

**Town of Grantsboro**  
**Regular Meeting of the Town Council**  
**August 3, 2021**

**Minutes**

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Julia Lee, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Evelyn Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Mitchell was absent. There was 1 visitor present.

Mayor Lee 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 Newman and carried. The minutes from the July meeting were approved upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Harris and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of July, which reflected \$3366.91 in revenues, and expenses of \$8198.09. Total funds were reported at \$238,024.29. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Paul, seconded by Newman and carried.

**Old Business**

Lewis shared an update on nuisance properties. The property manager for the old Burger King property has been contacted, but as of yet there has been no response. Plan to call her again tomorrow, August 4<sup>th</sup>. A letter was sent by attorney David Baxter to Dollar General asking them to cut the growth along the ditch at the front of their property. There are several residences within the town that are accumulating trash in their yards. The Council asked Lewis to contact County Manager Tim Buck to see if he could offer some assistance, and to seek advice from town attorney David Baxter as well.

Copies of the quarterly report (April-June 2021) for the CDBG Sewer System Project were given to the Council members.

Newman suggested that perhaps the Grantsboro/Silverhill VFD could resume helping with maintaining and switching out the town banners when needed. Chief Mike Grose was present at tonight's meeting, and he said that he would check into that possibility.

**New Business**

Lewis shared with the Council that the annual appointment to the Eastern Carolina Council General Board needed to be made. After some discussion, a motion to appoint Evelyn Paul was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis informed the Council that Larry Carpenter was no longer going to provide auditing services for the Town. After some discussion with a few other area municipalities, a quote for auditing services was obtained from Madonna Stafford with the firm of Carr, Riggs, & Ingram in

New Bern. The quoted amount was \$6150, which was only a slight increase from the former provider. After some discussion, a motion to accept the proposal from CRI was made by Newman, seconded by Paul and carried.

Following a brief comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for August 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia Lee, Mayor

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Ray Lewis, Clerk