

Town of Fletcher
Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
September 4, 2018
(Tuesday)

Call the meeting to order at: 06:00 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Rod Whiteside
Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson
Councilman Bob Davy
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Councilman Hugh Clark
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley
Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker

Invocation:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comment

None at this time

Introduction of new employees. (**Regular Meeting**)

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(8/6 & 8/13)

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked council to review the minutes and let any changes be known next week.

Council Updates

None at this time.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds, releases.

There were no questions on this consent agenda item at this time.

Presentation and discussion of the feasibility study and concept plan for the Cane creek Greenway Extension-Rebekah Robinson, Conserving Carolina & Kim Williams Equinox Environmental.

Rebekah Robinson of Conserving Carolina gave a few brief statements on the projects that Conserving Carolina has worked on in the area and with the Town of Fletcher and then she introduced Kim Williams of Equinox Environmental.

Kim Williams of Equinox Environmental went over the plan/options on the 1.3 mile extension of the Cane Creek Greenway.

Discussion Followed:

Option costs etc.:

Option A: \$ 705,943 non- paved

Option B: \$3,454,201 paved with pedestrian bridge.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson: asked about the timelines on this project.

Planning Board Director Eric Rufa stated that we set about this to determine feasibility and bring concepts to this plan. So if this plan gets your blessing next week this sets the process out for the land conservancy and the town to go about fund raising. The next CIP plan goes out in 2022 and this is when we can talk about the realities and the implementation of this project.

Discussion Followed:

Presentation on NLC Service Line program –Emile Zalfini, Utility Service Partners.

Mayor Whiteside stated that Emile Zalfini will be here next week at the regular meeting to give a presentation on this program for residents.

Presentation by RiverStreet Networks – Jody Call, Chief Technology Officer.

Jody Call of RiverStreet Networks gave council an overview of what this company can offer in this area.

He then answered questions that council had on this service.

Discussion Followed:

A town hall meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2018 in the evening to see if customers are interested in this service.

Preferred route selection and implementation plan for recycling carts- Jabbo Presley Public Works Director and Mark Biberdorf Town Manager.

Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley gave a brief history of the recycling routes and how some are not on the same day as the actual trash pickup. Most complaints come from the Hooper's Creek area due to high winds where the recycle materials put out in the bins get blown out all over the area.

It is recommended that the Friday route be the first for implementation of the recycling carts.

Council will vote on this next week.

Item to be added to the Agenda for next week:

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he wanted to add an item to next week's agenda for the CIP funded project of playground equipment for Kate's Park. The budget of \$53,000 is in the CIP for this fiscal year. We may need some additional funds from the park development fund to cover some of the cost on this

Discussion Followed:

Consideration of updated Legislature Priorities list for the Town of Fletcher – Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that he had the 11 priorities with one revision in the language of item number 3 and then a 12 priority was added. Item #3 which was talking about expanded funding for indoor recreational facilities and

outdoor recreational facilities to include greenways. I also added item number 12 to preserve the current ABC system with better oversight. There has been some talk of privatizing the system.

Discussion Followed:

No objection from council on adding #12 to this list.

Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

The Bicycle Pedestrian Planning grant is open again through DOT and for municipalities our size the grant is 40,000 to 50,000 and there is a 10% match. The Blue Ridge Bike Club if you remember donated money to our greenway feasibility study. I can have Mr. Sanders from the bike club come to the October council meeting to speak on this he has mentioned that they can possibly help with the match on this.

Council has requested that Mr. Sanders attend the October meeting for discussion on this item.

The Rutledge Heir's property is under contract right now. Eric and I met with the entity that has it under contract. This is a company called BSC Holdings and they have multiple other complexes that they manage. Council will not see it until November they are working on their due diligence on this now. It will be a residential gated development and they are looking at apartments, townhomes and some single family homes they call villas. There are some wetlands issues on the property and they are close to delineating them or resolving this. The preliminary plans are going to Planning Board in October. There will be a Public Hearing and a notice to abutters.

On the Hwy 25 Corridor improvements Monday September 10 is the notice to proceed or start date. This is a 240 day or 8 months before completion of this project.

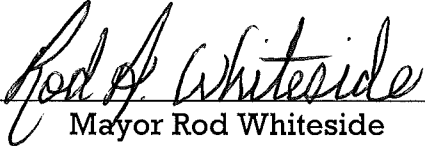
We are continuing the options on Hwy 25 between Howard Gap Road and East Fanning Bridge Road. We have Dan Gilbert's land next to James Auto Upholstery that option has been executed. We are trying to finalize with the Lipe's on this side of the street. We are still working with Mr. Youngblood on an option for his property.

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked for a motion to adjourn and it was so moved by Councilman Bob Davy and seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark.

Adjourned: 07:40 pm

Approved:

10/8/18
Date



Mayor Rod Whiteside

Town of Fletcher
Council Meeting
Minutes
September 10, 2018

Call the meeting to order at: 07:00 pm

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Rod Whiteside
Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson
Councilman Bob Davy
Councilman Hugh Clark
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Eric Rufa
Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker
Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley
Police Chief Erik Summey

Assistant Town Manager Heather Taylor did not attend this meeting.

