Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
August 4, 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 Keith Reed
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Councilmember Jim Player
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Public Works Director Jabbo Pressely
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Moment of Silence:

No comments were made at this time.

Pledge of Allegiance:

No comments were made at this time.

Public Comments:

Joe Black of 340 Howard Gap Road commented on all the traffic accidents as well as speeding in the area, and he would like something done about it.

David Todd of 96 Wilkie Way thanked the town council for their service to the town. He commented on the storm water/drainage issues located at/near his property and said that he looked forward to hearing the report/information that Mr Cathey had to say on this matter.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting July 7, 2025

Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

None at this time.

Discussion Items

Discussion of and possible approval of matching funds for two grants related to the Cane Creek Greenway extension.

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa went over the matching grants that Conserving Carolina applied for on behalf of the town. The total amount that we would have to commit to for both grants is $393,941.00. Some of these funds are already in the CIP, but a budget amendment would have to be made for the second grant.

Discussion Followed:

This item will be moved to the consent agenda for next week as the council agrees to the matching funds for this project.

Review of stormwater issue on Wilkie Way - Ben Cathey, McGill Associates

Ben Cathey of McGill Associates went over his recently completed report of the storm water study at the 96 Wilkie Way area in Fletcher Hills subdivision.

Discussion Followed:

After some discussion, the council agrees that they are interested in hearing from the homeowners at 105,109 & 115 Wilkie Way to see if they have been impacted by any storm water issues. They have asked the town manager to reach out to these residents to see if they have been affected by this in any way and report back to the council.

Status of revolving funds application to DEQ for sewer project - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated,"I have talked to you previously about state revolving loan funds that have been appropriated to be used for water and sewer projects. This would be for the extension of sewer lines to Westfield Road, North Hudson Lane and Dogwood Terrace. I filled out the pre-application which would be followed by a full application process.

I have engaged the services of Land of Sky to help with the full application process and the funding as well. They have advised that we need to demonstrate that residents in this area are having issues with their septic systems. We will be sending out a survey to residents that live in the targeted area.

Discussion Followed:

Appointment to newly created water and sewer commission - Mayor Preston Blakely

Mayor Blakely went over the memo concerning an appointment to the Water & Sewer Commission to represent Fletcher on this board. He mentioned several residents who had applied to other boards as possible suggestions. He also asked council if they knew of anyone that may be interested in this particular board.

Discussion Followed:

The council will look into individuals that may be interested in serving on this board for discussion next week at the regular meeting.

Town Manager Report

On the park, repairs from Helene, the ball fields, dog park and multipurpose are essentially done. On the second phase, the stream bank at the back of the park near Mills Gap road has been completed, and they will be working on the bridge next and then finish up with the stream bank repairs in the main portion of the park.

Last month I mentioned the waterway and debris cleanup is well underway and that is happening in Cane Creek and other areas. Before they can work on this, they have to do an environmental assessment to make sure that they do not cause any damage. The county at the LGCCA meeting mentioned that they are 95% complete with debris removal in the right of way, but they are still working on the private property cleanup.

On the town center project you have an updated version of the marketing brochure that we will be sending this out to as many developers as we can.

First Citizens Bank has reached out to us again about doing a Fall Community appreciation shred event. I am not sure that we will be able to have a pill drop as well, because the date that has been selected does not work well for the police department as they already have something scheduled for that day. The date for the event is October 24, 2025, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm.

Department Reports

July Reports

Adjourn
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:01 pm

Upcoming Events

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
Agenda Review Meeting September 2, 2025 "Tuesday"
Regular Meeting September 8, 2025
Family Fun Festival September 20, 2025
Fall Shred/Pill drop event October 24, 2025, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Halloween Carnival October 25, 2025

Approved.

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Date Signed