

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
May 19, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the May 19, 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 COMMENTS-None.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

- A. April 7th and April 20th minutes**-Councilwoman Bingham makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the April 7th and April 20th as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Financials-** Council reviews the financials provided by Town Manager Cox. Town Manager Cox states that she also included an employee paid time off report for their review. Mayor Griffin states that the \$17,000 difference in the Town of Floyd annual comparison verses budget for last came from miscalculated sales tax. Mayor Griffin states that Town Manager Cox followed up on the computation and found that it had been done wrong. Town Manager Cox states that she spoke with Missy Keith, Treasurer of Floyd County, and Ms. Keith went back as many years as she has been Treasurer and corrected those years of miscalculations. Councilwoman Bingham asks about the difference in the Town electric bills for February and March; Town Manager Cox states that the February bill included the electric required for the snowflakes and that the cost for the snowflakes was billed in December, January, and February and that the average electric bill for the Town totaled around \$1,400 to \$1,500 per month.
- B. FY2017 Budget-**Council discusses the proposed FY2017 budget provided by Town Manager Cox. Mayor Griffin explains that there is a \$45,500 to figure out how to allocate. Town Manager Cox states that the categories that still need to be decided on including donation allocations. Town Manager Cox proposes buying new LED bulbs for the Town snowflakes and states that the purchase of these bulbs would save the Town a significant amount of money on the Town's monthly electric bill. Council discusses buying new bulbs for the fixtures and comes to a consensus to purchase new LED bulbs for the current fixtures. Councilman Patton asks that a donation be considered for the program being started by the County concerning college tuition assistance with New River Community College. Mayor Griffin states that the people of the Town pay taxes in the County and the Town and that they need to be aware of this when deciding what to contribute to the New River Community College program. Town Manager Cox explains

how the local sales tax is distributed between the Town and the County. Council discusses the list of donation allocations provided by Town Manager Cox. Town Manager Cox informs Council that the Rec Park received a donation of a kiosk from T & E Small Engine and that she is going to work on creating a Town map to go in the kiosk. Other donations discussed included Sustain Floyd, Plenty, and the Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority. Council asks Town Manager Cox to have employee evaluations done by the next meeting so that they can go into closed session to discuss salary changes. Councilman LeMay states that the Public Works crew has done a great job so far this year. Mayor Griffin asks that the alcoves in Town need to be worked on. Town Manager Cox states that the parking lot will be finished on Sunday and Monday. Councilman LeMay states that the speed sign seems to be helping slow traffic down. Town Manager Cox states that the sign collects traffic data and that Sheriff Craig is looking to purchase one for the Sheriff's Department because the one that they have now is on loan from Christiansburg. Town Manager Cox states that she got the VDOT permit submitted for the year so that whenever they are ready to start placing cones in front of the Country Store/Station area it can be done whenever the need arises. Mayor Griffin asks how soon Council needs to make a decision about the road striping; Town Manager Cox states that at this point it is not a part of the paving project it would be a stand-alone project so she is not sure when it would need to be decided on.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to approve the advertisement of the budget as outlined for a public hearing on June 16, 2016 to present the final budget.

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

OTHER

Mayor Griffin states that they had the first joint meeting with the representatives from the Board of Supervisors, EDA, and the School Board and that he was elected to be the chair of the committees and that they will be meeting again in June to brainstorm on projects that they can all get behind. Mayor Griffin states that everyone seemed to be enthusiastic and positive.

Councilman Patton asks who will be a part of the park committee meeting; Councilman LeMay states that it will be himself, Councilwoman Bingham, Mike Maslaney, and Barbara Pleasant. Town Manager Cox also states that Kevin Byrd and Eli Sharp from the NRVRC will be coming as well. Town Manager Cox states that there has been a hold up concerning the tractor and that the Town insurance company has encouraged the Town to not build the tractor because the Town would hold liability if the Town manufactured the tractor.

Town Manager Cox states that she spoke with VDOT and that they are working on getting the No Through Truck signs put back up on Oxford Street as well as revising the No Through Truck signs on that are on Route 8 and 221. Councilman LeMay asks about the shrubs on the corner Main and Oxford; Town Manager Cox states that those shrubs will be removed during the sidewalk project. Councilwoman Bingham asks about whose responsibility it is to mow the tall grass growing at Nira

Street and 221; Town Manager Cox states that she thinks it is VDOT's responsibility but that she will check and see. Councilwoman Bingham states that it is very hard to see because the grass is so high.

Mayor Griffin states that they got a letter of interest today from the Bank of Floyd for acquiring the property and the money to work with on the park renovations and that if the Town takes the larger loan the currently have and roll it into the new loan the payment will go from \$2,633 to \$3,300 for 10 years.

Councilwoman Bingham states that Dr. Horney approached her with an issue concerning the end of Old Hensley and that Dr. Horney's wife almost had an accident at that location because it is a hazard and that it's hard to see when pulling out. Councilwoman Bingham states that Dr. Horney suggested putting mirrors up to help people be able to see. Mayor Griffin states that is putting mirrors up on the opposite side of the road would be a VDOT issue. Vice-Mayor Turner states that people parking in the no parking spots doesn't help the visibility issue.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until June 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk