

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
April 20, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the April 20, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD-

Ms. Jeanie O’Neill reads a letter that she prepared for the Town (please see the attached). Councilman Patton states that he is very impressed that Ms. O’Neill has taken it upon herself to contact businesses concerning their loud trucks and that he thinks she should contact her neighbor concerning the bushes on the corner of Oxford and Main Street. Mayor Griffin states that there have been right-of-way issues within the Town that the Town contacted VDOT and that VDOT came through last Fall and that they are in the midst of writing letters to all landowners that have right-of-way infractions. Mayor Griffin informs Ms. O’Neill that VDOT has jurisdiction over the sidewalks. Ms. O’Neill asks what the possibility of having three way stop signs in Town; Mayor Griffin states that the Town has asked VDOT to complete a traffic study and that VDOT informed the Council that what the Town currently has is sufficient. Mayor Griffin states that the Council also asked about the possibility of having another crosswalk near the Baptist Church and that VDOT informed the Council that because of the close proximity of the other crosswalks that it didn’t make sense to have another crosswalk at that location. Ms. O’Neill asks about putting in speed bumps; Mayor Griffin states that the Council has asked about those as well and that VDOT informed them that they will not put in speed bumps because of snow plowing in the Winter. Mayor Griffin states that the Council has discussed about 90% of the things in Ms. O’Neill’s letter. Ms. O’Neill asks why Christiansburg is allowed to have some of these things in their Town; Vice-Mayor Turner states that the Town of Christiansburg maintains the streets in their Town. Mayor Griffin asks Vice-Mayor Turner about vehicles passing on the right hand side; Vice-Mayor Turner states that passing on the right is considered reckless driving. Mayor Griffin suggests to Ms. O’Neill that she attend a Board of Supervisors meeting and voice her concerns there as well so that her concerns will reach a larger audience. Ms. O’Neill asks if the Council has asked about getting a flashing speed limit sign; Mayor Griffin states that the Town is in the process of getting one for the Town. Council discusses possibility of educating people about proper crosswalk safety. Councilman Patton asks Ms. O’Neill if she would come back to a meeting when VDOT is present; Ms. O’Neill states that she would be happy to come back. Ms. O’Neill asks about what can be done about loud mufflers and motorcycles and if the Town has a Noise Ordinance; Mayor Griffin states that the Town Planning Commission is in the process of working on a Noise Ordinance. Ms. O’Neill asks what the Council’s plan is for beautification and states that there is nothing better than trees and greenery. Mayor Griffin states that the Town doesn’t have a lot of access to common area to be able to plant trees. Ms. O’Neill asks where the trees were planted before; Town Manager Cox states that they were on private property. Mayor Griffin states that the Council has also looked into getting new streetlights and that the project would cost around \$300,000. Ms. O’Neill asks about Main Street projects; Mayor Griffin states that they have

looked into getting grants for various projects. Town Manager Cox states that she spoke to someone concerning Main Street programs and that she will begin working with them and start attending meetings to learn more about the programs. Ms. O’Neill states that will be a good place to start and thanks the Council for their time.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Food Vendor License Permits- Town Manager Cox states that she has received two requests for exemption for the Food Vendor license \$100 annual fee, Red Rooster and Lara Miller, both vendors sell at the Farmer’s Market. Town Manager Cox states that she has received a letter requesting this exemption from Farmer’s Market organizer Agatha Grimsley. Councilman Patton asks if the two vendors have their Business License; Town Manager Cox states that they both have their Business License as well as pay their Meals Tax. Council discusses the two applications.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the exemption of the additional food vendor license fee for the applications that they have received so far.

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

B. Warren G. Lineberry Park Request-Town Manager Cox informs the Council that she received a Warren G. Lineberry Park Request from the Rotary Club to use the park May 20th for their annual chili cook-off. Town Manager Cox states that it is a benefit for the Floyd Fire and Rescue Departments.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to approve the application received from the Rotary to use the Warren G. Lineberry Park on May 20th for their annual chili cook-off.

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

C. Financials-Council reviews the financials provided by Town Manager Cox.

D. Budget-Council tables this subject until later in the meeting.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox informs Council that she received a request for the Town to pass a Resolution in regards to GBS (Guillia-Barre’s Syndrome) and CIDP (Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy) Awareness Month.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay to approve the request to pass a Resolution in regards to GBS (Guillia-Barre's Syndrome) and CIDP (Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy) Awareness Month.

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

OTHER

Councilman Patton informs Town Manager Cox that East Main Street in front of the Wagner's house needs to be taken care of; Town Manager Cox states that the Public Works Crew did the final sweep of Main Street today and took care of that area. Councilman Patton states that the brick work on the planters on Locust Street needs to be repaired. Councilman Patton also states that everyone that he has asked has told him that this is the best Public Works Crew that the Town has ever had. Councilman LeMay states that the crew did a great job with the street sweeping. Town Manager Cox informs Council that there is a Public Works Week in May and that she would like to do something special for the crew. Council states that they would like Town Manager Cox to do something nice for the crew such as provide lunch.

Town Manager Cox informs Council that the Partnership for Floyd will not be holding an Earth Day event in the Warren G. Lineberry Park. Town Manager Cox states that she has moved forward with the contract with the Regional Commission and that those meeting will begin in May and that members of the Council and the Partnership will be involved.

Councilman Patton asks what the status of Tour de Floyd is; Town Manager Cox states that she has spoken to Paul Lacoste and that everything seems to be on track for the event. Councilman Patton asks when the event will be held; Town Manager Cox states that the event is being held on May 21st.

Vice-Mayor Turner states that after the first of the year the Council needs to think about how the Council would like to move forward in promoting the Town and helping the Town grow and to also help bring a positive light to the Town. Councilman Patton asks about the joint meetings between the Town and the County; Mayor Griffin states that he spoke with Casey Clinger and that the committees will begin to meet in May.

Councilman Patton states that he would like to see them have an event similar to a homecoming or a birthday celebration with possibly a parade in the Town every year and include the business owners.

- D. Budget-**Council was presented with a working budget and a list of variable accounts for budget consideration. Other issues discussed were donation allocations, property purchase, and upcoming public works projects.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to schedule a Public Hearing concerning the FY2017 Budget for June 16, 2016.

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

Town Manager Cox informs that the Proclamation for the Baptist Church will be presented at the May 5th meeting.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to May 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk