

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
September 1, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Mayor Turner called the September 1, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

Vice-Mayor Turner states that Mayor Griffin’s father passed away and asks everyone to keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-None.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

- A. August 4th and August 18th minutes**-Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay to approve the August 4th and August 18th minutes as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

- A. Resolution for Constitutional Week**- Vice-Mayor Turner asks if the Resolution will be tabled until the Mayor is present; Town Manager Cox states that Vice-Mayor Turner can sign the Resolution or the Council can table it until the meeting on September 15th.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham to accept the Resolution for Constitutional Week as presented.

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

- B. Solid Waste & Recycling Policy of the Town of Floyd, VA**- Councilman Patton suggests that this subject be tabled until the next meeting so that Mayor Griffin can be present.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox informs the Council of an event being held by the Floyd County Historical Society on Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m., called “Introducing the Radford Ordnance Works” from 1938 to February 1946 presented by Dennis Kitts.

Town Manager Cox states that she should have the revised survey for the property the Town is looking to purchase within the next week. Town Manager Cox states that there needs to be a motion made, for the Bank of Floyd, by the Council stating that the Council anticipates getting a loan from the Bank of Floyd in the amount of \$90,000.00 plus the amount of the current loan that the Town already has into one loan. Town Manager Cox states that in order to get the loan paperwork started they would need to a motion of approval to move forward. Councilman Patton states that the Council knows where Mayor Griffin stands on this subject.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton to move forward on obtaining a loan with the Bank of Floyd in the amount of \$90,000.00 plus the amount of the current loan to consolidate the two loans into one loan.

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

Town Manager Cox informs Council that the judgement against Natasha's LLC has been paid in full.

Town Manager Cox informs Council that at the August meeting of the Town of Floyd Planning Commission the Commission made a motion to pass on the Noise Ordinance to the Town Council for their consideration and that she will provide Council with copies of the Noise Ordinance this week for their review and that the item will be on the agenda for the September 15th meeting.

Town Manager Cox states she has received a rezoning request from Darla Vest and that the Planning Commission has the application and is reviewing it. Town Manager Cox states this is the property that has the Granny Cottage on it and that Ms. Vest is requesting that the property be rezoned from a R1 to a R2 with the understanding that she will present a subdivision plat to divide the property in half therefore making the current conditions on the property go away. Town Manager Cox states that each house would be on a stand-alone lot. Councilwoman Bingham states that the Planning Commission has asked Kevin Byrd for his recommendation for the property. Town Manager Cox stated Mr. Byrd's recommendation is that the property be rezoned. Town Manager Cox states that the Planning Commission will review the rezoning application and make their recommendation to the Council.

Town Manager Cox informs the Council that the Warren G. Lineberry Park committee is having an open house on September 15th from 4:30 to 6:30 to present the progress that the committee is making to the public as well as to the Town Council. Town Manager Cox states that Kevin Byrd and Eli Sharp will give the presentation. Councilman Patton asks where the presentation will be held; Town Manager Cox states the presentation will be in the Town Hall. Town Manager Cox informs the Council she has received draft materials for the park and that she will forward those to them for their review.

OTHER-

Town Manager Cox states that Paul Brown and David Clark from VDOT had been in Floyd and have come to speak to the Council about the possible restriping in Town now that the paving is complete. Mr. Clark states that while the contractors are in Town there may be an opportunity to add in additional striping but that it depends on a couple of things; 1. Getting a new plan that's different than

what was there before and getting something fairly concrete that can be presented to the contractor and 2. Talking to the contractor to see if they are willing to do something different than what was there before. Mr. Clark states that the first step is to come to the Town and see if there was anything desired that is different than what was in place previously. Mr. Clark states that if the contractor doesn't want to do it that there may be a way of modifying what they do put down to ultimately get what the Town would like to see. Mr. Brown presents and reviews an exhibit that he has prepared concerning the possible striping (please see attached). Town Manager Cox states that the exhibit shows there is potential to add parking where parking doesn't currently exist. Councilwoman Bingham states the Town could always use additional parking. Councilman Patton brings up the issue of vision being blocked in both directions at the end of Old Hensley Road; Mr. Brown states the striping would assist in the situation because there would be a 20 foot sight distance in both directions at the entrance edge of Old Hensley. Mr. Brown states that the striping could eliminate parking in some areas but increase them in other areas. Council discusses the parking spaces in front of the funeral home and the house next door as the diagram provided suggests; Mr. Brown states that the edge striping can be added and the fine tuning of the parking spaces can be addressed at a later date either through VDOT or by the Town obtaining a special use permit from VDOT to complete the space markings. Mr. Clark states that they don't want to put anything down that would have to be taken up later but that it's always good to be able to add more at a later date if needed. Councilman Patton asks Dylan Locke, owner of the Floyd Country Store, how he feels about eliminating parking spaces; Mr. Locke states that he thinks that people will always find somewhere to park whether it's available on Locust Street or not but that safe parking is his major concern. Mr. Locke asks if limiting the times that people could use the spaces in front of the funeral home and the house next door might help the issue. Vice-Mayor Turner suggests it may be best to go with the proposed striping and edging plan that Mr. Brown has come up with and then go back and add additional striping at a later date if needed. Councilman Patton asks Mr. Brown if VDOT would grant a permit for the public works crew to complete the striping at a later date if needed; Mr. Brown states that VDOT would grant a permit for striping and delineated spaces to be done by the Town public works crew if needed. Councilman Patton thanks Mr. Brown and Mr. Clark for being kind and looking out for the Town. Vice-Mayor Turner asks if the current 3 foot pass through is required or could it be eliminated to create more space; Mr. Brown states that there is flexibility when it comes to parallel parking and that it ranges somewhere between 20 and 28 feet and that some people have larger vehicles than others and that generally his preference is 25 foot spaces just to allow a little extra. Mr. Brown states if they are able to protect the entrances and just provide the edge line then that will allow them to work through the scenario, given the available space as to what spacing would be to have an even number of spaces. Mr. Brown states that delineating the spaces at a later date leaves a multitude of options to lay it out and work through the entire process and are comfortable with it. Mr. Brown asks Council if it would be acceptable for him to reach out to the contractor to request putting in the edge stripe and the entrance protection striping; Council comes to a general consensus for Mr. Brown to move forward with contacting the contractor to request putting in the edge stripe and the entrance protection striping. Vice-Mayor Turner asks that Town Manager Cox work with Greg Peters to measure out the spaces in Town and report back at the first or second meeting in October.

Councilman LeMay asks if there is a possibility of making the Friday night music in the street acoustic only because there is a band that is playing loudly and drowning out the other musicians; Vice-Mayor Turner states that he doesn't think that the Council should dictate what type of music that people play. Mr. Locke states that he spoke with the band that plays loudly and that he relayed to the band that his number one priority is the safety of the crowds gathering to watch them play. Mr. Locke states that the

reason that the bass player plays an electric bass is because he has arthritis and it's easier to play the electric bass rather than the upright bass. Mr. Locke states that the band is playing at a volume that makes the other musicians not want to set up next to them. Mr. Locke states that they are willing to move to a location in the Warren G. Lineberry Park to help with the safety of the crowd. Mr. Locke states that he commented on a Facebook post concerning this issue and that everyone; the Town Council, law enforcement, VDOT and the business owners, all agree that the music is important to everyone and that it's important for economic development. Mr. Locke states that he would like to negotiate with the band to try and figure out the best place for them to play and that he thinks that the Warren G. Lineberry Park would work well for everyone. Councilman LeMay states that the problem with playing in the Warren G. Lineberry Park is that it gets dark after 8:00 p.m. and you can't see to play. Town Manager Cox states that she can look into putting a timer on the lights on the stage. Mr. Ashcraft states that he hopes that there won't be a ban on electric instruments. Vice-Mayor Turner states that Friday nights is mostly a bluegrass jam session but who is to say that down the road some of the groups decide to start playing other types of music. Vice-Mayor Turner states that as long as he is on Council that he will not dictate what type of music is being played and that different types of music may bring in more people to Town. Councilman Patton asks Mr. Locke if there have been less musicians playing on Friday night; Mr. Locke states that there are less now than there were 5 years ago but that he and his wife Heather are working on repairing some of the relationships with musicians and shutting down groups would not be a solution. Councilman LeMay states that the amount of musicians playing on Friday nights depends on what else is going on in the area. Mr. Locke states that he will continue speaking with the bands to help insure the safety of the pedestrians. Vice-Mayor Turner states that the number one priority is the safety of the crowds and asks if Mr. Locke feels like if the bands are moved off the street if it would affect the music; Mr. Locke states that he doesn't feel like it will affect the popularity of Friday nights because it seemed to work out well when the band moved down into the park and beside the beauty shop. Councilman Patton asks if the band had permission to play in the parking lot of the beauty shop; Mr. Locke states that he isn't sure if they had permission. Councilman LeMay states that all of the musicians take turns playing in that parking lot. Mr. Locke states that there are only 4 to 6 weeks left where people will be able to play outside and that everyone can continue to work on the problem this Winter and hopefully come up with a solution by Spring. Council discusses getting lights and power on the stage and on the patio to help get people into the Warren G. Lineberry Park and off the streets to insure their safety. Councilman LeMay states that the lights on the stage are going to be a part of the upcoming Warren G. Lineberry Park plan. Council comes to a general consensus to open the power on the stage and the patio in the understanding that these areas will be available to the musicians on a first come first serve basis. Town Manager Cox states that she will work on getting the lighting and the power turned on, at the stage and the patio.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until September 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

Bruce A. Turner, Vice-Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk