Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
August 5, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Trevor Lance
Councilmember Jim Player
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Town Mangager Mark Biberdorf

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting July 1, 2024.

Regular Meeting July 8, 2024

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin stated that she got to see the new French Broad River Intake which would be for the new water & sewer system for the county, and it should be up and running very soon.

She stated that she also attended the graduation ceremony for Officer KIcklighter who will be joining Fletcher Police Department, and that she graduated at the top of her class.

Mayor Blakely thanked Parks & Recreation for the summer day camp and said that they did a wonderful job this summer.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Proclamation # P-24-02 for the Fall Litter sweep which runs from September14 through September 28, 2024.

Approval of reduced performance bond for Phase I infrastructure in The Authors Subdivision on Rutledge Road

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa went over the information concerning the reduction of the performance bond for The Authors Subdivision and answered questions that council had for him.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he would do a connect call on the Fall Litter sweep to see if any residents are interested in participating. The town usually provides vests and trash bags and a list of potential streets to pick up litter on.

Discussion Items

Presentation and annual report from Asheville Regional Airport-Lew Bleweis, Executive Director.

Lew Bleweis will be here next week at the regular meeting to give an annual update on Asheville Regional Airport.

Public Hearing to consider possible amendments to Article 12 & 18 of the Fletcher Land Development Code regarding family subdivision and street access.

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa briefly went over the information for the public hearing next week and answered questions that the council had for him.

Discussion Followed:

Review of application(s) for candidates for the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for the town.

Application(s) for HC Tourism Development Authority

Application(s) for Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Mayor Blakley went over the names of the candidate(s) for the HC Tourism Development Authority Board and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. He then asked Mr. Roy Dickerson (only candidate for the Tourism Board) to come up and say a few words about why he would like to serve on this board.

Discussion Followed:

Council has agreed to move the selection of Mr. Dickerson for this board to the Consent

Agenda next week.

Mayor Blakely asked Ms Lorie Boehm to come to the podium and state why she would like to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board,

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakley then asked Mr Erik Weber to come to the podium and state why he would like to be reappointed for another 3-year term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Discussion Followed:

The third candidate, Mr Brett Miller, was unavailable to attend this evening.

Mayor Blakely stated that council will vote next week at the regular meeting on the candidates for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Presentation from Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry - Rev Mary Messarra, Director.

Rev Scott Rogers and Rev Mary Messarra gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions that council had on the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry.

Discussion Followed:

Report on performance measures activity for the past six months - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the performance measures for the last 6 months for each department within the town.

Discussion Followed:

Consideration of an accessible fishing pier at Bill Moore Community Park - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the possible options for a location in the park for a potential fishing pier as well as possible funding resources for a pier.

Location: At the first parking lot in the park where you will come across the crosswalk to the creek, and there is public access point there and that is an area where they stock the creek with fish too.

We (Greg Walker) and I went over to Mills River park to look at their fishing pier, and they have

a very nice one and their director gave us some information on how they received funding for this. It actually got funded by Fish & Wildlife resources, and we checked into it, but they do not have any funds right now.

Discussion Followed:

The council agrees to pursue this further with the necessary engineering that will be needed and looking into funding resources.

Town Manager Report

We are continuing to get interest in the town center project. We have had two groups that continue to show interest and Eric and I met with one of them recently. This group has talked again about going to three stories and I have discussed this with council before and three of you prefer no more than two stories. We are getting people expressing an interest and the first thing they are asking is would we consider three stories.

Discussion Followed:

We had a question about when the diverging diamond interchange would open (it has been one lane for a while now). They think (DOT) that within the next two weeks all the other lanes will open up.

We will communicate back to them that if they can present something interesting that you will consider it.

One thing I have been looking at lately is a Farmers' Market here in town. We have the area between the green building and the old police department. I know that the parking is not ideal there. I called the Ag extension and I have a contact there, and I am going to call back as she was out of the office.

Discussion Followed:

McGill Associates made a proposed schedule for the on preliminary engineering on the town center project and I emailed you a schedule of when they will be starting their work. This should run from now until about January or February. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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 Sheila Franklin.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 8:22 pm

Upcoming Events

Summer Concert August 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm "Caribbean Cowboys"
Pooches in the Park Event August 24, 2024, at 9:30 pm
Agenda Review Meeting September 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm "Tuesday"
Regular Meeting Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Fletcher Family Fun Festival September 21, 2024 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Approved.

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Date Signed