

Town of Fletcher
Town Council Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2021

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 pm

Swearing in of Councilwoman Sheila Franklin and new Councilman Trevor Lance.

(Note: Mayor Preston Blakely was sworn in on December 6, 2021)

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Councilwoman Sheila Franklin
Councilman Trevor Lance
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Assistant Town Manager Heather Taylor
Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley
Police Chief Dan Terry

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence or Reflection
Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Preston Blakely

Public Comments
None at this time

Approval of minutes-corrections, additions or deletions.
(11/8)

Mayor Blakely asked for corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes as presented and if not do we have a motion to approve these minutes?

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Council Updates

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin mentioned that she had received an email from Councilman Bob Davy who could not be here with us tonight and he has made a suggestion for the District 2 council position. We should probably wait until he is with us in January to follow through with that.

Consent Agenda

Tax refunds/releases

Reappointment of Spencer Stevens to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to serve another 3 year term which would expire in 12/24.

Mayor Blakely went over the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if we had a motion to approve these items.

Councilman Trevor Lance stated that he would make that motion and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Presentation from Fletcher Elementary School on raising funds for sun shades to be added to the school playground-Fletcher PTO Executive Board.

Elizabeth and her son Jacob Baden gave a short presentation to request some donations/funding for sun shades for the school playground.

Discussion Followed:

Public Hearing for consideration of incentives for Project Smile- Britany Brady, Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development.

Britany Brady from the Partnership for Economic Development gave an overview of project smile (existing industry) and the incentives that would be offered to this company.

If the project is approved then the company would make an 11.5 million dollar investment. \$550,000 in real property and then 11 million would be in business personal property over a short time frame of 24 months. The company currently employs 63 people in Henderson County however the expansion would add an additional 96 employees between 2022 and 2025 with an average wage of \$41,849.60 which is above our county average wage.

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to enter the Public Hearing?

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin said that she would make that motion and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak during the public hearing.

There were no comments from residents at this time.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to close public hearing?

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to close public hearing and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Mayor Blakely asked if there was a motion to approve project smile.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to approve project smile based on the incentives presented tonight and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Public Hearing for approval of an economic development agreement and purchase and sale agreement for the Town Center project – Ashely Anderson, Sanford Holshouser Law Firm.

Mayor Blakely stated that this public hearing will remain open until the January 10th meeting as it is council's desire that everyone be present for this hearing.

Mayor Blakely asked if we have a motion to go into public hearing.

Councilman Trevor Lance made a motion to go into public hearing and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that if you have any questions that Will Buie and Bob Jessup are here at this time. (Formal presentation will be made at the January 10 meeting)

Discussion Followed:

Mayor Blakey asked for a motion to continue the public hearing to the next regular meeting.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to continue the public hearing to the next regular meeting and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Consideration of road project list for Powell Bill Funding-Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director.

Public Works Director Jabbo Pressley went over the list of suggested roads to be paved.

Glensprings Drive
Barrington Court
Hedgewood Court

Belmont Drive needs culvert pipe replacement.

McGill & Associates will be here at the January meeting with the estimated cost of this project before it is let for bids.

Consideration of ordinance revisions to comply with requirements of Senate Bill 300-Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that in your packet you have a memo that is attached to some revisions "Criminal" ordinances per Senate Bill 300 (Criminal Justice Reform). We went through each one of these ordinances and struck out the criminal penalty and replaced it with a civil penalty.

The following ordinances that will be revised/amended:

Chapter 110: Business Licensing
Chapter 111: Itinerant Merchants, Salespersons, Peddlers, Pawnbrokers
Chapter 112: Taxicabs
Chapter 114: Garage and Yard Sales
Chapter 115: Massage Establishments
Chapter 116: Sexually Oriented Business

Discussion Followed:

After some discussion council is comfortable with these amendments.

Mayor Blakely asked do we have a motion to approve the suggested ordinance amendments in our packet.

Councilman Trevor Lance stated that he will make that motion and it was seconded by Councilwoman Sheila Franklin.

Motion carries all in favor.

Proposed Budget Schedule for FY 2022-2023-Mark Biberdorf Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that in your packet that you have a brief memo and a chart that shows the proposed dates for action for each process. In the past we have had department heads at the January meeting and started earlier (4:00 pm) so that they can talk about past year activities and then any big picture items that may be coming up in the new fiscal year. You don't have to make a decision on all these dates I just want you to see them and be aware of them.

Comments from the Town Manager Mark Biberdorf.

On the actuated flasher at the intersection of Wildbriar and Hooper's Creek Road the design is done and it has been funded and they are hoping to get to that finalized with DOT after the first of the year. Then hopefully an updated timeline for installation.

On the fire department's interest in using space in our storage building as you know it is not in the best shape but it is functional storing some things in there. They would like to use some space in there and in exchange for that they would do some refurbishment of the building (roof/sides etc.). I met with Hugh Clark over there to look at the building and he is getting an engineer to look at the building as well.

The Gateway sign has been finalized and they are looking at the end of January for installation. We are looking forward to getting that replaced/upgraded.

AED units (Automatic External Defibrillators) being placed in the building. The Police Chief is purchasing one for the police department (funding provided) and I would like to see if we could get 2 others and have one for each floor.

Councilwoman Sheila Franklin made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilman Trevor Lance.

Motion carries all in favor.

Adjourned: 06:48 pm

Approved:

1-10-22
Date

Preston Blakely
Mayor Preston Blakely