

Fletcher Town Council  
Meeting  
Minutes  
September 14, 2015

Call the meeting to order at: 06:59 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Bill Moore  
Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson  
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin  
Councilman Bob Davy  
Councilman Hugh Clark  
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf  
Administrative Services Director Heather Taylor  
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa  
Police Chief Erik Summey

**Public Works Director Steve Morgan did not attend this meeting.**  
**Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker did not attend this meeting.**

Invocation: Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson  
Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Sheila Franklin

\*\*\*Public Input\*\*\*  
None at this time

Approval of minutes-corrections additions or deletions  
(8/3, 8/10 & 8/24)

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson** made a motion to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

**Council Updates**

**Councilwoman Sheila Franklin:** Stated that she wanted to thank Greg Walker and the Parks & Recreation staff that the park looked exceptionally good with the extra mulching and all the things that they have done.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson:** None at this time

**Councilman Bob Davy:** Also commented on how well the park looked as well.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Tax Refunds/Releases

Approval of Shane Lunsford to another 3 yr. term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to expire in September 2018.

Approval of Proclamation P-15-03 for Constitution Week 2015.

Approval of Proclamation P-15-04 for the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John's Baptist Church.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson** made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark.

**Recognition of outgoing Planning Board member Myra Grant-Bill Moore Mayor.**

**Myra Grant** gave a few brief statements on serving her term(s) on the town's Planning & Zoning Board.

Council gave a few brief comments on her service that she has given to the town for the last several years.

**Mayor Moore** presented Myra Grant with a plaque for her years of service on the Planning Board.

**Sewer easement request for Daystar Machining-Will Buie, WGLA Engineering.**

**Will Buie of WGLA Engineering** gave a presentation on the requested sewer easement from the Town in the Fletcher Community Park.

Discussion Followed:

Current owners of daystar machining (children of James Lytle) gave an update on the business and what they are working on for the future.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Hugh Clark:** made a motion to approve the easement and it was seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

**Approval of updated Legislative priorities list-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Mayor Moore** stated that we looked at this last Tuesday and discussed it at length and I believe council agreed with this.

Discussion Followed:

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to accept the Town Manager's Legislative Priorities list for 2015 2016 and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Discussion with adjoining land owners for Fletcher Town Center project-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.**

**Town Manager Mark Biberdorf** stated that since he talked to council last week this about the 4 parcels of land here right between town hall and Hwy 25 on the north side of East Fanning Bridge Road. I have been in contact mostly with Mary Lanning of the siblings that own this section of land. They wanted more information in writing and so I sent them an email and she responded back and they want to meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She also said that if you would like to enter into some negotiation and I mentioned to possibly going ahead and doing an appraisal on the parcels and then meet and discuss the appraisal. I am comfortable with starting the appraisal process if council is agreeable with this.

Discussion Followed:

On the DOT property I sent a letter off to Steve Cannon and he has sent it to their right of way folks. They have to go through the process of researching (Council of State) and then they have to go through a final approval of transferring the property over to us. This also connects to these 4 parcels that we are looking at acquiring.

Discussion Followed:

Council agrees to move forward with having the appraisal done on these 4 parcels.

**Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf**

On the proposal from Martin McGill we are ready to move forward on that. I have already sent them a list of the developer contacts that we had from before and some that I received from the Partnership for Economic Development and sent that to Alice Briggs. So as a reminder on that they are going to be assisting us on reaching out from 25 to 50 developers at a minimum with a cover letter with their assistance and

then they will do a direct follow up on that to see if there is any interest in meeting with us.

**Discussion Followed:**

We received a grant from Blue Ridge National Heritage Association to do a historical sign marker regarding Howard Gap Road and they are at the point of installation at the park. This will show the history of Howard Gap Road route all the way up to Charleston. They are looking at placing the sign in an area near the concession building.

**Councilman Hugh Clark** mentioned some exhibit signs in the park that are in disrepair that were put in in years past. They have been faded and are gone do we need to replace them or get rid of them. He also mentioned the Horseshoe area needs to be repaired to add more sand and spikes.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson** stated that he would like to have the signs repaired and replaced for the education of children.

The reception at Sierra Nevada is from 5-7 on Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
(Sponsored by the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development)

Family Fun festival is on September 19 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm with Dashboard Blues vendors, kids play area and fireworks at dark.

Fall Litter sweep coming up September 19 through October 3 this year. Council decides to wait till springtime to do another litter sweep.

The FABA expo is October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 in the park is open to the public.

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

**Closed Session for Personnel Matters per "NCGS" 143.318.11 (6).**

Went into Closed Session at: 07:56 pm

Came out of Closed session at: 09:05 pm

**Councilman Bob Davy** made a motion to come out of Closed Session and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Adjourned: 09:10 pm

Approved:

10-12-15  
Date

  
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Mayor William "Bill" Moore