

Fletcher Town Council
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015

Call the meeting to order at: 04:07 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Bill Moore
Councilman Bob Davy
Councilman Hugh Clark
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker
Public Works Director Steve Morgan
Administrative Services Director Heather Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson and Councilwoman Sheila Franklin were not here at this time.

Budget Work Session and Presentation from staff on for the upcoming fiscal budget year.

Administrative Services Director Heather Taylor gave an overview of the Administrative Budget for this past year and what she expects in the upcoming budget year. She also stated that the citizens commented on the new building and how nice it is when they have come in to pay their taxes.

Discussion Followed:

Police Chief Erik Summey gave an overview of the budget for the Fletcher Police Department upcoming year. He stated that we received our 3 new vehicles back in July which was for 2014 AWD Chargers and they are on the road. The budget for that was 105,000.00. We purchased some new digital radios with drug seizure money. We also purchased several portable radios as well with this money. We just purchased new mobile data terminals and we are currently waiting on them to get programed and put in the police vehicles. We are involved with the Governor's Highway Safety program by participating with check points here in town which helped us build points towards the purchase of new Radar units. We currently had accumulated enough points for 5 new radar units which we just purchased.

Budget Items being requested are as follows:

New Detective position to assist current detective.

3 patrol vehicles

Grant for additional radar unit(s) replaced.

Replacement of Tasers that are 5 years old.

A Bar code software system for evidence 3,500 to 5,000 cost.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson came in at 04:32 pm

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa went over the Planning & Zoning Budget for the upcoming year and discussed that fact the permits are up again from the previous year.

Discussion Followed:

Public Works Director Steve Morgan went over the budget for the upcoming year and discussed the items that will be needed for public works. He mentioned the challenges of working and on and getting used to the new town hall facilities.

The new garbage truck is up and running and the backup truck that was retrofitted is also working well.

He stated that the new chipper is doing really well and it has a lot more safety features on it that the other one did not have.

We are planning on paving this year as well as working on sidewalks and curbing. The pipe extension on continuum drive we are working on repairing that also.

Budget items being requested are as follows:

1997 Ford F150 has about 80,000 miles on with mechanical issues and starting to rust
Possibly replacing 2001 Ford Expedition it has 115,000 miles on it.

Replacing the backhoe

Keep part time work position during the summer to help with the work load during the summer time.

Discussion Followed:

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker went over the park events from this past season and what will be coming up in the future. He also gave a list of items that will be needed in this upcoming budget year for Parks & Recreation.

Budget items being requested are as follows:

Replace old park van retired to haul equipment in.
Software online for registration.
Part time salary line at money to cover building rentals.
Field top dresser for baseball fields
Updating of bathroom facilities due to normal wear and tear

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf (Budget Goals Overall) stated that we wanted to put together a budget that maintained an existing service level with only moderate increases on the personnel side and we have done that. We started the process for the disposition of the former town hall and we have had a couple of offers but not at the level that we are willing to sell the property. We have started marketing the Heart of Fletcher with a brochure by Summit Marketing hopefully we will have a draft on that soon. We have identified specific properties on the Hwy 25 Corridor and we are in the process of setting up meetings with these property owners to go over the overall plan with them.. We just had our audit that was presented not that long ago and we are in good overall financial position.

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion to recess and it was seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

Recessed at: 05:31 pm

Back from Recess at: 07:00 pm

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin came in at this time.

Invocation: Mayor Bill Moore

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Hugh Clark

Public Input

Shane Lunsford Parks & Recreation Advisory board member of 31 Brownstone Court Fletcher voiced support for ongoing efforts in Fletcher Community Park and he stated that he does support WNC soccer zone

Empire Lacrosse (group) appreciated the use of Fletcher Park for their Lacrosse games. They stated that they serve the greater Asheville and Hendersonville areas and are trying to get more fields available to play on. (Boys & girls teams)

Approval of Minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(12/1, 12/8)

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: None at this time

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson: None at this time

Councilman Bob Davy: None at this time

Councilman Hugh Clark: None at this time

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

Approval of Application for STP-DA funding and Resolution # R-15-01 to pledge matching funds for the Highway 25 Corridor Improvements.

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

Public Hearing for consideration of text amendment to Article 11 of the Land Development Code concerning electronic message signs-Eric Rufa Planning & Zoning Director.

Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion to go into Public Hearing and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa stated that the change proposed is to allow text to change every 10 sec instead of every hour as per the current ordinance. (town wide)

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Hugh Clark: Questioned the changes as being texted only and not using scrolling or animated text.

Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa: stated that the way the current ordinance reads is that electronic message boards signs cannot scroll text or be animated or the text copy cannot change more than 1 per hour. That is being changed to 10 seconds.

Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion to go out of Public Hearing and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Mayor Moore asked town manager did he have any comments on this and he said that he believed that this will help the community with the businesses that do have these signs,

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf: stated that most entitles are excited about this and are very much in favor of it.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Moore: asked if anyone in the audience had a question on this.

There were no questions at this time.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to approve the revised amendment regarding electronic message signs which was Article 11 (Section 11.8 (B.2) and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Approval of Kate's Park Lease Agreement –Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the addendum to extend the lease (1 year) that was prepared/provided to the town by Kenneth Youngblood. He also stated that we are still planning on moving the playground equipment that was donated by Park Ridge Health (from Jake's driving range). Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker has been in communication with Graham Fields of Park Ridge Health and they are still willing to donate funds towards moving the equipment.

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker: stated that Park Ridge Health is willing to commit to \$1,500 towards the relocation of the equipment and that he may have a sponsor to help with the remaining balance on moving the equipment.

Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion that we accept Kate's Park lease agreement with the addendum as written and it was seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

Approval of Ordinance # 0-15-01 restricting engine compression brakes Town wide-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated this is a follow up from the Agenda Review meeting that we go from a Fanning Bridge Road only restriction to covering this on a town wide basis. We have had requests along Rutledge Road, Old Airport Road, and Mills Gap Road coming into town. I will be working with Public Works Director Steve Morgan and Police Chief Erik Summey on this.

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to approve Ordinance 0-15-01 restricting Engine Compression brakes town wide and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Comments from our Town Manger-Mark Biberdorf

Just a follow up from last week there was a purchase contract that was drafted for a due diligence period. This is in follow up to an action that you took to consider a contract process for the sale of up to 4 acres of land that the town owns near Meritor for the purpose of building an indoor recreational facility. Our town attorney had put together an addendum to the agreement that would require Soccer Zone WNC (they are working on a corporate name or LLC) to do their due diligence steps on the property (including identifying the 4 specific acres). Once they have completed that and they know that they can go forward with putting their figures together then it goes to a negotiated offer upset bid process. Then negation of Deed and Deed of Trust on the property which would be 16,500 a year over a 10 year period for a total of \$165,000.00

Discussion Followed:

Council agrees that until Soccer Zone WNC selects their corporate name for the final agreement that they adopt the amendment to the agreement for them to work on their due diligence should be passed at this time

Councilman Bob Davy made the motion to adopt the addendum to the purchasing contract for WNC Soccer zone and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Reminder LGCCA is Jan 20th at 3:00

Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development Investors Luncheon is Fri Jan 30 in the Community room at the old courthouse.

The Chili cook-off Jan 24th at VERITAS

The Father Daughter dance will be held on Saturday February 7th.

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark.

Adjourned: 07:53 pm

Approved:

2/9/13
Date

Bill Moore
Mayor William "Bill" Moore