

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
February 5, 2015
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the February 5, 2015 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD-No Citizen comments were made

Vice-Mayor Turner arrives.

CONSENT CALENDAR-Interim-Town Manager Cox stated that name changes need to be made in the January 7, 2015 set of minutes along with a change to the titles of Vice-Mayor Turner and Councilwoman Bingham. Councilman Patton asked for “per donate” to be removed from the January 15, 2015 minutes within the Town Manager’s Report. Interim-Town Manager assures the Council that these changes will be made.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the minutes for January 2nd, January 7th, and January 15th with these changes previously stated made.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye, abstaining from the January 7th minutes approval
Mayor Griffin-aye

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD – It came to Jane Avery’s attention that she does in fact have a citizens comment. Jane Avery from the organization Preserve Floyd requests information pertaining to the fees involved with holding a rally beginning in Lineberry Park and ending in the Country Store. Mayor Griffin states that the Council will come back and address her request.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Partnership for Floyd-Ms. Jane Cundiff and Ms. Jane Avery were present, as well as Ms. Carol Volker from Blue Mountain School. Ms. Cundiff, Ms. Volker, and Ms. Avery present the idea for art in the park. Partnership for Floyd and Blue Mountain School want to have the children from Blue Mountain School design art work in the shape of a tree with different pictures and moving parts. Councilman LeMay asks for dimensions of the final product. Councilman Patton asks as to where the final product will be located and also voices his concerns about the limited amount of space in the park. Councilman LeMay asks if this project is funded by donation, Ms. Cundiff

says that it is. Councilwoman Bingham asks if the project is a Partnership for Floyd project or a Blue Mountain project, Ms. Cundiff explains that it is a joint effort.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to adopt Ms. Cundiff's proposal for the Partnership for Floyd and Blue Mountain School to approve the project as it was stated with one (1) "tree" in the Warren G. Lineberry Park.

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

The second art project that Ms. Cundiff presented is for Steve Arthur to build a tractor art piece for the park. Councilman Patton does not want to approve the project until they have a drawing of the tractor. Councilman LeMay asked for schematics of the project and also wants to take a walk in the park to see how much space we actually have in the park. Ms. Cundiff will get with Steve Arthur to get drawings done and report back to the council at a later date.

- B. Mr. Mike Maslaney gave an update on the trail that will start at the park and end at the library. Ms. Maslaney stated that they have worked through issues that Mr. Mitnick had with where the trail was going to go through his property. Mr. Maslaney also reported that the project that has cost them more than originally expected due to the second survey that needed to be completed. Town Attorney Shortt expressed concerns for additional insurance for the property owners. Mr. Maslaney reported that the project will have a 20 foot easement during construction and a 15 easement after the completion. Councilman LeMay asked for a completion date and Mr. Maslaney said that they hope to have it completed by the summer and that if they can get the bulldozing done that the Partnership for Floyd will complete the project.

Mr. Maslaney also brought forward an idea for art in the crosswalks, he read an article that some cities are doing it and thinks that it would be a great idea for Floyd and that we would be one of the first to do this project in the State of Virginia. Mr. Maslaney asks Interim-Town Manager if she will check with VDOT to see if this project can be a possibility. Mayor Griffin congratulates Mr. Maslaney for his appointment to the PSA Board.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Board Appointments—

Interim-Town Manager explained that only one letter was received in regard to the ad placed for the openings on the Planning Commission and the Loan Pool Committee. Rick Parrish submitted a letter for appointment to the Planning Commission. There is still one opening on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to appoint Ms. Parrish to the Planning Commission.

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

Councilman Patton nominates Russ Young for the Loan Pool Committee.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to appoint Russ Young to the Loan Pool Committee.

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

B. Mayor Griffin brought to the attention of the council his concerns of the effect that the mobile food units have on the brick and mortar restaurants in town. Mayor Griffin asks for the opinion of the council on whether or not an extra charge should be enforced upon the mobile units. All council members are in favor of setting up a meeting with town restaurant owners and mobile unit owners at the March 5th council meeting to discuss their concerns on this subject. Councilman Patton suggests a possibility of needing to restructure the business license. Town Attorney Shortt asks town staff to check with VML to see how other communities handle mobile food units.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, to invite town restaurant owners and mobile unit owners to come to the March 5th council meeting.

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

C. The Town received a letter from Kevin R. Byrd of the New River Valley Planning District Commission requesting that the council approves the change of the name from New River Valley Planning District Commission to New River Valley Regional Commission.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the request for name change from New River Valley Planning District Commission to New River Valley Regional Commission.

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

Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

D. Interim-Town Manager Cox reported that she and Mayor Griffin have been in contact with the land owners concerning the MAP-21 Project. The architect Blaine Keesee will have office hours in the Town Hall on February 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the land owners to come in and discuss their questions and concerns with him. The council requests that Roger Mannon write an article in the Floyd Press concerning the office hours with Blaine Keesee. Interim-Town Manager will send out letters to the property owners who are affected by the project letting them know the date and time of the office hours with Mr. Keesee.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Interim-Town Manager shares with the council the quotes that she has received in regard to the window replacement and the heating and air unit for the Town Hall. Council discussed the difference in price quotes for the heating and air unit to be installed and decided to get another quote from Accord Heating & Air for a 3.5 ton unit so that they could compare the price to Tinbenders. Council is satisfied with the quote on the window replacement.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to accept the bid on the window replacement and have the work take place.

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

Interim-Town Manager Cox reports that the trash truck is in need of a new seal and clutch repair and that she is contacting Via Truck Repair to get a quote on the repair work.

Interim- Town Manager Cox reports that Joey Kaylor is interested in having a the same contract with the Town that he had last year in regard to the street sweeping but that his equipment was damaged in the fire but he does have new equipment on order. Councilman Patton wishes to table the subject until a later date.

In regard to the quotes for the placement of salt in the event of ice; two quotes were obtained, one from Rakestraw and one from C.W. Turner.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to accept the bid from C.W. Turner on the salt placement and have the work take place as needed.

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

Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

Interim-Town Manager updates Council on the unmetered service contract with AEP for the Christmas lights. The AEP bill for the Christmas lights was \$2,182.88 for the end of November to the beginning of January.

The update on Natasha's court case is as follows: Her bench trial is scheduled for April 14, 2015 and since her last court date she has made one payment of \$600.00.

Interim-Town Manager wishes to have the Town Manager cell phone service terminated and use her personal cell phone as the new number to contact. After discussion the council approves to have the service terminated and to reimburse Mrs. Cox and Greg Peters \$40 per month for the use of their personal cell phones for work use.

Interim-Town Manager asks how many of the Emily Williamson prints the council wants for themselves and as gifts to visitors. Councilman Patton asks about selling at the Jubilee and wants Interim-Manager Cox to find out from Ms. Williamson about how she feels about the Town have prints available for sale.

OTHER

Ms. Avery's question about the rally was addressed by council. Interim-Town Manager explained that the fee involved was a deposit that would be returned to the organization after the rally as long as there was no damage to the park. Ms. Avery was also advised by the council to check into obtaining insurance for the rally. Councilman Patton expresses concerns for it being a possible political issue to have the rally take place. After review of the Warren G. Lineberry Park Rules Regulations it is found that the rally can be held in the park.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to accept the application submitted to have a parade start at the park and continue on the sidewalk to the Country Store.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1, discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

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, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED SESSION**

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 discuss personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 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
Vice-Mayor Turner—aye
Councilman LeMay—aye
Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to adjourn until Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Town Clerk