Invocation: Rev Randy Sherill, Fletcher United Methodist Church
Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Rod Whiteside

Public Comment

John Olsen 35 Stoney Brook Court Fletcher spoke on his disappointment of not being selected for the Planning Board.

Todd Stimson 30 Fawnhurst Lane Fletcher spoke on the letter that he had presented to council at last month's meeting and he asked have they had time to consider it.

Dennis Justice 31 Tamis Lane Fletcher spoke on Behalf of Blue Ridge Pickle Ball and would like council to consider building a pickle ball complex. He would like council to approve a feasibility study for a pickle ball complex on the Meritor property which he also suggested renaming this property Brickton Park.

Introduction of new employees

Police Chief Erik Summey introduced Leslie Fleming the new Administrative Assistant in Police Department.

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker introduced Hunter Jones the new Parks & Recreation Supervisor.

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(8/6, 8/13)

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented and it was so moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson and it was seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

Motion carries all in favor.

Council Updates

None at the time

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds, releases

Approval of Equinox's feasibility study on the Cane Creek Greenway Extension.

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked if there are any questions on the two items on the Consent Agenda. He commented that the approval of the Equinox feasibility study is just to approve the study it does not authorize any money to be spent.

Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written and it seconded by Councilman Bob Davy and Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Presentation on NLC Service line program-Emile Zalfini, Utility Service Partners.

Emile Zalfini gave an overview on this program to offer to the residents in the Town of Fletcher.

She then answered questions that council had on this program.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked council is there a motion related to the agreement that was presented?

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to enter into agreement as presented and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Motion carries all in favor.

Approval of bid specifications for playground equipment upgrade at Kate's Park-Greg Walker, Parks & Recreation Director.

Parks & Recreation Director Greg Walker spoke on requesting some possible additional funds from the park development fund for some shade structures in Kate's park. We are requesting funds for both lots on the playground as well as looking at removal and disposal of the old equipment as well.

The Park Development fund currently sits at \$36,000

Discussion Followed:

Councilman Bob Davy made a motion to approve the bid specs for Kate's park and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

Motion Carries all in favor.

Approval of route selection and implementation plan for recycling carts-Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director and Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Mayor Rod Whiteside stated that this is a \$48,000 project and the proposal is to begin with the Friday route "Livingston Farms" with a rollout in December. This is for 95 gallon tubs and we are seeking to purchase 960 of them.

Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley stated that he talked to Curbside Management about Friday's route and they are ok with this. This will be 490 homes

on that Friday and next week it would be an additional 227 homes and we prefer to keep the route as is.

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked for a motion to approve the plan as presented and it was so moved by Councilman Hugh Clark and Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Consideration of updated Legislative Priorities list for the Town of Fletcher-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Mayor Rod Whiteside stated that last week we had two edits to our current Legislative Priorities list. Is there a motion to accept those two edits as presented? It then was so moved by Councilman Bob Davy and seconded by Councilman Hugh Clark.

Motion carries all in favor.

Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

On the Bicycle & Pedestrian planning grant if you are interested in submitting this for a municipality of our size it is a 40 to 50 thousand dollar grant application with a 10% match requirement. I had mentioned to you that Blue Ridge Bicycle Club has expressed some interest in helping with this and I can put it on the October agenda.

Council requests this be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

On the meeting with DSC holdings who has a contract on the Rutledge Heirs property that includes the home (Meadow View). They are going through due diligence on the property and hope is to present to Planning Board in October. This is a residential development of apartments, town homes and single family homes. These will all be rentals in a gated community similar to the model in their other developments.

The Hwy 25 corridor improvements project was to start today and they will probably start the middle of next week due to the weather that is coming in.

On the land assemblage efforts for the town center project we are still working with Mr. Youngblood and will hopefully be meeting with him later this week.

I emailed you a little earlier today about the safest city designation from safe wise. It is based on violent crimes that are reported and Fletcher ranked #8 this year as the safest city in NC.

FAHA has been working on a project with historic dedication markers. The first marker is going to be placed at Jackson Road and Hutch Mountain Road this Saturday at 3 pm then there will be a reception at Universal Health Care afterwards. Lynn Cordell sent me an email to invite council to this event.

Mayor Rod Whiteside asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel matters and it was so moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bob Davy.

Went into Closed Session at: 07:52 pm

Closed Session per NCGS 143.318.11 (6) "Personnel Matters"

Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson made a motion to come out of Closed Session and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Came out of Closed Session at: 8:50 pm

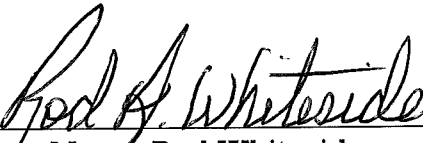
Councilman Hugh Clark made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement with the Town Manager and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eddie Henderson.

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

Adjourned: 08:55 pm

Approved:

10-8-18
Date


Mayor Rod Whiteside