Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
July 8, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Mayor Preston Blakley
Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Councilemember Trevor Lance did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakley led the group in a momet of silence

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Joe Black of 340 Howard Gap Road, Fletcher, spoke on handicap access to be placed at cane creek in that park so that everyone could have access to the water for fishing activites.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting June 3, 2024

Regular Meeting June 10, 2024

Special Call Meeting June 13, 2024

Special Call Meeting June 27, 2024

Mayor Blakely asked for any comments or questions on the minutes and if not, can I have a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

Councilmember Jim Player commented on Mr Black's suggestion of handicap access to the creek in the park and said that he had already asked the town manager to look into this.

Discussion Followed:

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

Reappointment and charge Tax Collector Cynthia Broome to collect property taxes for 2024-2025 for the Town of Fletcher.

Set Public Hearing for the August 12, 2024 meeting to consider possible amendments to Article 12 and 18 of the Fletcher Land Development Code regarding Family Subdivisions.

Approval of revised agreement with Fletcher Fire & Rescue

Approval of year-end Tax Collectors report for the FY 23/24 tax year.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin stated that she would make that motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

No items on the agenda for Discussion.

Town Manager Report

I mentioned last week that we had our recent meeting with retail strategies (June 19) and it went very well. The next step is that they will be preparing a draft recruitment plan that they will be getting back to us by the end of the summer. If the council has any thoughts or ideas please let me know.

On the town center project, Eric and I met with Buchannan Construction a couple of weeks ago to tell them the perimeters of the project and history and what went on with the most recent developer. They are looking at the information and are looking at some companies that they could partner with.

I also told you last week that I recently met with a broker from Realty One. He brought a group of investors of folks who have done several projects in the area. They did the West Park

Center project on Smokey Park Highway and the Weaver Village Shopping Center in Asheville. They are mostly a restaurant developer, and they did have a question about whether we would consider going above two stories on the Hwy 25 project. I said that it is allowed (up to three stories) but in our previous agreement it was restricted to two stories. I heard back from several of you that you wanted to restrict it to two stories.

Discussion Followed:

Last week I shared with you about the vacancy on the HC Tourism Authority Development Board and Jeremy Weber, who has been serving on the board, has to come off the board due to Blue Ghost Brewery closing. We talked a little last week about advertising as we only have one candidate, which is Roy Dickerson from Baabals Ice Cream, so we have advertised, and this person will serve the balance of an existing term.

Ann Brooks of Crown Castle contacted me to let us know that they have decided to locate the small cell node (instead of Windsor Forest) at Airport Road, Hwy 25 and Sweeten Creek Road.

Department Reports

June Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Upcoming Events

Summer Concert July 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm "Tuxedo Junction"
LGCCA Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 3:00 pm Henderson County Historic Courthouse "City of Hendersonville" hosting
Agenda Review Meeting August 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting August 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Summer Concert August 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm "Caribbean Cowboys"

Approved.

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Date Signed