Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 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 Jim Player
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

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 July 7, 2025

Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

Mayor Blakely asked council for any corrections or deletions to the minutes as presented. If not do a have 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

Acceptance of a grant in the amount of $100,000 from the Connecting Communities to State Trails Program and approval of the required match in the amount of $100,000.

Acceptance of a grant in the amount of $293,441 from the Great Trails State Program and approval of the required match in the amount of $293,441.

Mayor Blakely asked for any comments or questions pertaining to these two items and if not do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented?

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Review of stormwater issue on Wilkie Way - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that last week you heard from Ben Cathey of McGill Associates, who did a review/study of the storm water issues at 96 and 6 Wilkie Way.

He went through a list of recommendations, and we had a request from the property owner to install a weir plate near the existing culvert to restrict the flow of water through the pipe. It was recommended by the council to reach out to the other property owners listed in the report (105, 109 & 115 Wilkie Way) to see how they might have been affected by this. I talked to the owner at 105 Wilkie Way, and he did not think that this would have an impact on his property because it sits up high enough that they do not have any issues. The owners of 109 and 105 were not interested in this at all.

Discussion Followed:

After some discussion, the council agrees that the staff has done its due diligence and agrees with the engineer and town attorney that it would be a liability for us to make any changes to the culvert.

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

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that I did not have any more information from last week. Back in July, I talked to you all about the availability of state revolving funds that came about as a result of Helene for water and sewer projects. This would be for the residents on these three streets which would go from septic to sewer. (Westfield Road, North Hudson Lane & Dogwood Terrace) I had our intern send out a letter and a survey to these residents as to the status of their septic system. Hopefully the survey will help us getting this grant. Land of Sky is helping us with this.

Discussion Followed:

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

Mayor Preston Blakely asked about possible applicants for this board. The City of Hendersonville and Henderson County, through an Interlocal agreement, have put this board together and have asked for a recommendation from us to represent this area.

Discussion Followed:

The town clerk will reach out to the city of Hendersonville and Henderson county to try and get more information on this board (meeting times and places etc). Also, she will reach out to the individuals mentioned in the agenda memo to see if any of them would like to serve on the Water & Sewer Commission.

Town Manager Report

On the park repairs, we finished the first phase (ball fields, multi-use courts & dog park). We have had two reviews at this point and the second list which I received today did not have as many items on it. We are hoping that these final items will be completed soon.

On the second phase in the park, they are working on the bridge repairs and then the streambank repairs. They finished the streambank repairs down near Mills Gap Road, and now they are starting to work on the bridge in the park. They had to build an access road on the Copart property in order to get the materials and equipment in there. Once they complete the bridge, they will work on the streambank repairs in the park.

Debris clean-up from Helene is continuing, and it is going well. They have to do some level of environmental review as well.

Councilmember Keith Reed stated that he met with FEMA last Friday and the county no longer has jurisdiction over the clean-up. It has now all been given to the state. All the handbooks and rulebooks with the guidelines to go by have all been changed and no longer apply.

Discussion Followed:

On the town center document, I showed you the final completed marketing document and I received the powerpoint from McGill Associates to share with prospective parties that may be interested.

We will be doing the Shred event in coordination with First Citizens Bank on Friday October 24, from 10:00 to 2:00.

Department Reports

July Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

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