Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
October 6, 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 Amber McKinney
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Introduction of the new Planning & Zoning Director Tyler Morrow to Council. (Regular Meeting)

Moment of Silence:

No comments were made at this time.

Pledge of Allegiance:

No comments were made at this time.

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting September 2, 2025

Regular Meeting September 8, 2025

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

Mayor Blakely asked if council had any updates at this time.

Councilmember Jim Player commented on the MPO and the project for Fanning Bridge Road, which originally had a 20% match. The project will be 100% covered and a match will not be needed when and if it gets funded.

Mayor Blakely stated that Jim Player had called me about a certificate of need for Advent Health and a cath lab at their location up the street. In my own capacity, I wrote a letter to support a cath lab here. They also are going to have a public hearing later this month.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

No comments were made at this time.

Discussion Items

Discussion of Stormwater Off-Right-of-Way Grant Program - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf, stated that last month we went over an initial draft of this grant program. Since then, I have had our town attorney look at this as well as McGill associates. We did incorporate some revisions in the copy in your packet. The most substantive thing that changed from last month was that we consolidated it from three categories down to two categories.

Catergory 1: Determination ($30,000)
A threat to a dwelling is posed but is not imminent.
The city will pay 90% of the cost or up to $30,000 for a Category 1 Determination.

Catergory 2: Determination ($10,000)
There is no threat to dwellings or loss of life; Basic conveyance improvements
The city will pay 90% of the cost or up to $10,000 for a Category 2 Determination.

Discussion Followed:

The town manager will make the recommended changes and bring them back to the council at next week's meeting.

Consideration of legislative priorities list for FY 2025-2026 - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the proposed Legislative Priorities list for 2025-2026.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely suggested putting something on the list about local zoning authority and cities/towns having more control over their own zoning authority. He also suggested something on hurricane Helene relief reimbursement or buyouts that may be available for people who cannot rebuild in their current location.

Town Manager Report

In the park, all of our repairs on the damage from Helene are completed. The contractor did excellent work and gave us a one-year warranty on all the work.

Debris removal from Helene has almost all been removed. Public Works has identified about 10 locations from Helene that need to be cleaned up. Trying to get these taken care of has been difficult. We are considering renting some equipment to break this down into manageable pieces and haul it off.

We are still waiting for some reimbursement of FEMA funds that have been obligated (in the system) but, of course, have not been disbursed yet. We have been very fortunate compared to other local governments.

Our community appreciation event (Shred/Medication turn in) is scheduled for Friday, October 24 from 10:00 to 2:00 at First Citizens Bank. ABCCM will be there as well, collecting donations.

The Halloween Crawl is on Saturday, October 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 at Bill Moore Community Park.

Department Reports

September Reports

Adjourn
Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:52 pm

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting October 13, 2025
LGCCA Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 3:00 pm
Fall Shred/Pill drop event on October 24, 2025, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Halloween Carnival October 25, 2025
Fall Food Pantry October 27, to November 15, 2025
Agenda Review Meeting November 6, 2025
Veterans Salute Breakfast November 8, 2025, at 9:00 am
Regular Meeting November 13, 2025
Agenda Review Meeting December 1, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Christmas in the Park December 6, 2025 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Regular Meeting December 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Approved.

Date

Signed