Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
September 2, 2025

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakley
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Presentation of Proclamation in honor of Constitution Week, which runs from September 17 to September 23, 2025.

Mayor Blakely presented Pamela Tilson with a proclamation in honor of Constitution week, which runs from September 17 to September 23, 2025.

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 August 4, 2025

Regular Meeting August 11, 2025

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

Councilmember Jim Player commented on the recent TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) meeting that he attended and what they are working on. He stated that they have added improvements to the list for Fanning Bridge Road for a modernization project to include

sidewalks and DOT upgrades. He said that you could go to the French Broad River MPO website and click on plans and then Spot 8.0 to view these plans. He also stated that he is not sure when exactly they would get started on this as it may be a while.

Councilmember Keith Reed commented on the event in the park this past Saturday and how well it was done.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

No comments were made at this time.

Discussion Items

Presentation from the Love and Respect Community for Recovery- Alivea Turner, Director of Operations.

Mayor Blakley stated that they will be here next week at the regular meeting to make a presentation.

Discussion and review of application(s) from individuals to fill the vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

The following applicants for the Parks & Recreation Board introduced themselves and answered questions that the council had for them.

Katie Taylor
Patrick Nard
Julie Hunter
Helen Dixon
Richard Haschke
Johanna Spindola

Discussion Followed:

Discussion and review of application(s) for a representative from Fletcher to serve on the Water & Sewer commission.

The following applicants for the Water & Sewer commission introduced themselves and answered questions that the council had for them.

Jacob Compher
Mitch Brevard
Johanna Spindola

Discussion Followed:

Discussion and review of application(s) of an individual to serve on the ABC Advisory Board.

The following applicants for the ABC Board introduced themselves and answered questions that the council had for them.

Helen Dixon
Rachel Nard

Discussion Followed:

Presentation on 2024 Crime Rates and Police Operations - Dan Terry, Police Chief.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that Chief Terry would be here next week to make a presentation to council.

Discussion of potential storm water improvement grant program for private property owners - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over some information that he recently discovered from several municipalities on examples of storm water improvement grants for residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance went over some information that he put together for these grants by comparing three different cites that have this type of program. (Gastonia, Salisbury & Shelby)

Discussion Followed:

It is agreed to keep this moving forward and the Town Manager is going to further review this and come back with more details next week at the regular meeting.

Town Manager Report

Park repairs: Our punch list of items left is for all the ballfields, and they are working on that. The next big project was the streambank repair (Mills Gap Road area), bridge and some streambank repair in the main portion of the park. Mills Gap Road streambank repair is completed. The bridge should hopefully be done soon and then the stream bank repairs in the main portion of the park will be done and this should all be done by the end of September.

We met with some representatives from Retail Strategies several weeks ago, and they are continuing to use their contacts with retailers who might be interested in our property. They are also meeting with our former developer, Lewis Real Estate Group, as well.

There will be a fall shred event and medication turn-in event in with First Citizens Bank which will take place on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Department Reports

August Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:20 pm

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting September 8, 2025
Family Fun Festival September 20, 2025
Agenda Review Meeting October 6, 2025
Regular Meeting October 13, 2025
Fall Shred/Pill drop event October 24, 2025, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm
Halloween Carnival October 25, 2025
Fall Food Pantry October 27, to November 15, 2025

Approved.

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Date Signed