

**Town of Grantsboro**  
**Regular Meeting of the Town Council**  
**November 12, 2024**

**Minutes**

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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 no visitors.

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 Poole, seconded by Paul and carried. The minutes from the October meeting were approved upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Lee and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of October, which reflected \$3937.42 in revenues, and expenses of \$5361.22. Total funds were reported at \$277,381.55. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Poole, seconded by Harris and carried.

**Old Business**

Mayor Newman shared that the tree and ditch trimming and cutting had been completed by American Tree Co. There was also some discussion about the possibility of getting some of the other ditches cut or mowed along Hwy 55, but no action was taken.

There was discussion concerning the continued deterioration of the old Burger King building. It appears the roof is leaking, and that mold may be growing inside the building. Following discussion, it was suggested that we ask our Town attorney to send the owners a letter asking them to do something positive with the property. Lewis will follow up.

**New Business**

Mayor Newman shared that some other towns in Pamlico County were considering moving their municipal elections to even numbered years to coincide with the state and federal elections. This would actually be a benefit as it would result in cost reduction, and increased voter turnout. After some discussion, a motion to initiate the process of moving the next Grantsboro municipal election to 2028, which would add one year to the current terms, was made by Paul, seconded by Lee and carried.

Mayor Newman shared that Curtis Tillman had requested an adjustment to his mowing contract for 2025, due to rising costs. After some discussion, a motion to increase the annual mowing contract amount to \$7200 was made by Harris, seconded by Paul and carried.

Mayor Newman shared information from the recent Mayor's meeting held on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Council member TW Harris shared concerns about Hwy 55 traffic, particularly in the area of the Walmart entrance. Lewis suggested Harris contact Jim Evans with NCDOT to share his concerns, and to see if additional measures can be taken to increase safety in the area.

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

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for December 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Newman, Mayor

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Ray Lewis, Clerk