



MINUTES and PUBLIC BUDGET OPEN HEARING

The Grover Tourism Development Authority

March 27, 2018 meeting | 6:04 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, our Facebook site, and TDA website for full public review 90 days before the June Public Hearing meeting where budget voting occurs. Entities desirous of requesting tourism-related funds for their use can apply all year long.

- 1. Called to order at 6:04 pm on September 26** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates.
- Chairperson Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the regular minutes and public hearing for the budget meetings and 2nd by Ms. Hoyle. Passed unanimously. **A NOTE ABOUT CRIMINAL CONDUCT:** 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. Additionally, it is noted under law that no single person is legally allowed to control any agenda of a public meeting, including any Mayor or Chairperson. Meetings do not have to have an agenda printed up under law and distributed before, and **members** of any public body are allowed under General Statute, to add or request a vote be held on items to add into any agenda. NC General Statute allows for a criminal offense to be had of class two (2) misdemeanor for anyone in charge of meetings stating otherwise, lying to board members or falsely reporting control of any agenda and, “not allowing a new item to be added to tonight’s agenda.” This call to order is mainly directed towards those leading public boards who think they control the agenda or make illegal statements in North Carolina such as, “well, if I feel like putting your item onto my agenda – otherwise we might never talk about your ideas.”
- 3. Financial Report** – The 10% restricted held in store by the state is required at all times by law. The increased fee of \$175.00 for the bonding by Travelers Insurance could go up



again next year by a few dollars so during the public budget hearing of 2017 it was again mentioned best to authorize \$225.00 or less. Current balance as of March 26, 2018 was 1667.38 reported by Willis. Please see the full report, line by line or such can be emailed in Excel or .pdf to any citizen who would like to review it. Bank statements will be passed around, examined, and reviewed by all members in meetings. The annual audit continues to be on time and paid for to Darrell Keller CPA PA. It was voted on and authorized at the meeting to sign the \$725.00 contract for Keller.

4. The Christmas Tourism expenditure was discussed and a rough draft of the proposed budget for 2018 and 2019 was agreed to be posted more than ten days before the meeting coming up in June. The annual newspaper ad for such open hearing was run in the KM Herald newspaper and paid for by Mongiello on his own money.
5. The Mayor mentioned the National Night Out on August 7th.

5. OLD BUSINESS for action and report review.

The upcoming new flag pole and IN GOD WE TRUST signage was discussed and supporting it for the town hall.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Street signs unable to be read by tourists on main town roads** was brought up by Mongiello and discussed. He has emailed the list of the signs and Willis stated he had a new machine in town that could begin to make its signs.

7. Adjourned at 8:38 for the longest meeting in history with a motion by Brackett, 2nd from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.