



## **MINUTES and PUBLIC BUDGET OPEN HEARING**

The Grover Tourism Development Authority

June 27, 2017 meeting | 6:01 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 6:01 pm on June 27** with members Mongiello, Hoyle and Brackett in attendance while Town Finance Manager Willis also presented his bank updates.
2. Chairperson Martin Mongiello, made a motion for approval and acceptance of the Special February 17, 2017, meeting (to sign the contract for the TDA audit) and Regular March 28, 2017 meeting minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Brackett. 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 June 27, 2017 2943.55 reported by Willis. Please see the full report, line by line.

4. **The Proposed Budget for the Public Hearing** was motioned by Mongiello and seconded by Hoyle at 6:18 pm to enter into, whilst suspending the normal meeting to comply with state law, and was openly discussed and voted on unanimously to be:
5. \$600.00 (down from \$1655.00 in previous years as the signs are lasting longer) for more signs for the streets in different requested designs for 2017/2018 installation, repair and adjusting of signs on street poles.
6. A Christmas Tourism expenditure of \$2100.00 (discussion elevated this expenditure higher) for the annual holiday tourism festival with wine tasting again at the Antique Store as host and the Museum to host an open house. Part of this expense will be for perpetual vinyl signs and green metal stakes that can be used each year. This years event to begin around 4 pm on Saturday December 2, after the parades are over in Grover and Kings Mountain. The mayor agreed to allow us to put a flyer into the mail sent by the town.
7. A Grover TDA Tourism Pamphlet project with \$200.00 expenditure on printing pamphlets and to find a local person who wanted to do this project and get paid.
8. \$400.00 more for potters/paint for sidewalk and plants beautification.
9. \$100.00 per year for account maintenance and online banking complete with extra checks as is needed as well as.
10. Normal expenditures for bonding at \$225.00 (or less).
11. and audits by the CPA at \$725.00.
12. Total expenditures budgeted equal \$4350.00 The meeting then returned by motion of Mongiello and seconded by Brackett, vote unanimous, to the regular meeting and ordered by law to post this budget after acceptance of the minutes as accurate and true in September – onto the web and websites and Facebook and onto the public bulletin board.

**5. OLD BUSINESS** for action and report review.

- A. **Holiday Tree with Tourism Draw Ceremony and Festival**– Discussions continued on the new ceremony and doing it again for 2017 with more advertising, signs and pamphlets. Additionally, it was discussed to put a poster into the mail of each home. It was also discussed and decided to continue distribution via the museum of the digital



pamphlet map of tourism locations all around Grover but was decided to print and issue paper pamphlets about tourism here. The digital pamphlet is very useful and powerful as it does offer to take control of your car and drive you to each spot.

## **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.
- B. The painted green kickplate of the main street looks great** to continue to attract tourists to new businesses opening. Ms. Hoyle has done a terrific job of donating her time and labor to the plantings each year of flowers and plants.

**7. Adjourned at 7:11 pm with a motion by Brackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Hoyle and unanimously voted for.**