

Town of Fletcher  
Meeting  
Minutes  
December 8, 2014

Call the meeting to order at: 06:58 pm by **Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson**

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson  
Councilman Bob Davy  
Councilman Hugh Clark  
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin  
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf  
Administrative Services Director Heather Taylor  
Public Works Director Steve Morgan  
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa  
Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker

**Mayor Moore did not attend this meeting due to illness.**

Invocation: Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson  
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Bob Davy

\*\*\*\*Public Input\*\*\*\*

**Ron Schultz 10 South Chase Drive Fletcher** spoke in regards to the signs in Fletcher Community park on the hours the park is open being different on the main sign verses the other signs in the park. He has suggested that everything should match or read the same.

He also stated that he is not in favor of the Soccer Complex in Fletcher he believes that the 100 acres of flat land in the City of Fletcher that god has given us to keep for ourselves. He wishes that the deal not go forward with WNC SoccerZone.

**Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker** stated that permanent signs in the park reflected peak times during the year (daylight savings) where the message board was stating more the winter hours in the park. He stated that with the message board it was sometimes hard to get a complete message in (for hours) due to space.

Approval of Minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.  
(11/3, 11/10)

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to approve the minutes for 11/3 and 11/10 as submitted and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

**Council Updates:**

**Councilwoman Sheila Franklin:** Thanked everyone for the tree lightening ceremony thought it was wonderful. She said that they enjoyed participating in the Hendersonville Christmas parade

**Councilman Bob Davy:** None at this time

**Councilman Hugh Clark:** None at this time

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson:** Commented on the Hendersonville Christmas parade and how nice it was despite the weather.

**Consent Agenda:**

Tax refunds/releases

Approval of Resolution R-14-05 in support of Property Addressing Ordinance Enforced in Fletcher.

Set Public Hearing for January 12, 2015 for consideration of text amendment to Article 11 of the Land Development Code concerning electronic message signs.

Set Public Hearing for February 9, 2015 regarding rezoning of existing R-3 area to R-1A.

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to approve the consent agenda as corrected and it was seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson** asked the Town Manager was there something that he would like to mention at this time.

**Town Manager Mark Biberdorf** stated that we had gone over the punch list for any additional items that need to be completed on the town hall project last week.

**Police Chief Erik Summey came in at: 07:12 pm**

**Police Chief Erik Summey** gave an update on the potential use of a freezer in the Police department for the seized marijuana evidence. He stated that he talked with the DA's office that had some concerns from their standpoint but they brought up some ideas. I talked with the SBI Lab and a chemist who has been there for over 10 years and she said that she had never heard of any agency that freezes marijuana or any other drugs for that matter. She also said that their agency has never received any training on testing marijuana that had been frozen before.

Discussion Followed:

It has been suggested to continue to gather research and information on this issue to see what would be the best option for the Fletcher Police Department.

**Staff report on discussion with SoccerZone WNC – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Town Manager Mark Biberdorf** stated that he presented a staff report to council and we had 2 options with one being an outright sale to the representative of SoccerZone WNC by appraisal and the other was to do a lease purchase arrangement which would be divided out over a 10 year period in annual installments. Council had suggested after discussion the flat 150,000 amount to purchase the property and the other amount was 18,000 over a 10 year period as a lease to purchase option. I sent out the information to Mike Johnson and Darren Brown and they are reviewing the information at this time.

Discussion Followed:

**Proposed schedule for development of FY 2015-2016 Budget – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Town Manager Mark Biberdorf** stated that he presented to council last week with a chart that gave all the key dates for the budget process going into FY 2015-2016. At the Jan 12<sup>th</sup> meeting we will start early at 4:00 and have a budget work session and then a dinner break before the regular meeting. Department heads will give an overview of things for the new budget year.

Discussion Followed:

**Discussion on renewal of Kate's park agreement – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Town Manager Mark Biberdorf** stated that he wish he had more information at this point. The mayor has been our main point of contact with the Youngbloods and we do not have a lease still at this point. I contacted our Town Attorney Joe Ferikies about our current lease and what if the lease should end. Ideally we still need a lease

Discussion Followed:

**Comments from the Town Manager- Mark Biberdorf.**

Eric Rufa and I met today with a marketing firm Summit Marketing Group about and idea for a marketing brochure and for not to much expense here this is something we strongly recommend and we have money in our current operating budget for this. A suggestion was made for a brochure and maybe change the name of the project and use something instead of the Heart of Fletcher. An emblem has been suggested and some potential names for re-branding on the vision they are working on. Also the possibly to do a high end power point presentation telling a story on what Fletcher is working on for local groups.

Discussion Followed:

Town Christmas luncheon party is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Mills River Fire & Rescue Christmas dinner is Saturday the 13th at 6:00 pm at the Chairiot

The Christmas Parade is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am for set up.

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Adjourned: 08:17 pm

Approved:

1-12-15  
Date

Bill Moore  
Mayor William "Bill" Moore