Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakley
Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin
Councilmember Trevor Lance
Councilmember Keith Reed
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

Councilmember Jim Player did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakley led the group in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge.

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting October 7, 2024

Regular Meeting October 14, 2024

Mayor Blakely asked for any deletions or corrections to the minutes as presented and, if not, do I have a motion to approve the minutes.

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

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

Approval of James Martin to fill the ETJ vacancy as a representative for Henderson County and the Town of Fletcher.

Approval of Bob Davy to represent the Town of Fletcher on the Henderson County Historic Resources Commission board. .

Approval of Resolution R-24-04 to set a moratorium on new development within the FEMA designated floodplains.

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

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Tropical Storm Helene Disaster Response Report - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave an update on the diaster response from Helene.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely mentioned that we had talked about doing some kind of bonus for staff, and it sounds like it might make sense to do it in December.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that we may need some type of budget amendment to do this and yes, we could do this in December.

Mayor Blakley stated that he was thinking of between 200 and 300 dollars for the bonus, maybe 250 dollars for each employee. My suggestion was going to be to make a motion of 250 dollars for each employee to show our gratitude, and thanks for Helene recovery efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Sheila Franklin suggested that each employee take a day off that would not count as a vacation day.

Councilmember Lance stated that he thought that was a bit low and suggested 300 dollars.

Discussion Followed:

The council agrees on a 300 bonus for each employee.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that we may have to come back with a budget amendment and, if so, I will let you know.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve a 300 bonus for each Town of Fletcher employee.

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 continued on some other storm related items.

Update on Work with Retail Strategies - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he did not have more to add from last week other than their marketing and two-page guide (gap analysis). They would be bringing that to their trade conferences. This is to identify retailers of interest.

Discussion on filling the vacancy for District 1 on Fletcher Town Council.

Mayor Blakely stated that we discussed this last week and that everyone was comfortable with the application timeline.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that you have an updated schedule as initially i had November 28th on the schedule, which is Thanksgiving so we changed it back to November 27th.

Town Manager Report
I mentioned last week that we are doing the Community Shred day in coordination with First Citizens Bank, and it will be on Friday, November 22nd, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The police department will be there to participate in a pill drop. We will also have some food from 11:00 to 2:00 pm.

I mentioned last week that we have been approved for the Connecting Communities grant for extension of our greenway trails that Conserving Carolina submitted for us. We have a couple of years to decide how we want to use this grant.

Last week I gave you the updated information on the wetlands delineation that McGill Associates did on the town center property. It has to be updated every 3 years with the Army Core of Engineers. Some good news is that it eliminates some areas, and they (McGill Associates) submitted a formal request to the Army Core for review.

Mayor Blakely commented on Mayor-Pro Tem Sheila Franklin leaving us and wanted to thank her for her service to the town and said that we would surely miss her.

Department Reports

October Reports

Adjourn
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:39 pm

Upcoming Events

Agenda Review Meeting December 2, 2024
Christmas in the Park December 7, 2024 12:00-2:00 pm
Regular Meeting December 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Agenda Review January 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting January 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed