Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 8, 2026

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 Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Councilmember Keith Reed did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakely led ther group in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting May 4, 2026

Budget Presentation Meeting May 7, 2026

Regular Meeting May 11, 2026

Mayor Blakely asked for any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes as presented. If not, do I have a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilmember Jim Player made a motion to approve the minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of letter in support of proposed funding to advance passenger rail service along the Western North Carolina Corridor.

Reappointment of John Brandon Olsen to serve another 3-year term on the ABC Board.

Mayor Blakely asked for any questions or comments on the consent agenda and, if not do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Presentation from STEAP about the possibility of producing a wall mural in the Town of Fletcher — Karen-Eve Bayne, Director.

Ms Karen Eve-Bayne gave a PowerPoint point presentation on the proposed murals in Fletcher and answered questions that council had for her on this. She has asked for a council liaison to help with coordinating the project and also help from public works to actually install the mural/banner.

Discussion Followed:

Council agrees to the murals and Councilmember Amber McKinney is going to be the liaison for the project.

Public Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2026-2027 — Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 26/26 budget. He also offered some suggestions for the budget due to the recent increase in the property tax rate by Henderson County. This would be due to the change in sales tax revenue (lower) that would affect the Town of Fletcher as it is estimated to be about $100,000.

He proposes to increase the tax rate by two cents, with one and a half cents going to Fletcher Fire & Rescue and a half cent going to the town. This would help offset the projected loss in revenue.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to go into public hearing.

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to go into public hearing, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time on the budget presentation.

There were no comments at this time.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance motioned to close the public hearing, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve Budget Ordinance 0-26-07 with the amendment to raise property taxes to .30 cents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance stated that he would make the motion, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Town Manager Report

Our street resurfacing project is completed. Meadow Walk Court and Meadow Pathway Court were completed in Livingston Farms and they both look great.

The French Broad MPO has put out a public survey for transportation projects and the link to it has been put on Facebook and on the town's website. We will also put it in the newsletter and the deadline is July 22.

Tyler Morrow and I met with representatives from Impecable Development. They were sent to us by Retail Strategies. We sent them some follow-up information. We also reached back out to Martin Lewis of Lewis Real Estate Group to meet with them to see where they are at evaluating our project. We have received an updated value on our property, which is now worth 2.85 million and it was 2.4 million. When we met with Martin Lewis and Will Buie they wanted to get our help with the traffic improvement stuff to be a little more proactive than reactive. There is something called an express design that the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) can submit to DOT and then DOT does a cost estimate of the traffic improvements.

Department Reports

May Reports

Adjourn
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

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

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:10 pm

Upcoming Events

Budget year close out in June ?
Agenda Review Meeting July 6, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting July 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm
LGCCA July 21, 2026, at 3:00 pm "Fletcher Hosting"
July 31st Summer Concert - Gotcha Groove Band

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

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

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:10 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed