Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
April 7, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakley
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Town Manager Mark Bibedorf
Parks & Recreation Director Josh Queen

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

Joe Black of 340 Howard Gap Road Fletcher commented on the area changing with all the development destroying the views of the mountains and that he would like to see more events in the park.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting 3-3-25

Regular Meeting 3-10-25

Pre -Budget Workshop Meeting 3-18-25

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of year end audit contact for FY 24/25

No comments were made at this time.

Discussion Items

Discussion and possible re-appointment of Louis Linn to another term on the ABC board.

Mr Linn came up to the podium and spoke to the council about himself and his family, stating that he has lived in Fletcher for 47 years and has enjoyed serving on the ABC Board and would like to continue to serve.

The Town Council and Mayor thanked Mr. Linn for his service to the town and ABC board.

Mayor Blakely stated that approval for his reappointment will be on the Consent Agenda at the regular meeting next week.

Presentation on having the summer concerts at the Auction House - Josh Queen, Parks & Recreation Director.

Parks & Recreation Director Josh Queen requested approval to have a Summer Concert at the Auction House instead of Bill Moore Community Park. The event will take place on June 7th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be a bounce house, face painting for the kids and the concert will begin at 6:00 pm. Also, Parks & Recreation would provide a transport service from town hall over to the Auction House as well due to limited parking.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance mentioned that he had heard from residents in the past who preferred to have concerts at the park instead of other venues/places.

After some discussion, the council agreed to have this concert (June 7th) at the Auction House to see how it goes, then decide at that point about where to have the next summer concert.

Request from Duke Energy for easement for Landing at Meadowview - Morgan Patton, Duke Energy.

Morgan Patton from Duke Energy gave an overview for a requested utility easement for the Meadowview subdivision behind town hall.

Discussion Followed:

Council is agreeable to the easement and this item will be moved to the consent agenda next week for approval.

Presentation of FY 2025-2026 match request for Apple Country Transportation - Janna Bianculli, Henderson County

Janna Bianculli gave a presentation on Apple Country Transit and the budget request from Fletcher for the upcoming FY budget 25/26.

Discussion Followed:

The council did mention that they would like to see what the express stop method would look like for Fletcher.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he would add the requested amount of $31,543.63 to the budget for the presentation in May.

Request to state legislative delegation to change filing period for municipal elections - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated the town was made aware of a bill being filed by Senator Moffitt that would change the City of Hendersonville's filling period for elections from December to July. It might be of interest to us to either be added to this bill or file a separate bill. The benefit to this is having the filing period be closer to the actual election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance mentioned that he thought that the Board of Elections preferred the filing period in December. He is interested in getting more clarification on this.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he would contact the Board of Elections and give an update next week. Though council is interested in changing the filing period to July from December.

Consideration of realignment of ABC board member terms - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that we had been contacted by the state ABC Commission to realign our board appointments so that they are staggered and would each expire one year apart.

Discussion Followed:

The council is in agreement with this.

Town Manager Report

On the park repairs, Patton Construction has been working on the fencing and has made some progress. The small dog park is completed, the concrete/sidewalk area around the multi-use courts has been demoed, and they are working on that. They started on the ballfield(s). The laser grading on the ballfield(s) has been delivered, and they have been working on that. Our next big thing is the bridge and the streambank areas. McGill has been working with us and trying to get some bid specs together.

On debris removal, the town has assisted the county with vegetative debris removal, and we are now starting back to regular brush pickups. The next thing was C & D removal and the

county offered municipalities that had the capability to pick up to be able to participate in this. Jabbo Pressley reached out to them last week to make sure that our trucks were certified, and they are coordinating with their contractor (monitors) for pickups. We do not have as many C&D piles as we originally had. The county has communicated that if you have storm-related debris it needs to be put out by no later than May 1st.

Just a reminder, this Saturday is our shred event and medication/pill drop event. This will be in the southside parking lot from 9:00 to noon. Also, the Easter egg hunt is from 12:00 to 2:00 pm as well.

Mayor Blakely commented that he had received a complaint from a resident over in Windstone about the noise coming from Wilsonart and Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he had received an email about this as well.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that the plant had been there long before Windstone was ever built, and they are trying to be a good neighbor. About 10/11 years ago they put a muffler on there to try and dampen the sound. However, there is noise in the plant when they release the steam from the manufacturing process. I know we want to be responsive, but this is not something new.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance said that someone contacted him about the Farmer's Market saying that the person put in for all the days but was only given a few, and he asked was it getting full.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that, yes, it was, and they are as they had way more applications then openings.

Councilmember Jim Player stated the same thing about the market as well.

Discussion Followed:

The council does agree that they want priority to be given to farmers as it is a Farmer's Market.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance also said that he had a request from North Hillcrest Road as they wanted the town to take over their street.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that, essentially, roads that are built after a certain date in order for the town (per our regulations) to take a road over, the homeowners have to bring it up to NCDOT standards/specifications.

Discussion Followed:

Department Reports

March Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mayor pro-Tem Trevor Lance.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:14 pm

Upcoming Events

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
Agenda Review Meeting May 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Budget Workshop Meeting May 8, 2025, at 9:00 am
Regular Meeting May 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed