

Town of Grantsboro
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
April 4, 2023

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Kristie Mitchell, Evelyn Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Mayor Julia Lee was absent. There were 2 visitors present.

Lewis offered the invocation, and Mayor Pro-tem Newman called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. The agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Poole and carried. The minutes from the March meeting were approved upon a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of March, which reflected \$7715.40 in revenues, and expenses of \$3788.39. Total funds were reported at \$278,514.27, plus \$51,675.00 in ARP Funds. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Poole, seconded by Harris and carried.

Old Business

Paul Toler from American Tree had spoken with Mayor Pro-tem Newman and informed him that there was a substantial amount of hidden debris in the ditches that they were cleaning out for the Town. Mr. Toler requested an additional \$1000 for the contracted work being done due to the unforeseen circumstances. A motion to grant the request was made by Harris, seconded by Paul and carried.

New Business

Grantsboro resident and former Council member George Peacock was present to share information concerning the Pamlico Co. Museum. Mr. Peacock said the Museum and Historical Association is struggling financially to get the building paid off, and asked if the Town may consider providing some assistance. After some discussion, no action was taken on the matter.

Mayor Pro-tem shared with the Council that Town Clerk Ray Lewis has been working for the Town about 7 years, and had not gotten a raise during that time. Information was also shared that the average salary for clerks in North Carolina is between \$18 and \$22 an hour. A motion to increase the pay for Lewis to \$20 an hour was made by Poole, seconded by Paul and carried.

Becca Eversole, Transportation Planner with the Eastern Carolina Council was present to share information concerning transportation needs within the Town of Grantsboro. The Hwy 55/306 intersection was discussed, and possible bike/pedestrian projects.

During the comment period, Harris suggested that the two exterior doors on the sides of the Town Hall needed to be painted. Lewis will acquire two quotes to have this work done. There was also some discussion concerning the entrance to Paul Cemetery; no action was taken.

Following the comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Poole, seconded by Paul and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Newman, Mayor Pro-tem

Ray Lewis, Clerk