

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

- A. Meeting Called To Order**
- B. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 (6) Personnel**
- C. Adjournment**



**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

- A. Meeting Called to Order.**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.**
- C. Approval of Minutes:** (April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.)
- E. Manager Report**
 - 1. Monthly Manager's Report
 - 2. FY 23- 24 Manager's Recommended Budget (Public Hearing set for budget on June 14th at 7:00 P.M.)
- D. Recognition of Persons to Be Heard NOTE:** This is an opportunity for public comment, and we thank you for coming to the Board of Commissioners meeting tonight to share your views. We value all citizens input.
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- E. Discussion Items**
 - 1. Request to allow chickens in Town limits (See survey of other municipalities attached.)
 - 2. Authorize public hearings on the following requests and recommendations from the Planning Board for the June 13, 2023 meeting:
 - A. Mark A. Gray requests to rezone Pitt County Tax Parcel 87833 located on Hwy. 118 from R-10 Single Family Residential to I-1 Light Industrial

B. Mr. James R. Frizzelle requests to rezone Pitt County Tax Parcel 20956 being 6203 N. Highland Blvd. from R-14 Single Family Residential to R-6 Residential

C. Mr. Paul Porterfield requests to rezone 858 Wall Street (Pitt County Tax Parcel 19369) being a 3.19-acre tract from R-10 to R-8, and to request a special use permit for Class A double wide manufactured dwelling on site.

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 (6) Personnel

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**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners Jessica Daigneault, Angela Gay, Claude Kennedy, Raymond Oakes; Interim Manager Mark Warren, Clerk Tina Mitchell

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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oakes. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

1. Introduction of new Grifton Police Officers and awards presentation. Police Chief introduced the new Police officers, Cody Johnson, and Jose Peralta. He also introduced the police officers that had been here for a while, Captain Andrews, Lieutenant Dennis, Alex Gomez, Sergeant Musslewhite and Corporal Suptin who will receive a purple heart award.

Request To Appear

1. Mr. Thomas Jackson of 6721 Church Street inquired about the ordinance for having chickens. He asked if they could start having chickens in Grifton.

On a motion of Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, that we go into public hearing. Motion carried Unanimously.

Public Hearing

1. Rezoning Request from Jones & Smith Contractors, LLC on behalf of Robert D. Parrott, CPA located at 6351 N. Highland Blvd. being Pitt County Parcel 10458 (25.51 acres) from R-14 Single Family Residential to R-10 Single Family Residential (The Planning Board made a favorable recommendation to this request.)

Malysa Jackson of 6546 Church Street asked how many parcels will be put on this land. She asked if they are going to be nice homes or section 8 homes. She expressed concern about the size of the homes on a small lot. She also asked if the Town will be able to supply water to the additional homes.

Rober Hollis of 371 Queen Street mentioned that the homes on this size lot is comparable to the homes on Barry Rd in Havelock and are standard for that size lot.

Manager Mark Warren mentioned that the Planning Board has done a lot of study and research to come up with a minimum lot size. Many developers wanted 6000 and 8000 square ft lots, but the Planning Board stood their ground with a 10000 square ft lot because they felt that it was appropriate. They are still much larger than many municipalities allow in Pitt County.

Mayor B.R. Jackson asked some Planning Board Members that were in the audience if they would like to speak on this topic. Kathy Robinson spoke and said that she thought that size lot was appropriate. Leo Ricks said that the lot that he is living on is about the same size.

On a motion of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Oakes, that we go out of this public hearing. Motion carried Unanimously.

2. Rezoning Request from Francisco Flores to rezone (2) two 2.85-acre tracts being Pitt County Tax Parcel 49560 and 49561 on East Hanrahan Rd from R-14 Single Family Residential to I-I Light Industrial. (The Planning Board made unfavorable recommendations to this request.)

Malyssa Jackson of 6546 Church Street asked what they wanted to put on this lot. Mr. Flores spoke and said that he wanted to put a building on it to work out of it.

