Town of Fletcher
Town Council
Minutes
September 9, 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
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakely led the group in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation of Proclamation(s) for National Recovery Month, & Suicide Prevention Month and then a plaque for years of service to an outgoing Planning Board member by Mayor Blakely

Presentation of a Proclamation in honor of National Recovery Month.

Presentation of a Proclamation in honor of World Suicide Prevention Day & National Suicide Prevention Month

Presentation of plaque to Duane Gentle honoring his years of service on the Planning Board.

Mayor Blakely presented the proclamation(s) in honor of Suicide Prevention & National Recovery Month. He also presented a plaque to Mr. Gentle in honor of his years of service on the Planning Board.

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting August 5, 2024

Regular Meeting August 12, 2024

Mayor Blakely asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as presented and if not do I have a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Trevopr Lance motioned to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases.

Approval of Resolution R-24-02 accepting infrastructure in Sycamore Cottages into the Fletcher street system.
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Consideration of establishing a farmers market in Fletcher - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he really did not have anything else to add to this item. Just a reminder that he would be attending a zoom meeting with th market managers on September 17. There has been some interest from other businesses in having a farmers' market in the area as well.

Discussion Followed:

Retail recruitment plan submitted by Retail Strategies - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave a PowerPoint presentation on the recent study done by Retail Strategies for the town center project. He also went over the figures on the Gap sheets to show what the need is for in this area.

Discussion Followed:

Research on retail rehabilitation grant programs - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he had reached out to one of the owners of The Plaza shopping center here in Fletcher, and he is willing to meet with us. Eric Rufa and I are going to meet with him sometime next week. I want to talk to them about what is going on with the town center project property and how it impacts what they have there and what we are trying to do and see what their long-term goals are. If you approve it, I wanted to see if they would be interested in grant opportunities.

Town Manager Report

I know I mentioned to you about a community shred day in the fall. I am waiting to hear back from First Citizens Bank Mitizi Reed about Friday October 25th being the best day.

Councilmember Keith Reed said that October 25 is not going to work and that it looks like it would be Friday, October 18 instead.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that would work ok for us but, he was not sure about the schedule for the police department to have a pill drop, then he would have to look into that. We could still do just a event without a pill drop . The police department does have a medication drop box in their lobby that is well-used.

On the fall litter Sweep participation I will be getting a call-out in the next day or so to promote it. Christ School is volunteering to pick up litter so they will be by to get supplies to do this. We provide bags, vests and pick-up sticks.

Our Fletcher Family Festival is next Saturday, September 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Department Reports

August 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: 6:52 pm

Upcoming Events

Fletcher Family Fun Festival September 21, 2024 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Agenda Review Meeting October 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting October 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Halloween Event October 26, 2024 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Fall Food Pantry from October 28, 2024 to November 23, 2024
Veterans Salute Breakfast November 2, 2024, at 9:00 am

Approved.

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Date Signed