

Town of Grantsboro
Public Forum and Regular Meeting of Town Council
April 5, 2016

Minutes

At 7:00 pm Mayor Cahoon opened the public forum that was scheduled to receive comments concerning a possible mixed beverage referendum for the Town of Grantsboro on the November ballot. Grantsboro residents George Peacock and Pat Paul both spoke in favor of the proposal. There were no Grantsboro residents present that were opposed, although two visitors did speak in opposition; they were Jerry Casey, and Blaney Rowe, pastor of New Life Church that is located in the town. Beth Bucksot, Pamlico County Economic Development Coordinator, and Scott Houston with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Dept were also present to share information and answer questions. Pamlico County Commissioner Ed Riggs was also in attendance. Following the presentations by those present, the public forum was closed.

The Town Council meeting was then called to order by Mayor Cahoon, and Lewis offered the invocation. A quorum was established; attending were Mayor Alfred Cahoon, Mayor Pro-tem Julia Lee, Kristie Mitchell, Tom Newman, Ray Poole, and Ray Lewis, Clerk.

The agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Lee and carried. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Poole, seconded by Lee and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of March, which reflected \$5992.59 in revenues, and expenses of \$11,935.24. Total funds were reported at \$254,211.84. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Newman, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

Unfinished Business

Lewis reported that progress, although slow, is still being made on the streetlights along Hwy 55. Gary Fulcher with Duke Energy hopes to have more information in a couple of weeks.

After further discussion and consideration of the information and comments concerning mixed beverage sales, a motion to adopt a resolution to hold a Mixed Beverage Election on November 8, 2016 was made by Poole, and seconded by Newman. The motion passed by a 4 to 0 vote. It was the consensus of the Council that the residents of Grantsboro should be given the opportunity to make the final decision. If a mixed beverage election is held, the provision for absentee voting will also be necessary. A motion to request that the Board of Elections provide

for absentee voting for the Town of Grantsboro was made by Lee, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

New Business

Lewis reported that after discussions with DOT officials, and members of area planning organizations, that the best option for extending the sidewalks along Hwy 55 East may be for the Town to fund the project itself. It is possible to install sidewalks on the opposite side of the ditch from the highway, greatly reducing costs. The Council agreed to meet with Lewis on site to further discuss options.

Public and Council Comments

Lewis read a letter of correspondence from Gordy Eure with DOT concerning the water accumulation on 306 North. Mr. Eure stated that this is a problem that has been caused by the adjacent commercial developments, and the DOT cannot do anything to alleviate the problem. Lewis also reported that the CDBG Grant application for the extension of sewer lines along 306 North had again been denied funding.

Ed Riggs, representing the Bay River Sewer District, asked the Town Council to consider requesting that the Town be formally added to the District, as we are already being served by it. This would also give the Town of Grantsboro a seat on the District Board. A motion to send a letter to the Bay River Sewer District requesting that the Town be added was made by Lee, seconded by Mitchell and carried. There being no further business or comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. Cahoon, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk