Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
December 2, 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

Swearing in of Councilmembers Jim Player and Keith Reed for a new term on the town council.

Councilmember(s) Keith Reed and Jim Player were sworn in by Town Clerk Christine Thompson.

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting November 4, 2024

Regular Meeting November 12, 2024

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

Councilmember Trevor Lance stated that Fletcher Fire & Rescue is currently in the hiring/interview process for the new Fire Chief that should start either at the end of April or the first of May 2025.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resolution R-24-05 to declare surplus property and to sell by electronic auction with Auctions International.

Budget Amendment #1 for the FY 24/25

Approval of grant project ordinance O-24-06 for Hurricane Helene Recovery Park Projects

Set public hearing for the January 13, 2025 meeting to consider several minor amendments to the Fletcher Land Development Code

Mayor Blakely asked council did they have any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda.

There were no comments from the council at this time.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf said that on the surplus property auction item you have a list of items on the Resolution that will be up for auction. The Resolution will be amended next week to include the old Ford Explorer from Parks & Recreation as it is in need of expensive repairs. In place of it, we are going to put a 2016 retired Dodge Durango from the police department which is in much better shape than the Ford. We also may be adding another Dodge Durango from the police department if we can get the equipment removed in time for our regular meeting. As you know, we have to advertise 10 days in advance before the actual auction takes place.

Discussion Items

Presentation of year-end audit report for FY 2023-2024 - Carol Avery, of Lowdermilk Church & Co.

Carol Avery of Lowdermilk Church & Co. will be here next week to give a presentation on the year-end audit for FY 23-24.

Public Hearing to Approve Resolution #2024-04, a 12-month moratorium on new development within designated floodplains.

Mayor Blakely stated that next week we will have a public hearing to approve a Resolution for a 12 month moratorium that will go till next December unless we decide different. .

Discussion and Review of applicants to fill the remaining term in District 1 on the town council.

Mayor Blakely stated that this term has 2 years left on it and will expire at the end of November 2026. Tonight we want to hear from the applicants to give everyone an opportunity to introduce themselves. Next week all the council will vote by ballot except for me. I do not get a vote. Only a simple majority is needed, and that person will be appointed to fill the two-year

term.

Applicants that attended and introduced themselves are as follows:

John Brandon Olsen
Jonathan Mitchel "Mitch" Brevard
Amber McKinney

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely stated that if the other applicants show up next week he will give them a chance to speak if they would like too.

Recommended street resurfacing projects and estimated budget - Ben Cathey, McGill Associates

Mayor Blakely asked if Ben Cathey would be here next week.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that, yes, he would be here next week with the projected cost for street paving. The streets recommended for paving this year are all in Livingston Farms. (North Sunberry Trail, South Sunberry Trail & Wild Meadow Road)

Discussion Followed:

Discussion on filling the Mayor Pro-Tem vacancy left by former councilmember Sheila Franklin.

Mayor Blakely stated that he had asked Councilmember Lance if he would be Mayor Pro-Tem as that is his preference, but this is up to council.

Councilmember Jim Player and Councilmember Keith Reed are agreeable to this.

This will be moved to the consent agenda next week for final approval.

Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the recommended schedule for the FY 25/26 budget process. He has asked the council to look at their schedules to see if this will work for them and to let him know.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Report
An update was given on the latest recovery from Helene. We continue with debris removal in the park from the back trail, and are currently categorizing repairs in the park. We have been

making a request for bids on things like the ballfields, multicourts, and fencing. FEMA reimbursement tends to be up to about 75%.

We are trying to get information out to the public about repairs to private roads where homeowners can apply for assistance from FEMA for repairs to their roads.

With council appointing a new council member next week, the SOG (School of Government) every election cycle does the Essentials of Municipal Government course, which includes ethics. If your interested in taking this again, I know Jim has signed up for this. Christine can help you with registration.

On the Farmer's Market, I met with Karne Blato and David Smiley to look at locations here in the area. We will be doing a survey among vendors to see if there is some interest and these markets typically run from May until October.

We have our Christmas in the Park this Saturday, December 7, from noon until 2:00. We have carriage rides, pictures with Santa, vendor village and music.

Councilmember Keith Reed asked about the latest storm debris pickup.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that we have been in communication with the county, and they have been very responsive. The latest is that they are starting to get the construction demolition stuff. It is still my understanding that they will make multiple passes too. We have a link on our website and there is on the county website as well where you can sign up for debris pickup. It is very simple and easy to do.

Department Reports

November 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: 7:06 pm

Upcoming Events

Christmas in the Park Saturday, 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 4:00 pm

Approved.

Date

Signed