Mayor B.R. Jackson asked if the members of the planning Board would be willing to speak on why they made an unfavorable recommendation. Kathy Robinson spoke up and said that it would not perk.

On a motion of Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Gay, that we go out of this public hearing. Motion carried Unanimously.

On a motion of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Oakes, that we go back into our regular meeting. Motion carried Unanimously.

Manager's Report

See Attached

Mayor B.R. Jackson spoke about questions that Malyssa Jackson was asking about our infrastructure. He shared that we have been seeking grants and received some. We have also been doing a number of jobs on our infrastructure. We are reworking our sewing and water mains. Manager Mark Warren also spoke about the new meter reading system that we will be receiving and how they work.

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1. Robert Hollis shared his thoughts on the chicken ordinance and felt that it would be nice to have them in the event of a depression.

Malysa Jackson asked how will we regulate the chickens. Will we allow them to free roam or keep them contained.

Discussion/Action Items

- 1) Consideration of Resolution for rezoning request from Jones & Smith Contractors, LLC located at 6351 N. Highland Blvd. Being 25.51 acres (Pitt County Tax Parcel 10458) from R-14 to R-10

On a motion of Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, that this be allowed. Motion carried Unanimously.

- 2) Consideration of Resolution for rezoning request from Francisco Flores to rezone (2) two 2.85-acre tracts being Pitt County Tax Parcell 49560 and 49561 on East Hanrahan Rd. from R-14 to I-I.

On a motion of Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, that this NOT be allowed. Motion carried Unanimously.

- 3) Request from Harvest Beam for approval of addendum to co-Location License Agreement with the Town of Grifton.

Mr. Nick from Harvest Beam said that this will be their third improvement and addition to improve Grifton in the last 8 months. It will be from the water tower to the cell tower which will serve the area in the northern part of town, in the Hanrahan area.

On a motion of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Oake, that this be allowed. Motion carried Unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnes said "He would like to thank everyone for coming out this evening. We have the Shad Festival coming up and hope that you all can stay in Town to enjoy the festivities. I have had something to come up and I wanted to address everybody about this. I wrote it down so I wouldn't have to go by memory. I want to address the board and everyone else. First off, I would like to thank all of you that come out to these meetings whether or not you are on the board or out there in the audience. I know or at least I hope that the stuff and the business that we conduct up here is for the betterment of this town and not for each one of us as individuals. We all just want to see the town grow and prosper. We might have different ideas and that's what it takes sometimes, and we also might have different ways to make certain things happen. But, that's just the way it goes and that's what we are here for every month to talk about and discuss. The discussion and the ideas and what it takes to make them happen or why it might not be able to happen for whatever reason. But nonetheless we are all here to work together, talk and discuss these ideas. I feel that we can all have a better

understanding of things and how they work just by asking questions and giving opinions in a civil manner as we are all here to help Grifton and its citizens. It is with that being said, that if I ever get another phone call from somebody, board member or not, telling me what I need to do and or threatening me or any of my family for whatever reason, they best make damn well sure that this is a battle that they want to have because it will not be done on the phone and or on Facebook but its going to be done right here in public, at this board meeting for everybody to see.

Commissioner Kennedy mentioned that in light of what just happened in Louisville Kentucky, the tragedy that these folks have experienced, I think this board owes a great deal of appreciation to our Police Department for the job that they do every day and the job that they try to do every day because we are in a small municipality and who's to say that they go down to the speedway, Highway 55 or anywhere in town that someone don't pull a gun out and want to kill one of them. That can happen and it's happening every single day in this country. I appreciate the job that they do.

Mayor B.R. Jackson mentioned that one of our passed educators, Mr. Bill Wiggins has written an autobiography. On the 22 of April, he will be having a book signing here in Grifton at the Grifton First Christian Church banquet hall. Linda Kornegay will also be there as well. All are welcome to attend.

Adjournment

There being no further business Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gay. Motion carried Unanimously.

Respectfully
Tina Mitchell
Town of
Grifton