Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
July 14, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Parks & Recreation Director Josh Queen
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance and Councilmember Jim Player did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakely led the group in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakley 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 June 2, 2025

Regular Meeting June 9, 2025

Special Call Meeting June 20, 2025

FY Budget close out meeting June 30, 2025

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 Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Tax Releases/refunds

Reappointment and charge Tax Collector Cynthia Broome to collect property taxes for 2025-2026 for the Town of Fletcher

Approval of request from Jackson Family Developers LLC to release performance bond for Heritage Park Subdivision

Approval of request from Windsor Built Homes to revise the performance bond covering improvements in Phase I of the Authors Subdivision (off Rutledge Road).

Reappointment of Bob Davy to serve a 5yr term on the Henderson County Historic Resources Board.

Notice to terminate lease of Town-owned property located near Town Hall - Mark Biberdorf

Approval of Apple Country transit service funding agreement.

Approval of year-end tax collector's report for FY 24/25.

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

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Presentation and annual report from Asheville Regional Airport - Lew Bleweis, President & CEO

Lew Bleweis gave an update/presentation on Asheville Regional Airport and the progress they have made in the last year with all the construction that has been going on.

Discussion Followed:

Discussion on the location of the summer concert that is to take place on August 16 - Josh Queen, Parks & Recreation Director.

Parks & Recreation Director Josh Queen went over the pros and cons of having the next concert at the Auction House versus Bill Moore Community Park.

Discussion Followed:

The council agreed to have the next concert at Bill Moore Community Park.

Selection of individual to fill the vacant seat in District 4 on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mayor Blakely stated that we have three candidates for the seat in District 4. We have our ballots here and everyone has voted and the only ballots that count are Councilmember Keith Reed and Councilmember Amber McKinney (attendance).

Candidates are as follows:
Douglas Ferguson
Phillip Jones
Johanna Spindola

Council has selected Douglas Ferguson to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve Douglas Ferguson for the district 4 seat on the Planning Board.

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to Douglas Ferguson for the Planning Board, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Town Manager Report

On the park repairs project, the ballfields, multi-use courts and dog park are essentially done. We did a walk-through (last Friday) as there were a few punch list items that needed to be completed. Parks & Rec Director Josh Queen and Ben Cathey from McGill Associates did the walk-through. These items will need to be completed before we make the final payment on this project.

On the other project, repair of the bridge and two streambanks(s), we held a pre-construction meeting last week, and they will begin work on July 21, starting on the stream bank at the back of the park first.

On the waterway clean up from hurricane Helene, the county (subcontractor) is working on this, but they need to get right of entry agreements to give them access to private property. We have been getting several calls on this from residents. (Higgins Banch, Hoopers Creek, Cane Creek)

The stormwater review near 96 Wilkie Way in Fletcher Hills, McGill Associates is working on

this and seeing what can be done. This will probably be at the meeting next month. We will have a report and make a decision then.

The town center project marketing document is still being worked on with the updated photos. Once I receive that, I will share it with you.

I'll be sharing the information McGill Associates presented to you last week with the interested parties/developers for the town center project.

Last thing, I mentioned to you last week about the updated Municipal Fire District Rating. They do this every so many years at the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Fletcher received an ISO rating of 3, which is very good.

Department Reports

June Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:35 pm

Upcoming Events

LGCCA July 15, 2025, at 3:00 pm "Laurel Park Hosting"
Agenda Review Meeting August 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting August 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Painting Class August 16, 2025, in Bill Moore Community Park
Concert in the Park August 16, 2025

Approved.

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Date Signed