

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
February 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

None.

PRESENTATIONS-

A. Floyd County Sheriff's Office-Mr. Brian Craig- Mr. Craig provides the Council with a handout showing the total calls made to the Sheriff's Office from October 2016 to January 2107 (please see attached). Mayor Griffin asks if the break-ins that occurred were residential or business; Mr. Craig informs the Council that the break-ins were residential. Mayor Griffin explains to Mr. Craig that the Council is working on the parking ticket example that he provided to Town Manager Cox.

Mr. Craig informs the Council that last year he increased patrol at the Friday Night Jamboree in hopes of helping with keeping the crowds out of the street and it has seemed to help. Mr. Craig states that the band moving down into the Warren G. Lineberry Park has also helped with crowd control.

Mayor Griffin asks if the traffic stops are speed related; Mr. Craig states that the majority of traffic stops are speed or headlight/taillight related. Mayor Griffin asks if the Sheriff's Office is still using a speed sign; Mr. Craig states that the Sheriff's Office is using a speed sign and it has been placed at different locations. The speed sign has helped them determine specific times of the day to patrol certain areas. Mr. Craig informs the Council that if they have any specific areas they would like the speed sign placed in the Town to let him know. Mayor Griffin asks if one speed sign is enough; Mr. Craig states at this time one speed sign is sufficient.

Councilman Patton asks what type of in Town calls the Sheriff's Office receives; Mr. Craig explains that citizen regular assistance could be any number of things such as; needing help with a child's car seat, finger printing, etc. Councilman Patton asks if there is anything that the Council can do to help the Sheriff's Office and/or the citizens; Mr. Craig states not at this time but if he comes up with anything specific needs he will let the Council know at that time. Mr. Craig informs the Council that he appreciates the Town's continuing support. Councilman Patton explains that one of the reasons for having Mr. Craig come to the meeting was for the budget and to also give Mr. Craig the opportunity to voice any concerns he may have.

Mayor Griffin asks how the current staffing is at the Sheriff's Office; Mr. Craig states that they have one officer deployed in Qatar, one employee waiting to go into the academy, and a number of inexperienced officers looking to gain more experience. All positions are filled in dispatch.

Mayor Griffin asks if Mr. Craig feels okay about the jamboree traffic without getting VDOT involved; Mr. Craig informs the Council that he thinks a lot of the congestion problems they were having has been solved by the one band moving down into Warren G. Lineberry park but he would still like to meet with VDOT and see what other solutions they may have to offer if they are available. Mayor Griffin asks if the Sheriff's Department is okay with level funding from the Town; Mr. Craig states that as of right level funding is fine but he will know more once they get into their budget so he will report back at a later date if more funding is needed.

- B. Healthy Floyd-Ms. Meredith Dean-** Ms. Dean provides the Council with a handout highlighting the Healthy Floyd organization (please see attached). Ms. Dean informs the Council that Healthy Floyd incorporated in October and became a nonprofit organization in November. Ms. Dean reviews some of the upcoming projects they have planned such as Floyd Moves It!, Floyd Moves Month, Health & Wellness Fair, Rev Your Bev, and Healthy Floyd 5K. Ms. Dean states that they are working on a campaign called Sugar Watch to help children become aware of their sugar intake. Ms. Dean explains to the Council that in order to get these projects up and running Healthy Floyd is hoping to receive a \$1,000 donation from the Town of Floyd. Ms. Dean states that the donation would help the organization move forward in their current and future projects. Ms. Dean informs the Council that the long term plan is for Healthy Floyd to prove that they have plenty of community support. Ms. Dean states that she would like the Council to consider a \$1,000 donation for next year also. Mayor Griffin informs Ms. Dean that the Council will need to look at where they are as far as donation allocations for this year are concerned. Ms. Dean states that she will provide financial statements to the Town for their review. Town Manager Cox asks if Healthy Floyd has any plans to apply for a grant in the upcoming year; Ms. Dean states that Healthy Floyd has already began applying for grants and is also pursuing donations from local businesses.

- C. Floyd/Floyd County Parks & Recreation Authority-Mr. Dustin Hollandsworth-** Mr. Hollandsworth presents the Parks & Recreation Authority upcoming budget. Mr. Hollandsworth thanks the Council for their support from this year. Mr. Hollandsworth explains some of the projects the Parks & Recreation Authority have been working on are as follows: a mile long trail around the rec park; a new sign at the entrance of the park; new youth soccer program started this past Fall that had 250 kids participate in the program; they began offering all sports at earlier ages; they are working on a marquee for the park; switched leagues in baseball and softball; repaired playground equipment. Mr. Hollandsworth explains that currently they are working on renovating the baseball field with new dugouts, a score board, bleachers, new fencing, and fixing the drainage issue. The funds provided by the Town and County are what is funding this renovation project and the Parks & Recreation Authority are seeking level funding for next year to complete the same type of renovation on the softball field. Mr. Lauren Yoder informs the Council that the rec authority has received numerous amounts of donations and help from the community. Mr. Yoder states that if the Council is willing to provide level funding the rec authority will be able to move forward with the renovations they have planned. Councilman Patton informs the Council that one of the projects that the new management deserves to receive credit for is the new baseball/softball league that the county has joined because it will allow all of the kids to experience going to the playoffs instead of just a select few. Mr. Hollandsworth informs the Council that they joined a new football league this year also so that the kids would be able to play kids from other counties. Mr. Hollandsworth states that they are hoping to bring more people into the community by joining the new leagues. Mr.

