

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
April 7, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

ROLL CALL – Councilman Patton, Vice-Mayor Turner, Councilman LeMay, Councilwoman Bingham, Mayor Griffin, Town Attorney Shortt, Town Manager Cox, and Town Clerk Mandzak were present.

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD-

Mike Maslaney presents scale drawings of the proposed tractor project in Warren G. Lineberry Park to the Council for their review. Mr. Maslaney states that the tractor will be 74” high, 76” wide, and 8’ long. Mr. Maslaney states that by scaling the original drawing down to fit the tractor tires that he has it shortened the tractor height by about a foot. Councilman Patton states that it may be a good thing for the tractor to have been scaled down for the children who are going to be playing on it. Mr. Maslaney states that instead of having a ladder to get into the tractor that he is going to build a little staircase instead so that it will be easier for children to get in and out of the tractor. Town Manager Cox asks if the 8’ long includes the slide; Mr. Maslaney states that the 8’ feet doesn’t include the slide and that with the slide included the length will probably be 16’. Mr. Maslaney states that they will need to review the location of the tractor to insure the best possible location because the area where the tractor will be will be an approximately 20’ by 40’ area. Councilwoman Bingham asks if the tractor will be built onsite; Mr. Maslaney states that he will probably build it in his barn and then move it to the location with the exception of the tires which will be put on in the park. Councilman LeMay asks what the width will be; Mr. Maslaney states that the width will be about 76” once the tires are put on. Mayor Griffin thanks Mr. Maslaney for his work on the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

A. March 3rd and March 17th minutes.

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the March 3rd and March 17th minutes as presented.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

PRESENTATIONS-

A. Floyd/Floyd County Parks & Recreation Authority-Mr. Dustin Hollandsworth, the new Director of the Floyd/Floyd County Parks & Recreation Authority, thanks the Council for allowing him to come to the meeting and states that the Treasurer Andrew Morris has accompanied him. Mr. Hollandsworth reviews the budget provided to the Council (please see the attached). Mr. Hollandsworth thanks the Council for their previous donations to the Parks & Recreation Authority. Mr. Hollandsworth states that they will have a soccer program this summer and that

they are currently working on fundraising projects. Mr. Hollandsworth that they are looking to expand their space in the next 3 to 5 years. Mr. Morris states that they are looking into grant money to help with the bigger projects that they have planned for the future. Vice-Mayor Turner asks what some of the long term goals for the Parks & Recreation Authority are; Mr. Hollandsworth states that ultimately they would like to have a community center with gym, storage, office, and classroom spaces. Vice-Mayor Turner asks if they have considered a skateboard park or a pool; Mr. Hollandsworth states that they have discussed it and that they will have to work with the County to find a space that supports a larger location. Mr. Hollandsworth states that the land that they currently have is approximately 45 acres and the area that is cleared covers about 15 acres. Mayor Griffin asks how much of the 45 acres are useable land; Mr. Hollandsworth states that maybe 5 to 10 acres are useable. Mr. Morris states that the land is so rocky that a lot of the land isn't useable. Councilman Patton asks why there is such an increase in their previous allocation requests; Mr. Hollandsworth states that the increase is a part of their 3 to 5 year plan. Councilman Patton states that if the contribution increases he hopes that there would be more of a presence of the Council and the County on the Parks & Recreational Authority Board. Mayor Griffin states that he thinks that the donation requests for the Town and the County are disproportionate and that he understands where they are coming from and what they want to accomplish but that it will take a while to get there. Mayor Griffin states that \$20,000 increase would be hard for the Town. Councilman Patton states that building a facility would be nice. Mayor Griffin asks if the County has mentioned anything about increasing their role in the Rec Department and states that if the Town were to donate \$25,000, which is 5% of the budget, the Council would expect to have more of a presence on the Rec Board. Mr. Hollandsworth states that they are in the process of working towards getting a Board of Supervisors on the Rec Board. Councilwoman Bingham asks if the fees that the parents pay for the kids to play sports are a part of their income; Mr. Hollandsworth states that it is part of their income. Councilwoman Bingham asks if the fees increase from year to year; Mr. Hollandsworth states that the fees have not changed since around 2007. Vice-Mayor Turner states that they need to invest in the youth of this community and that they may not be able to donate the full \$25,000 but they should work towards donating more. Councilman LeMay asks if they have any fundraisers planned; Mr. Morris states that they have sponsor banners on the field and they have a sponsorship from Dick's Sporting Goods. Mr. Hollandsworth states that during Spring sports the kids sell Vidalia onions and that they make about \$2,500 to \$3,000 with that fundraiser and that they are looking into doing other fundraisers. Councilman Patton asks if they have cooperation from the School Board; Mr. Hollandsworth states that there is cooperation with the schools. Councilman Patton asks about possibly using Truman's; Mr. Hollandsworth states that he has been talking to them as well. Mayor Griffin states that the Council will discuss the allocation during their budget meeting and let them know what their decision is.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Recommendations to Zoning Board of Appeals-**Town Manager Cox states that there are members of the Zoning Board of Appeals that have terms that are ending and that the Council will need to recommend new members. Councilman Patton requests that Town Manager Cox speak to the members to see if they are willing to be reappointed with the exception of Linda Petrie because she lives out of the area. Town Manager Cox states that she will contact the

members and will email the Council to let them know how many members they will need to recommend.

- B. Conditional Use Permit-Floyd Community Market**-Town Manager Cox refers to the handout provided in their packet concerning the Conditional Use Permit. Town Manager Cox states that if the Council is in agreement with the Permit that they will need to set a Public Hearing concerning the request. Councilman Patton asked what type of feedback was received from Mr. Crenshaw; Mr. Maslaney states that he met with Mr. Crenshaw and that he was very receptive to the recommendations provided by the Planning Commission. Mayor Griffin states that the banners are a huge fundraiser for the market.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to schedule a Public Hearing for the May 5th meeting.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

- C. Warren G. Lineberry Park**-Town Manager Cox provides the Council with a handout in regards to the Warren G. Lineberry Park. Town Manager Cox reviews the provided handout (please see attached). Council discusses options for Warren G. Lineberry Park and whether or not to enter into a contract with the New River Valley Regional Commission to assist in the park plan. Town Manager Cox states that Kevin Byrd with the NRVRC informed her that they could facilitate meetings with them, the Council, and the Partnership for Floyd to go over needs and prioritization of those needs with the outcome of those meetings to have a detailed, phased plan for the park including map, scaled drawings, and a construction plan. Town Manager Cox states that they would be ready to do construction in the Fall/Winter of this year and be ready by Spring of next year. Town Manager Cox states that the total cost of such project would be \$5,000 but that the cost to the Town would be \$2,500 because the NRVRC has matching funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Mike Maslaney states that the Council may want to consider having a public hearing to get feedback from the public about what they want in the park. Mayor Griffin states that he thinks the Council should reach out to people in the community for feedback. Town Manager Cox states that Mr. Byrd informed her that they would have work sessions that involved the public as well as the committee members. Councilman Patton states that the Regional Commission could help guide everyone in the process.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner to enter into a contract, for \$2,500, with the New River Valley Regional Commission to formulate a plan for the Warren G. Lineberry Park.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman-Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, that no other projects take place in Warren G. Lineberry Park other than what has already been approved until

after the committee has met and made plans and reported back to the Council; those projects are the planting of the Christmas tree, the building of the tractor, and a flower bed near the Christmas tree.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

Town Manager Cox informs Council that she spoke with Dylan Locke concerning the Town Jubilee and that due to events already scheduled in the Town and that it be a good idea to go back to the original plan for two to three events this year in the Town instead of weekly events and to possibly carry over some of the money marked for these events to start marketing now for next year's events. Town Manager Cox states that Mr. Locke is looking to obtain sponsorships for the events so that the Town would not bear the total cost for the events. Town Manager Cox states that if the Council doesn't want to hold any events this year that Mr. Locke could start promoting next year's events with the funds left in the budget. Council discusses the proposed options. Mayor Griffin states that the Council needs to think about how they would like to allocate funds for the upcoming budget year. Vice-Mayor Turner states that they may want to consider contributing to the County Fair that is being worked on. Mayor Griffin states that the Town should sponsor events like Tour de Floyd and the County Fair. Councilman LeMay states that he is in favor of skipping the Jubilee events this year. Vice-Mayor Turner states that the Town may want to consider doing a celebration of the Town's Charter year.

D. FY2017 Budget-Council tables this subject until the next meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox informs Council refers to the VDOT report provided and asks if the Council has any questions that she can take back to Paul Brown from VDOT. Town Manager Cox states the striping would not be included in the repaving project and that the money allocation for the project has to go before the County. Mayor Griffin asks Town Manager Cox to find out what the cost for the project would be and report back.

Town Manager Cox asks Council if they have any recommendations for the quarterly recognition. Council discusses recognizing the Baptist Preschool and their staff.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to honor the entity of the Floyd Baptist Preschool the second quarter of 2016.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

Town Manager Cox updates the Council on the work that is being done by the Public Works Department such as street sweeping, re-staining of the small pavilion and the privacy wall. Councilman

Patton asks if a new employee has been hired; Town Manager Cox states that Jason Slusher was hired and that he is doing a great job. Town Manager Cox states that the crew is getting more work done faster with the addition of the new employee. Councilman Patton asks if some of the mowing that is contracted out can be taken on by the Town employees; Town Manager Cox states that Greg Peters does eventually want to the Town to be more self-sufficient. Councilman Patton asks it is possible to put some hanging baskets at the kiosk in Town. Town Manager Cox states that the planters will be replanted within the next few weeks, and that new slower growing trees were planted in the planters near the park.

CLOSED SESSION-

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Councilman Patton—aye
Vice-Mayor Turner—aye
Councilman LeMay—aye
Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Council convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Councilman Patton—aye
Vice-Mayor Turner—aye
Councilman LeMay—aye
Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay to spend \$90,000 to purchase the property in question and to also offer a letter of contribution for the difference between the amount of the appraisal, with final appraisal amounts to be determined by Lowell Yeatts with his interpretation of his appraisal and the purchase price of \$90,000.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

OTHER

Councilman LeMay asks if the quarterly recognition can include a business; Mayor Griffin states that it can.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to April 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk