

Town of Grantsboro
Regular Meeting of Town Council
February 2, 2016

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00pm in the town hall. Attending were: Mayor Alfred Cahoon, Mayor Pro-tem Julia Lee, Tom Newman, Ray Poole, Kristie Mitchell, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Steven Harris was absent. There were four visitors present; Grantsboro resident Pat Paul, JLM Consulting representative Jackie Mahan, and also Mark Prescott and Amanda Heath from the Grantsboro-Silverhill VFD.

Cahoon opened the meeting, and Lewis offered the invocation. A quorum was established for the meeting, and the agenda was approved upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Lee and carried. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of January, which reflected \$12,244.13 in revenues, and expenses of \$2691.47. Total funds were reported at \$256,748.52. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Lee, seconded by Poole and carried.

Unfinished Business

Jackie Mahan, with JLM Consulting, shared a presentation concerning the website for the town. The web address is www.grantsboronc.com. Ms. Mahan discussed the groundwork for the website, and highlighted the content. The site is nearly complete, with just a few more pictures to be uploaded. Ms. Mahan encouraged the Council to share any suggestions that they may have.

Lewis reported that the streetlights are still in progress. Plans have been submitted to DOT for final approval. Discussion took place concerning the scheduled ethics training class in New Bern on Feb. 10. Newman and Poole will be unable to attend, so the Council asked Lewis to check into other alternatives.

Lewis read a letter from Town attorney Ben Hollowell concerning mixed beverage sales within the Town of Grantsboro. It is Mr. Hollowell's conclusion that the town could hold a mixed beverage referendum, based upon the NC General Statutes. The Council decided to move forward with the necessary steps in that process upon a motion by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Poole reported that he had discussed the trees on 306 North (in the curve) with the DOT, and that they had no plans to remove them. It was suggested that Mayor Cahoon contact Gordy Eure concerning the matter, and he said he would give him a call.

New Business

Mark Prescott and Amanda Heath shared a presentation on behalf of the Grantsboro-Silverhill VFD. There is a critical need for new equipment for the department, which can be purchased through a matching grant program with the State, up to \$30,000 total. For the last two years, the department has had approximately \$5000 to use toward this purpose. They requested financial assistance from the Town of Grantsboro so that they could better utilize this grant opportunity. The Council agreed to provide \$10,000 to the Grantsboro-Silverhill VFD so that along with the matching grant from the State, they could purchase the need equipment. The motion was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis reported that he had received the audit contract forms from Larry Carpenter, CPA for fiscal year 2015-2016. A motion to again contract with Larry Carpenter for our audit services was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis shared that a letter had been received concerning membership renewal to the Pamlico Co. Chamber of Commerce, and also purchasing an ad in the Pamlico County Visitor's Guide. A motion to renew membership and purchase a two page ad was made by Newman, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

Poole reported that we needed additional Town of Grantsboro banners to install on existing brackets. A motion to purchase twelve additional banners was made by Lee, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

During the public and council comment period, Newman suggested that the Town continue to pursue any available grants for beautification, especially for sidewalks on the east side of town. There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Lee and carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred E Cahoon, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk