

**Town of Grantsboro**  
**Regular Meeting of the Town Council**  
**July 1, 2025**

**Minutes**

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Tom Newman, Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Paul, Julia Lee, Ray Poole, TW Harris, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Mitchell was absent. There were 10 visitors present, and 6 signed in to address the Council during the comment period.

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

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of June, which reflected \$7797.10 in revenues, and expenses of \$2571.48. Total funds were reported at \$284,002.71. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Harris, seconded by Lee and carried.

**Old Business**

Lewis shared with the Council that an email had been sent to Tim Bell with the NC DOT concerning the Walmart entrance. Mr. Bell has replaced Jim Evans, who recently retired. The DOT had recently denied the Town's request for a traffic signal, citing traffic count and speed data. The email sent to Mr. Bell expressed several concerns that may not always be seen in just numbers, such as the difficulty making a left turn out of the driveway onto a 5 lane highway. There will be a district meeting soon, and Mr. Bell assured us that our concerns would be considered.

Lewis informed the Council that in response to the notice of violation sent to Valor Horses for Heroes, that Kenneth Palmer (co-owner), had come to the Town Hall office and applied for a zoning permit. Both Lewis and Mayor Newman visited the location, and after further discussion with the Town attorney, it was determined that Valor was in compliance with applicable zoning regulations and they were issued a zoning permit.

**New Business**

There was no new business

Mayor Newman opened the public comment period. There were 6 visitors signed in to speak. Kenneth Palmer and Michael McClain, co-owners of Valor Horses for Heroes, both spoke about the work they are doing to help military and first responders with various mental health issues, including the use of equine therapy. Patients Cailyn Cashman and Eric Stephenson shared how much they had been helped by the services provided at Valor. Neighboring residents Garrett Wildt and Christa Baker expressed their concerns about privacy and safety. Palmer and McClain agreed to take whatever steps they could to be good neighbors and alleviate any concerns. Following the comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Paul, seconded by Lee and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Newman, Mayor

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Ray Lewis, Clerk