Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 14, 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 Amber McKinney
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
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:

Andrew Davis of 15 Regent Drive Fletcher stated that he is the president of the HOA in St Johns Woods Subdivision, and he asked about the town changing the laws/ordinances concerning rentals (general/short-term) and Airbnb. He stated that it is creating issues for their neighborhood.

Doug Boone of 94 Grove End Road, Fletcher, shared his concerns about this as well.

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

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

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by

Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

Mayor Blakley commented on the shred event on Saturday and how successful it was along with the Easter Egg hunt in the park.

Councilemmber Jim Player commented that we collected about 4,000 pounds of paper from the shred event.

Consent Agenda

Approval of year end audit contact for FY 24/25

Approval of Louis Linn to serve another term on the ABC Board.

Approval of a utility easement for Duke Energy.

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

Councilmember Jim Player made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed and Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

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

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the change of the filing period for municipal elections from December to July. The council is agreeable to this. Changed from the primary method to the plurality method.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the change in the filling period for municipal elections from December to July.

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve the change in the filing period, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

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

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the information from Quinn Woolard of the ABC Commission suggesting the realignment of the terms for the Fletcher ABC Board.

The terms would be as follows:

Samatha Todd, Chair	3-year term	June 2027
Louis Linn	3-year term	June 2028
Brandon Olsen	3-year term	June 2026

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the realignment in the ABC Board member terms.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance motioned to approve the change in the board terms, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Town Manager Report

The park repairs are well underway by Patton Construction. You probably noticed that a lot of the fencing poles are now up. The broken concrete sections around the multi-use courts have been dug out, and they laid cement last week. The damaged fence in the dog park has been repaired. What is remaining is the patching of the multi-use courts, the rest of the poles on the ball fields and the fencing up. Some of the backstops are being repaired/replaced. We are working with McGill on getting a description of the repairs for the rest of the park that needs to happen. There has to be a scope of work for FEMA to get reimbursement for these repairs. American Electric is working on restoring the power to the park for us.

Discussion Followed:

Public Works is essentially finished with the Construction & Demolition removal, and we have one other address that had a garage that was damaged by the storm, and they may have some other debris removal from that. Beyond that, we do not know of any other C & D sites. Brush is still happening. We should be caught up on that, but residents keep putting debris still out from the storm.

Discussion Followed:

Following up from last week about the noise complaint from Windstone by the Wilsonart plant, I reached out to the plant manager, and they are having their contractor look at the muffler that releases the steam to see if any modifications can be made. I have not heard back from her as yet. She did point out one other thing that all the trees that went down from the storm breaks down some of your sound dampening.

On the Farmers Market we are changing our number from 20 to 25 vendors so that everyone can get in. We are gearing up for this to manage traffic and parking. Starts May 6th at 3:00 pm. We are giving priority to farmers.

We had a question last week about the town taking over North Hillcrest Road. North Hillcrest is a DOT-maintained road, so they are responsible for maintenance. If there are any private roads, our process to consider taking a road over is that all property owners abutting the road have to file a petition requesting the road be taken over. It needs to be brought up to DOT minium standards before the town would even consider taking the road over.

Department Reports

March Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:42 pm

Upcoming Events

LGCCA April 15, 2025, at 3:00 pm (Fletcher Hosting)
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