.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to deny the request to rezone 459 Main Street from an R-6 Residential to CBD Central Business District. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bright. Motion was carried with Commissioner Barnes voting against the motion.

Manager Albright clarified to the Board that this matter only requires a simple majority vote.

Manager Albright informed Ms. Pollard that her request for rezoning was denied and she would not be able to file another petition for the same change for a period of 12 months.

3. *De-annexation Request-Milton Garris*

Mr. Milton Garris came before the Board to request a de-annexation of his property located at 8142 NC Hwy 11 S Pitt County parcel #47756. Mr. Garris stated that it was not his intention to have prior Manager Shawn Condon annex his property inside the city limits of Grifton. He simply wanted to get everything ready so there would be no hold up if plans for his building to house a daycare center went through. In order for the daycare facility to be there the Health Department required that the building be hooked to a municipal sewer system. However, the plans fell through and he immediately called Mr. Condon to inform him that he did not want his property annexed. At that time, Manager Condon informed Mr. Garris that the property had already been annexed and it would require special legislation to have it de-annexed. Mr. Garris stated that because of health problems he was unable to fight his cause until now. Mr. Garris also stated that he has never tied on to the Town of Grifton's sewer system nor did he ever plan to.

Mayor Jackson asked Manager Albright what would be involved in helping Mr. Garris de-annex his property.

Manager Albright explained the procedures to the Board.

Commissioner Bright asked if the Board thought they would be setting precedent for other properties that have been voluntarily annexed in that area to request de-annexation.

Mr. Garris stated that he never asked for the annexation.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that it was hard for him to believe that this annexation was done without Mr. Garris's consent.

Manager Albright explained the processes of voluntary annexation to the Board and did note that in the lawyer's documents there was a form signed by Mr. Garris.

Mr. Garris again stated that it was supposed to be preliminary.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to have Manager Albright investigate the process and proceed to provide the information to the General Assembly in order to de-annex Milton

Garris's property located at 8142 NC Hwy 11 S Pitt County Parcel# 47756. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. *Proclamation-Vern Davenport*

Commissioner Albritton made a motion to approve the Vern Davenport Proclamation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bright made a request for the Police Department and Town Employees, as well as the Board themselves, to report things that are not right and not assume that the appropriate person or agency has been notified.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he had 3 people compliment on the Monday pickup service. He stated that it was nice to hear compliments from the public.

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