Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
January 6, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Councilmember Trevor Lance (Mayor Pro-Tem) and new Councilmember Amber McKinney were both sworn in by the town clerk.

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
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

Swearing in of Trevor Lance as Mayor Pro-Tem and Amber McKinney as Councilmember for District 1.

Budget Workshop on this past year accomplishments and emerging issues FY 2025-2026 Budget. (Regular Meeting)

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 12-2-24

Regular Meeting December 12-9-24

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance stated that the Fletcher Fire Department has hired a new fire chief, which is Robert Griffin, and he is from Edneyville. He will be starting the end of February.

Consent Agenda

Budget Amendment #2 to the FY 24/25 grant project ordinance

Approval of MPO memorandum of understanding and Resolution R-25-01.

Mayor Blakely asked if council had any questions or comments on the consent agenda?

There were no comments at this time.

Discussion Items

Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Land Development Code - Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director.

Mayor Blakely asked if anyone had any comments on this item before the public hearing next week.

No comments were made at this time.

Presentation from Sergeant Diaz on his recent attendance at the National Forensic Academy.

Sergeant Diaz will be here next week to give council an overview of the National Forensic Academy that he recently completed.

Discussion regarding several planning board terms set to expire in February

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa gave an overview of the upcoming vacancies on the Planning Board. We have several terms set to expire in February and the board members that want to continue serving have reapplied for their seats. There will be a vacancy in District 1 as James Bruggeman will not be reapplying for his seat. We are accepting applications through January 27. We will invite all applicants to the Agenda Review Meeting in February and then presumably the appointment will be made the following week at the regular meeting.

Discussion on filling vacant seats on council appointed boards.

Council reviewed the list of vacancies and have the vacant seat filled. The town clerk will update/amend the list and have it for final approval at the Regular Meeting next week.

Update on efforts to establish a farmers market in Fletcher - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave an update on a proposed Farmer's Market in Fletcher. He stated that he developed a survey that he sent out to local vendors, and he received a decent amount of feedback. I have set up a listening session here at town hall on Monday January 27 at 6:00 pm. We would like to start the new market in May of 2025.

Discussion Followed:

Update on storm related repairs at the park - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave an update on the recent repairs at Bill Moore Community Park. We did a request for qualifications, and we only received one proposal, and it was from McGill, and we have reviewed and accepted their proposal. The ballfields and all the fencing would be our highest priority and bid as one project, then the courts, the small dog park and the repair of the bridge at the back of the park. The last thing that would be needed is stream bank repair. I talked with Ben Cathey and hopefully we will be getting the bid package out this week.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Report

Related to the FEMA and storm damages for individual assistance, the deadline has been extended to February 6, 2025. So, if you know of anyone that needs help, please let them know about this.

Discussion Followed:

There will be an after-action review session with Henderson County Emergency management to discuss the recent storm and what we could have done better. This will be on January 23 at 10:30 am.

You have a picture of some trees in South Chase at the entrance of Wood Hill Drive. These trees were planted way to close to the edge of the curb and there have been some complaints about them. Some are already down, and others are dying. They are in the town's right of way. We can take them down. I just wanted to give you the heads-up if someone said something about that.

Discussion Followed:

Councilmember Jim Player mentioned the hazardous waste items in the neighborhood that needed to be picked up as soon as possible as they have been sitting there for a while now and the kids in the neighborhood have started to mess with them and with the snow coming soon, his concern is that they will get buried and someone runs over them causing a spill into the sewer/water system.

The Partnership for Economic Development has their elected official's luncheon next week on January 14, from noon to 1:30 at the Hedrick Road VSO.

I have a meeting set up with Kye Water from Senator Bud's office to discuss our legislative priorities list on January 16 at 2:00 pm. The mayor and I are attending. If anyone else is interested in attending, let me know.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance asked about the lights on Rutledge Road since the storm. He thinks that not all the lights have been replaced as the one area between The Authors and Heritage Park is very dark and a lot of people are walking back and forth between there and someone may get hurt. He is asking for a light to be added/placed in that area.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he would look into this.

Department Reports

December 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: 6:50 pm

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting January 13, 2025, at 4:00 pm
LGCCA January 21, 2025, at 3:00 pm "Henderson County Hosting"
Agenda Review February 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Father Daughter Dance February 8, 2024
Regular Meeting February 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed