Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
May 4, 2026

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
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Tyler Morrow

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, Fletcher, spoke on all the traffic and the dangerous driving. He also asked if the park sign could have upcoming park events listed on there.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting April 6, 2026

Regular Meeting April 13, 2026

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of amendment to the personnel policy manual to add Juneteenth as a paid employee holiday.

Approval of Proclamation R-26-02 in honor of Endangered Species Day.

Mayor Blakely commented on the Proclamation for Endangered Species Day and asked council if they were OK with this.

The council agrees with this proclamation.

Discussion Items

Public Hearing: Zoning Text Amendment – Data Centers (26-02-ZTA) – Tyler Morrow– Planning & Zoning Director

Mayor Blakely stated that we will have a public hearing on Data Centers next week.

Public Hearing: Standard Rezoning and Special Use Permit Review – Birkshire Trace (26-01-SUP) – Tyler Morrow, Planning & Zoning Director

Mayor Blakely stated that we will have a public hearing next week on the rezoning and special use permit for Birkshire Development.

Town Manager Report

We have our Budget meeting coming up this Thursday morning at 9 am. Christine will have breakfast for you at 8 am before the meeting. I emailed you that I balanced the budget last Thursday and I have started working on the presentation. Nothing has changed from the highlights that I gave you before. There is a rate increase of 1.5 cents that is dedicated to the needs of the fire department, "Fletcher Fire & Rescue." I don't have a rate increase for any of the other portions of the budget. I know we have 17.5 cents supporting the other departments and with the fire department, it would go from 10.5 cents to 12 cents. A lot of cuts were made and some shifting of resources to CIP.

On our street resurfacing project out in Livingston Farms (Meadow Pathway Court & Meadow Walk Court), they started on that last week, and have been milling and compacting. They may be putting asphalt down now.

On our economic development project, they made the announcement that HiViz Lighting will be locating to Fletcher on Continuum Drive. They do lighting for emergency vehicles. We are excited to have them in Fletcher.

I received a call from Karen-Eve Bayne from STEAP (Storytelling Education & Arts Programs) and they are interested in doing a mural in Fletcher. They have done several in Hendersonville and do pretty good work and are looking for a location here in Fletcher. She would like to come and present at the June meeting. They receive grant funding for this through a grant.

Last month you approved a resolution in opposition to some of these bills that were introduced limiting your authority to issue property taxes. The senate has now introduced a bill that would impose a 1-year moratorium on revaluation. On the house side they have introduced a bill that would limit the tax levy, which would limit the total amount within a year.

Discussion Followed:

Department Reports

April 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: 6:21 pm

Upcoming Events

Budget Workshop presentation May 7, 2026, at 9:00 am
Regular Meeting May 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm
24th Annual Robert G. Parrish, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament May 22, 2026
Agenda Review Meeting June 1, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting June 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Budget year close out on June ?
June 12th Summer Concert - Sound Invasion Band
July 31st Summer Concert - Gotcha Groove Band

Approved.

Date _____ Signed _____