

Town of Grantsboro
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
August 4, 2020

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Evelyn Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Mayor Julia Lee and Kristie Mitchell were absent. There were 7 visitors present.

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

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of July, which reflected \$1572.68 in revenues, and expenses of \$10,973.11. Total funds were reported at \$209,008.70. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Poole, seconded by Harris and carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Pat Prescott and Brent Stowe from the Pamlico County Heritage Center were present at tonight's meeting to share with the Council that the Heritage Center was in need of a new roof, and the estimated cost was approximately \$7500 - \$8000. Funds have been raised, but they are still a little over \$2000 short. After some discussion, a motion to grant a donation of \$2500 to the Center for roof repairs was made by Poole, seconded by Paul and carried.

County Manager Tim Buck was present tonight to share updates concerning services offered at the County level. Mr. Buck touched on tax re-evaluation, storm relief, CDBG programs, upgrades to water plants, debris pick up, and Cares Act Funding for Covid-19.

Pamlico County Economic Development Coordinator Beth Bucksot was present to share information with the Town concerning the possible formation of an Economic Development Committee for the Town. Ms. Bucksot shared a handout with several ideas and discussed them, and offered her assistance if the Council decides to move forward. She expressed that the Town is in a great position for future growth, in both commercial and residential.

Scott Cayton was present to share plans and seek final approval for the construction of 11 additional tiny homes adjacent to the two that have already been built along Hwy 306 N.

After some discussion, a motion to grant a zoning permit for the project was made by Poole, seconded by Harris and carried.

Lewis informed the Council that Ben Hollowell had resigned from his position as Town Attorney, citing a need to scale back his workload. Mr. Hollowell had recommended a couple of possible replacements for the Town, Scott Davis and David Baxter. Both have already been contacted, and are willing to represent the Town. Lewis shared copies of the email responses from both attorneys. After some discussion, the consensus was to ask David Baxter, who also represents Pamlico County, if he could attend the September meeting for an interview.

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

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for September 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Newman, Mayor Pro-tem

Ray Lewis, Clerk