Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

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.

Public Comments:

Mazie Goldstein of 142 Brickton Village Circle commented on all the traffic on Old Hendersonville/Brickyard Road (NCDOT roads) and the dump trucks going to the recycling center. She talked about the litter that falls out of the back of the trucks. She also commented on the trucks coming into their neighborhood to turn around and asked what could be done.

Mayor Blakely asked Town Manager Mark Biberdorf if he would look into this.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting February 3, 2025

Regular Meeting February 10, 2025

Special Call Meeting February 21, 2025

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

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resolution # R-25-03 to donate surplus property to the Town of Marshall.

Approval of Proclamation # P-25-01 in honor of Spring Litter Sweep which runs from April 12, through April 26, 2025.

Tax refunds/releases

Budget Amendment # 3 for FY 24/25 (Powell Bill)

Approval of Resolution R-25-04 to lease the concession stand in Bill Moore Community park to Baabals ice cream.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance motioned to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Presentation from STAND T.A.L.L

Chief Terry introduced Ron Kaufman and Barb Molten from STAND T.A.L.L. (thank a local lawman), who both spoke about what their non-profit organization has done for local law enforcement agencies in the area. 95% of donations come from private citizens.

STAND T.A.L.L. has donated the following to the Fletcher Police Department:

AED Defibraltors
State-of-the-art radio "statewide communication abilities"
Forsenics Lab capabilities
Fingerprint machine
Dedicated Laptop computer
Nikon camera with several different lenses
Tripods

Discussion Followed:

Update on plans for a farmers market in Fletcher - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he provided an overview from the staff report on this. We narrowed down the day for the market, which would be a Tuesday from 3:00 to 6:00. The only other thing we were working on was the location. Initially, I talked to you about leaning towards the park and the other area was near public works and near the green maintenance building. There was some cost involved if we did it in the park to extend the backfield (auxiliary parking area), which would be about $18,000 for gravel.

It is recommended that we start with the area here between the south parking lot and by the green maintenance building in May. We have a draft packet that is ready to go out to vendors that we may make some changes to. If you are comfortable with this, we will start here and, once it takes off, maybe make some changes to it. We will see how it goes.

Council agrees to the area next to the green building.

Discussion Followed:

Update on Tropical Storm Helene recovery efforts - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that last week I talked to you about three different things. The activity in the park (repairs), debris collection, and we received our first reimbursement from FEMA.

Patton Construction was the low bid to do the ballfields, multi-use courts and the dog park (fencing). They have already started on it. The goal is to try and get the backstop at the ballfields completed first, with baseball season starting soon. The contractor that is doing the dirt/laser grading for the ballfields has already started. The other thing is the electrical panels. The only place we have electricity in the park is the concession stand. The bid package just went out today for that. Repair of the pedestrian bridge and the stream banks along the greenway trails is being bid out as well. McGill is working on the bid packet.

Debris removal - The county has contracted for debris removal countywide and within the municipalities. We appreciate what they are doing. It's a long process, and we know that there have been challenges, and we have been trying to expedite it in Fletcher. Public Works have been helping with the vegetative debris removal, and they have been staging it by the green building and the county has been picking it up from there. The next thing is CD (construction debris) removal and this is more complicated, and this is a long process and trying to communicate this with the public as to when it will actually get picked up. The county is also doing debris removal in streams. They have started in Mud Creek, not sure when they will get to Cane Creek.

Discussion Followed:

We did receive our first reimbursement from FEMA, which was just over $36,000.

Town Manager Report

Last week I mentioned to you an update on the wetlands determination and permitting analysis. McGill has been working on our town center property on wetlands' delineation (updated). We have to go through the Army Core of Engineers for them to sign off on what we have a contractor to determine what wetlands we have. With that updated delineation, McGilll needs to update some models that we have been looking at. I would like to have McGill come to a meeting in the future to discuss the updated map. Maybe at the April meeting.

On Retail Strategies, our consultant is looking at potential retail opportunities, and they are continuing to identify potential retailers for our properties. They are also reaching out to developer contacts that I have given them.

Last week I mentioned parking enforcement and the complaint we had from Stafford Crossing. The chief did check this out and I shared with you a memo that he completed. Essentially, we have a soft mechanism to help with traffic enforcement, but we do not have anything to help people with low-level parking violations. Sooner or later we may need to look at a more concrete process for issuing parking citations.

Chief Terry answered some questions the council had concerning parking violations.

Discussion Followed:

The shred event & pill drop is on Saturday April 12 from 9:00 to noon.

The Budget retreat meeting is next week on Tuesday, March 18 and starts at 8:30 am. If you are interested in breakfast, please be here at 8:00 am.

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: 6:55 pm

Upcoming Events

Budget Retreat Meeting March 18, 2025, at 8:30 am
Agenda Review Meeting April 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting April 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm

LGCCA April 15, 2025 at 3:00 pm (Fletcher Hosting)
Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12, 2025
Spring Shred Pill drop event Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9:00 to 12:00 pm

Approved.

Date

Signed