Yoder states that the new marquee will hopefully be a place to showcase other destinations in the Town and County.

Councilman Patton informs the Council that in the effort to improve service and to help raise money for the rec authority they are leasing the trolley to Jon Beegle to run the concession stand this year. Mr. Yoder states that one of their goals is to continue to provide services for the kids and for the parents. The Rec Authority is looking to extend services to adults and senior citizens in the future. Mr. Hollandsworth informs the Council that they will have an intern this summer who will work on implementing a new sports information program which will help promote jobs in the sports field.

Councilman Patton brings up the subject of trash pickup at the park; Mr. Hollandsworth states that for three months out of the year the trash at the park is unbelievable and the rec board was wondering if the Town employees could come and dump the trash cans once or twice a week, as needed, because the cans get so heavy that they can't lift them up to dump them into the dumpster that is on site. Mr. Yoder states that during the busiest times of the year it takes two people to lift the trashcans up and it would help them out if the Town could come to the park possibly once a week or on an on-call basis to assist them with the trash removal. Mr. Yoder states that sometimes the dumpster gets too full to dump the trash through the door opening and you have to dump it over the top of the dumpster while lifting the cans over your head and they thought it may be easier for the Town to dump the cans into the trash truck because it's lower to the ground. The Council will discuss this request and report back.

Mayor Griffin asks if they still have the long term goal of getting lighting on the baseball field; Mr. Hollandsworth states that the lighting is still a part of their long term plan.

D. Sustain Floyd-Mr. Woody Crenshaw- absent

E. Floyd County Tourism Development-Ms. Pat Sharkey- Ms. Sharkey reviews the power point presentation (please see attached). Ms. Sharkey informs the Council that the Chamber of Commerce has been a major help to the tourism development in the Town and County. Ms. Sharkey informs the Council that in 2016 Floyd County was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Drive Tourism. The Drive Tourism grant was money that could not be used for marketing so the Tourism Board used the funds for the County Fair.

Ms. Sharkey informs the Council that one of their long-term projects they are working on is the Cycle Floyd Initiative. Ms. Sharkey explains that the welcome center at Lamsburg has been instrumental in sharing information with tourists who are passing through the welcome center. The display at the welcome center has encouraged people to reroute their trips and come to Floyd.

2017 upcoming projects: Floyd County Strategic Plan updates; AFID-BEE project/grants which will include an agritourism brochure; Health and Wellness Fair April 1st, VA Tourism Corporation International Office media tour in Floyd; Town Jubilee; Jagged Edge Motorcycle Trail; Cycle Floyd Wayfinding; and Virginia's Outdoor Lovers Expo in Bisset Park, Radford, VA.

There has been an approximately 10% increase in transient lodging tax in the Town since last year.

Mayor Griffin thanks Ms. Sharkey for all the hard work that she has been doing over the past four years.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION-

A. Financials- Council reviews financials provided by Town Manager Cox.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox updates the Council on the condition of the trash truck. The trash truck has been repaired and is back in good working order. Town Manager Cox states that she will research options for either purchasing a new/used truck or retrofitting the current truck to make it an automatic transmission and will report her findings to the Council.

Town Manager Cox informs the Council that she spoke with Paul Brown from VDOT about the difference in the color of the new striping in Town. The striping was done in two different colors because that is what the contractor had on hand so they used the yellow stripes in the high traffic areas and the white in lower traffic areas. Town Manager Cox states that Mr. Brown advised her to try and use the same color scheme when matching curbs and striping will help when enforcing the parking.

Town Manager Cox reports to the Council that she received three RFP’s from architectural firms for the terracing in the Warren G. Lineberry Park, moved forward with Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. and has received a proposal for the Council’s approval. The proposal’s total estimated cost for the work is \$6000.00 for time and materials. Vice-Mayor LeMay asks what the lead time is for the firm to get started on the work once the proposed contract is signed; Town Manager Cox states that once the contract is approved the firm will move forward with doing a topographical survey of the land which will be presented as a bid doc to local contractors. Town Manager Cox informs the Council that she has spoken to two contracts and those contractors both said they could have the work done by May as long as they had the information from Hurt & Proffitt by the end of March.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor LeMay to accept the proposed contract from Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. for the Warren G. Lineberry project.

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

CLOSED SESSION-

Councilwoman Bingham makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor LeMay, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7, consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, “probable litigation” that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

- Councilman Patton-aye
- Councilman Turner—aye
- Vice-Mayor LeMay—aye

Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor LeMay, 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 consult with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, “probable litigation” that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter pursuant to Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.7 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
Councilman Turner—aye
Vice-Mayor LeMay—aye
Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor LeMay to accept the appraised fair and reasonable value of the property in the amount of \$1,435.00 and to offer that value to Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker on a 24 hour turnaround. If the value is not accepted Town Attorney Shortt is authorized to proceed with Condemnation Proceedings by paying the fair and reasonable value of \$1,435.00 into the Court system.

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

OTHER-

Councilwoman Bingham asks if any member of the Council is available to attend the New River Valley Community Board meeting on March 1st at 9:00 a.m.; Councilman Patton volunteers to attend the meeting.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until March 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Town Clerk