

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
December 17, 2015
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the December 17, 2015 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD-

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

November 5th and November 19th minutes- Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, to approve the minutes for November 5th and November 19th minutes as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A.** Harris Street Public Input-Judy Duesberry, resident of Harris Street, states that she thinks that the street should be closed to through traffic. Ms. Duesberry states that there is excessive speeding on the street and suggests that a deputy be present a few days a week to help with the problem. Councilman Patton asks Ms. Duesberry if she parks in front of her house on the street; Ms. Duesberry states that has in the past but she doesn't park there any longer because the oil company asks her repeatedly to move her car. Councilman Patton asks Ms. Duesberry if she has any other place to park; Ms. Duesberry states that she has been parking behind her house. Councilman Patton states that for the sake of getting along with her neighbors it seems like she could use her parking area behind her house. Ms. Duesberry states that she believes the problem would be solved if the street were made a no through street. Ms. Duesberry states that she will do what is best for Floyd and will not impede on business. Ms. Duesberry states that she believes that the business will get what they want because they bring money to the Town; Councilman Patton states that the Council will do what is best for the Town. Ms. Duesberry states that the business could take down some of the fence to make room for the trucks turning into their property. Councilwoman Bingham asks Ms. Duesberry if this was a traffic issue when the cleaner business was at the location; Ms. Duesberry states that it was never a problem. Mayor Griffin states that one of the issues is that the road is not wide enough but that there isn't room to widen the road and that the Council is looking for a solution that will work best for everyone involved. Councilman Patton asks if the business has a regular schedule for their delivery; Mayor Griffin informs him that they do not and that's why he thinks

that restricting the during business hours. Vice-Mayor Turner states that the Council waited to make a decision on this issue because the Council wanted to be fair to the parties involved. Ms. Duesberry states that she has plans of selling the property. Mayor Griffin states that the Council doesn't want to influence her decision to sell the property and Councilman Patton states that the Council doesn't want to do anything that will impede her progress of selling the property either. Councilman LeMay asks Ms. Duesberry how much of an inconvenience it is for her to park behind her house as opposed to parking on the street; Ms. Duesberry states that it is more difficult for her to carry her groceries around the building instead of just being able to park out in front of her house. Ms. Duesberry states that if the parking is restricted and someone buys the property and wants to open a business in that location that restricting the parking may hurt the business. Councilman Patton and Councilwoman Bingham state that Ms. Duesberry shouldn't be inconvenienced and not be able to park in front of her house. Councilman Patton states that Mr. Clark and Ms. Duesberry both want the street to be one-way and asks why they don't just make it one-way; Vice-Mayor Turner states that even with signage people will still go down the street and that enforcing it will be difficult and it will not eliminate the space issue if there are vehicles parked on the street. Vice-Mayor Turner asks how soon the property will be sold and states that if it is going to be sold then the Council may not want to do anything until the property is sold; Ms. Duesberry states that it will be after the first of the year. Councilman Patton suggests that the subject be tabled until the February Town Council meeting to give Ms. Duesberry time to sell the property. Ms. Duesberry states that she can't guarantee when the property will be sold. Council decides to table the subject until February meeting to see if the property sells.

- B. Town Hall Improvements-Mayor Griffin states that this subject should be tabled until a later date due to the fact that the Council is waiting on an appraisal that will help them determine what the future budget and plans will be.
- C. 2016 Goals and Considerations- Mayor Griffin states that this subject should be tabled until a later date due to the fact that the Council is waiting on an appraisal that will help them determine what the future budget and plans will be.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Cox asks Council to review the quotes that she received for the replacement of the roof on the Town Hall; Town Manager Cox states that she will not make a recommendation because she has a conflict of interest due to the fact that she is related to the owners of Wade Seamless Guttering & Construction but that she spoke with Greg Peters, the head of the public works department, concerning the roofing and that he has recommended that the Council accept the bid from J & B Roofing. Council discusses the two options. Mayor Griffin states that he will abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, to accept the bid from J & B Roofing to complete the roof replacement on the Town Hall.

Councilman Patton—aye

Vice-Mayor Turner —aye

Councilman LeMay—aye

Councilwoman Bingham —aye

Mayor Griffin-abstain

Town Manager Cox asks Council about the idea presented to them by Mike Schumann at a previous meeting concerning the vending machine; Council discusses the subject and comes to a consensus that due to the overcrowding of the streets on Friday and the possible vandalism that they don't want to put the vending machine at the bathrooms.

Town Manager Cox informs Council that she has been in contact with the current owner of New Mountain Mercantile concerning the status of their loan with the Town after they sell the business; the current owner has informed Town Manager Cox that the new owner will take over the loan with the Town.

OTHER

Councilman Patton congratulates Town Attorney Shortt on his appointment as Chairman of the Board for the Bank of Floyd.

Councilman Patton states that he thinks the Council should give the Town staff a gift certificate for \$50 and the Town Manager a gift certificate for \$100 and the Town trustee also, if possible.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to give the Town staff a gift certificate for \$50 and the Town Manager a gift certificate for \$100 as a Christmas thank you.

Councilman Patton—aye

Vice-Mayor Turner —aye

Councilman LeMay—aye

Councilwoman Bingham —aye

Mayor Griffin-aye

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to January 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk