Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
March 4, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:
Mayor Preston Blakely
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Trevor Lance
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin was absent from this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:
No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions
No comments were made at this time.

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Regular Meeting 2-12-24
No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates
No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of proclamation P-24-01 in honor of the spring litter sweep which runs from April 13 - April 27, 2024.

Approval of Resolution R-24-01 for Baabals to lease the concession stand at Bill Moore Community park from April 1, 2024, until August 31, 2024.

Appointment of Susan Heafner as Deputy Tax Collector

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the items on the Consent Agenda and stated that with Candy Broome being out for an extended period of time, Susan Heafner would step up as

Deputy Tax Collector and be sworn in next week after approval.

We will have one other Consent Item to add next week concerning an amendment to the Budget Ordinance for a payment to Fletcher Fire & Rescue & Mills River Fire & Rescue due to the recent audit.

Discussion Items

Selection of a candidate to fill an at-large vacancy on the Planning Board.
Candidates for the vacancy that attended the meeting are as follows:

Robyn Mondin
John Brandon Olsen
Fran Shultz
Jacob Compher
Lorie Boehm

Each candidate introduced themselves and answered questions that council had for them about their interest in serving on the planning board.

Proposal for consulting services from Retail Strategies

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf briefly went over the proposal for retail strategies and stated that if the council was interested, he would have a representative come to the meeting next month for a presentation.

Discussion Followed:

The council is interested in a presentation at the April meeting.

Use of Town Owned Property for Industrial Purposes

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that the town has listed a portion of the property near the Meritor plant for Industrial purposes with the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development. There is a question about whether the town wants to continue to list the property for industrial purposes and whether the listing price is still current.

Discussion Followed:

Town Council will discuss this next week when Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin is in attendance whether to continue to list the property or remove the listing.

Unassigned Fund Balance- Excess Reserves Recommendation

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the recommendations for the excess reserves in fund balance and said that Heather Taylor would be here at the regular meeting for discussion on this with council.

Discussion Followed:

Discussion of partnership for additional tennis facilities

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the discussion/meeting that he, Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin and Mayor Preston Blakely had with Buster Brown concerning a partnership for additional tennis courts in Bill Moore Community Park.

Discussion Followed:

Given the cost and the fact that the tennis courts are not in as high demand as the pickle ball courts, the council has decided not to pursue this at this time. This item will also be removed from the agenda for the regular meeting next week.

Town Manager Report

The grants for greenway expansion are due in May, and we have asked Rebekah Robinson of Conserving Carolina to come to the April meeting for further discussion on the $500,000.00 matching grant. We will have McGill update the estimated cost and ask for council approval to move forward with this.

I am still trying to set up meetings with our legislative delegation (Senator Moffitt, Representative Balkcom) and the federal delegation (Chuck Edwards, Ted Bud) to discuss our priority list. So far, I don't have anything set up as of yet.

The Auction House is planning a soft opening at the end of March, so that will be happening very soon and I think this will be a great attraction/benefit to Fletcher.

The shred/pill drop event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 to noon, and we will also have someone from public works, available to load free mulch for anyone who may be interested.

Department Reports

February 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.

Adjourned at: 8:05 pm

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting March 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Budget Retreat Meeting March 19, 2024, at 8:30 am
Easter Egg hunt Saturday, March 23, 2024 12:00-2:00 pm
Agenda Review Meeting April 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting April 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Annual Shred/Pill Drop event on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9:00 am til noon

Approved.

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Date Signed