

Town of Grantsboro
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
November 14, 2023

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Julia Lee, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Lee and Evelyn Paul were absent. There was one visitor present.

Lewis offered the invocation, and Mayor Lee called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. The agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried. The minutes from the October meeting were approved upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of October, which reflected \$2718.26 in revenues, and expenses of \$3764.29. Total funds were reported at \$275,133.18. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Newman, seconded by Harris and carried.

Old Business

Lewis shared copies of the Pamlico County Dangerous Animal Ordinance and the Pamlico County Ordinance to Prohibit the Keeping of Dangerous Animals for their review, and to consider adopting one or both of these ordinances within the Town limits. This matter has been previously discussed, but copies of the ordinances were not available at that time. This matter will be considered again at the December meeting.

New Business

Curtis Tillman with C & R Lawn and Landscaping has requested to renew his contract for mowing services with the Town for another year at the current agreement. A motion to renew the contract was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Newman shared with the Council concerns about the vegetation growing in the landscaping of the Town Hall parking lot. A proposal to remove most of the current vegetation and to add concrete curbing around the two islands in the parking lot has been received from Anderson Construction for the amount of \$9975.00. A motion to accept the proposal and have the work done was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

During the public comment period, Grantsboro resident Bylon Whitsett shared ongoing concerns about the tire shop business that is operating on Mill Quarter Rd. Ms. Whitsett believes the business is operating out of compliance with zoning regulations, and has filed a written complaint with the Town. The Council advised her that it is the Town's understanding that the business is "grandfathered" because it was operating before zoning was adopted. Ms. Whitsett objected that the business had changed owners, and that it should no longer be allowed. The Council requested for Lewis, the Town Zoning Administrator, to check with the Town attorney for clarification.

Following the 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 December 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lee, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk