



MINUTES

The Grover Tourism Development Authority
March 11 and 25, 2014 | 6:00 p.m.

We provide published notice of our regular meetings held four times per year via our regular website, paid advertising campaigns, Facebook site and public body notice posting in plain view of public passerby on the town hall bulletin board to be at 6 pm held the last Tuesday of every quarter (March, June, September, December) at the Grover Town Hall with a backup default of Carolina Crossing Restaurant. Notice is provided to the public that all budgets are submitted at the March meeting, posted on the town bulletin board, KM Herald newspaper, our Facebook site and TDA website for full public review 90 days prior to the June meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism related funds for their use can apply all year long.

1. Call to order – At the March 11 special meeting begun at 6:01 pm at town hall Mongiello, Willis and Brackett were present and Chair Martin Mongiello sought resigning of a simple audit contract by all (since NC state offices had changed the date of such on the previously approved contract with Darrell Keller CPA). All approved. Town Finance Officer and Treasurer Ledford did not attend.

At the regular March 25 meeting, beginning late at 6:03 pm; approval and acceptance of the January, 2014 minutes was had with Ledford present (non-voting), Willis and Mongiello (voting and quorum verified) passing such after a motion was had by Mongiello to accept the minutes and seconded by Willis. Brackett did not attend. Ratification of the updated June 2013 minutes occurred similarly, unanimously after a motion was had by Mongiello to accept the minutes and seconded by Willis. At this time, for any public meeting under NC law, a board member or Commissioner has the legal right to add any item to an agenda, accordingly, per Roberts Rules of Order.

2. Financial Report – JD Ledford complete with Excel sheet as the Grover Town Finance Officer. Independent audit (\$725.00 approved and \$725.00 offered for 2014 and accepted as well) report completed by Darrell Keller, CPA of Kings Mountain, NC.

3. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

A. Advancement of board member Willis to Vice Chairman of the TDA. Discussion of meeting with Kara Millonzi (UNC) of Raleigh on September 24 at 10:00 am results. Mongiello



promised action item. After a motion was had by Mongiello to do so, and seconded by Willis, it was passed unanimously.

B. New Town Park – An ongoing work item. Mongiello mentioned he is working with his attorney on the sale. Mongiello to research at Record of Deeds. Mongiello/Willis work item.

C. New request and approval forms were presented. After a motion was had by Mongiello to do so, and seconded by Willis, it was passed unanimously. Put onto website. Completed.

D. Discussion and approval of Public Official Bonding for the Finance Director of the TDA. JD Ledford provided the estimates he has worked on and gathered. One, is for over \$400 a year, and the other is from Travelers for around \$160 a year. Travelers is who everyone has recommended he contact and they appear to have the best rates. After a motion was had by Mongiello to do so, and seconded by Willis, it was passed unanimously to pay Travellers the \$158.00 bid they submitted.

E. Painting of Fire Hydrants. Mongiello continuing action item to mimic Kings Mountain successful program.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed budget for 2014/2015 was discussed and presented. After a motion was had by Mongiello to post on the website, advertise about in the KMH newspaper and seconded by Willis, it was passed unanimously to post on the town bulletin board for several months and then vote on during the June 24 meeting, 2014 with input from the public. This allowed for over ten days of review prior to the full, seated and public hearing to be held. Paid advertising across Grover began also on Facebook.

Local Government Commission Memo 2014-08 “Operation of and Accounting for Discretely Presented Component Units, Including Tourism Development Authorities” says:

Because of the TDA’s status as a separate legal entity, the TDA’s governing board has the responsibility to adopt a budget that complies with the provisions of Part 1 – Budgets of the LGBFCA (**G.S. 159-7 through G.S. 159-17.1**), to adopt appropriate bylaws and resolutions, to execute a contract for an audit of the TDA’s financial statements, etc. The Primary Government’s (the county or municipality) board and the TDA’s board must be careful to assure that ordinances and resolutions are adopted by and contracts approved by the proper governing body.

§ 159-12. Filing and publication of the budget; budget hearings.

(a) **On the same day that he submits the budget to the governing board**, the budget officer shall file a copy of it in the office of the clerk to the board where it shall remain available for



public inspection until the budget ordinance is adopted. The clerk shall make a copy of the budget available to all news media in the county. He shall also publish a statement that the budget has been submitted to the governing board, and is available for public inspection in the office of the clerk to the board. The statement shall also give notice of the time and place of the budget hearing required by subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Before adopting the budget ordinance, **the board shall hold a public hearing** at which time any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. (1927, c. 146, s. 7; 1955, cc. 698, 724; 1971, c. 780, s. 1.)

§ 159-13. The budget ordinance; form, adoption, limitations, tax levy, filing.

- A. (a) **Not earlier than 10 days after the day the budget is presented to the board** and not later than July 1, the governing board shall adopt a budget ordinance making appropriations and levying taxes for the budget year in such sums as the board may consider sufficient and proper, whether greater or less than the sums recommended in the budget.

5. Announcements

A. As was promulgated on the agenda

7. Adjourned at 6:36 pm by motion had by Mongiello to do so, and seconded by Willis, it was passed unanimously.