Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 4:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakley
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Parks & Recreation Director Josh Queen
Public Works Director Jabbo Prestley
Police Chief Dan Terry

Budget Workshop on this past year accomplishments and emerging issues FY 2025-2026 Budget.

IT- Mathew Horton, One Who Serves
Administration, Professional Services & Town Facilities - Heather Taylor
Parks & Recreation – Josh Queen
Police Department – Dan Terry
Public Works – Jabbo Pressley
Planning & Zoning – Eric Rufa
Accomplishment Overall, Revenues, CIP, Other Projects – Mark Biberdorf

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to recess until 6:00 pm

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

Motion all in favor.

Recessed at: 05:20 pm

Called the meeting back to order at: 6:00 pm

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakley led the group in a moment of silence for the people in California effected by the wildfires.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments:

Before public comment Mayor Blakley honored former Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker with the Long Leaf Pine Award.

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting 12-2-24

Regular Meeting 12-9-24

Mayor Blakely asked for 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

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

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

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

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

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

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa went over his suggested amendments to the Land

Development Code and answered any questions that council had for him.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to enter public hearing.

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

Motion all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked for comments in the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

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

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to close the public hearing, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion Passed all in favor.

Mayor Blakley asked for a motion to approve the amendments to the Land Development Code as presented.

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

Motion passed all in favor.

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

Sergeant Diaz gave a power point presentation on his recent attendance at the National Forensic Academy and answered questions about the program.

Discussion Followed:

Review of updated council committee list.

The council went over the updated committee list and is agreeable with the changes.

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

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that there is not much from last week on this. We are working with a person at the Henderson County extension office and a non-profit group called ASAP (Appalachian Sustainability Agricultural Project). We have a listening session set up for the 27th of January at 6:00 pm. We did a survey prior to that time and had a good response from it. We will then determine location, time and day and we expect to start this in May.

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

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that last week I mentioned that we hired McGill Associates as they were the only ones that submitted a proposal, and the next step is developing bid specifications for each of our projects. I mentioned that the fencing on the ballfields is the highest priority project, and then the dog park. We are going to do the multi-use courts separately as there is a little more going on there other than fence repair there. Then the bridge and some grading in the area at the entrance to the park as there is some sediment in there. Then some stream bank repair. The bid packet for the fencing has been sent out, and the bid opening is on February 4th at 2:00 pm. We are also doing the bidding on our street resurfacing project that same day.

Town Manager Report

FEMA has extended the deadline for individual assistance to February 6th, so if you know someone who needs help, please encourage them to reach out.

We are doing an after-action review with the county concerning Helene as to what went well and what didn't. The first meeting is on January 23rd for mayors and managers. The mayor and I will be attending that at 10:30 on the 23rd, so if you have any questions or feedback, let us know.

Wildwood Gardens has applied for assistance to repair/build bridges.

On the hazardous material pickup, I have inquired into this as I know some have been picked up and others have not.

On the tree (Leyland Cypress) removal on Woodhill that has been taken care of by Public Works.

Our elected official's luncheon is at noon tomorrow (Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development). After that, there is some other discussion at 1:30 on some changes within the partnership.

I have a meeting set up with Kye Water from Senator Bud's office this Thursday at 2:00 pm and the mayor and I our meeting with him in case anyone else can make it to the meeting.

Last week, Trevor mentioned about some lighting on Rutledge Road near the new subdivisions and Jabbo looked at it and I don't think that there are any lights missing so that we may just need to add some.

Discussion Followed:

Department Reports

December Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor

Adjourned at: 06:50 pm

Upcoming Events

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, 2025
Regular Meeting February 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed