Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting 4-1-24
Minutes
April 1, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM
Those who were in attendance are as follows:
Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor-Pro Tem Sheila Franklin
Councilmember Trevor Lance
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

Brandon Olsen of 33 Stoney Brook Court Fletcher spoke on baseball & softball season opening on Saturday and said that they were having a raffle and asking for donations of items for the food pantry.

He also spoke on the recommended budget amendment to use the excess money in the fund balance to pay off excess debt, stating that given current interest rates, that he did not think it was a good idea at this time that it would be better to keep the money in the bank for now.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting 3-4-24

Regular Meeting 3-11-24

Pre-Budget Meeting 3-19-24

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates
Mayor Blakley commented on the Easter Egg Hunt and how Parks & Recreation did a great job and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Consent Agenda

Approval of budget amendment # 4 to the FY 23/24 budget ordinance

Approval of budget amendment #5 to the FY 23/24 Budget Ordinance.

Town Manager Mark Biberdof mentioned that on budget amendment # 4, this was to cover additional expenses on the current paving project and also to cover the repair of guard rail off of Old Cane Creek Road.

On budget amendment #5 is for paying down the balance on two of the loans on town hall that Heather talked about last month.

Discussion Items

Discussion of proposal from Retail Strategies for Town Center project - Lacey Bacchus, Senior Director of Community Partnerships

Lacy Bacchus from Retail Strategies gave a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal for the town center project and answered questions that council had for her about the presentation.

Discussion Followed:

The council has agreed to keep this item on the agenda for more discussion next week at the regular meeting.

Presentation on recently completed pay classification study - David Hill, Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that Mr Hill would be here next week to give results from the recent pay study that was conducted and answer questions. He is going towards the recommendation that moves us up in the market area for employees.

Discussion on potential grant resources for cane creek greenway extension - Rebekah Robinson, Conserving Carolina.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave a brief overview of the information that Rebekah Robinsion will be discussing next week about extending the cane creek greenway towards the Meritor property.

Discussion Followed:

Presentation of transit feasibility study for Apple Country Transit - Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner for Henderson County

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he has had some discussions with Jana Bianculli (senior planner with Henderson county) who will be here next week. They are in charge of the money that comes in for Apple County Transit. She has provided a copy of the study and the recommendations.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Report

On the meetings with our legislative delegation, I have reached out to them several times trying to set up meetings and have been unsuccessful. I know that councilmember Trevor Lance saw Senator Balkcom at an event recently, and she has expressed that if we could provide more details of what we are looking for, she would work on it. So I am going to put together a list. I am also working on meetings with our congressional folks from Senator Bud's office and Senator Edwards's office.

We have our Shred Event/ Pill Drop event on April 20 in the south parking lot from 9:00 to noon, and we will get the word out on it. I will do a blackboard call.

The Litter Sweep you made a proclamation last month, and we will get information out on that to see if anyone from the public is interested in participating. We will get a list together of the streets that need pickup and provide the bags. The official Litter sweep is April 13 - April 27.

Thank you for a good budget workshop on March 19. The memo that we received from the league that helps us with a projection of our state shared revenue on sales tax, utilities sales tax and powell bill funds. I have shared this with you. The next thing is putting together our general fund revenues, and we will get another set of values from the assesors office this month and that will be used our preliminary final of values. I will be working on our final expense requests with dept heads. With all this information I will work on our draft balance budget for our workshop on May 9th.

Department Reports

March Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Trevor Lance.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:21 pm

Closed Session per NCGS 143.318.11 (5) "Contractual Matters"

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting April 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm
LGCCA Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm "Mills River hosting"
Annual Shred/Pill Drop event on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9:00 am til noon
Agenda Review Meeting May 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Budget Retreat Presentation May 9, 2024, at 9:00 am
Regular Meeting May 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm (Multipurpose Room)

Approved.

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Date Signed