

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
January 7, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the January 7, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD-
None.

CONSENT CALENDAR-
December 3rd and December 17th minutes- Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried to approve the December 3rd and December 17th minutes as presented. Councilwoman Bingham abstains from the December 3rd minutes.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A.** Appointment of Vice-Mayor-Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, and unanimously carried to reappoint Vice-Mayor Turner as Vice-Mayor.

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

- B.** Setting of Meeting Dates & Times-Councilwoman Bingham makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Lemay, and unanimously carried to keep the meeting schedule the same as the previous year.

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

- C.** 2016 Projects & Goals-Mayor Griffin states that there is a need to go into Closed Session in order to discuss the acquisition of real property because it will affect their discussion of 2016 Projects & Goals.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where

discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

Councilman Patton enters.

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, 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 discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body 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.

Mayor Griffin states that they may need to purchase new computers for the office staff in the upcoming year. Vice-Mayor Turner asks what the status is of the sidewalk project is; Town Manager Cox states that they are at 95% approval from VDOT and that they are working towards securing the last Deed of Easement. Councilwoman Bingham asks when the project will begin; Town Manager Cox states that they hope to begin early Summer. Vice-Mayor Turner asks about the work that they want done to the Town Hall; Mayor Griffin states that he wants to get quotes on the proposed work before moving forward. Mayor Griffin states that his goals for the Council for 2016 include the Council considering opening up the Park more so that more people can utilize the space. Councilman LeMay

asks if there have been any requests to use the park; Mayor Griffin states that he has had some informal conversations with different people wanting to utilize the park. Councilwoman Bingham asks if vendors would be allowed to set up in the park; Mayor Griffin states that he think that it should be allowed. Councilwoman Bingham states that she would like to see the Council get out and visit with the business owners more; Mayor Griffin agrees. Councilman Patton asks how they propose having more of a presence in Town; Councilwoman Bingham states that she thinks that it will help simply by getting out into the community and talking to the business owners. Councilman LeMay states that he has gone out into the community and talked with business owners about ideas for possible events that the Town could have to help the businesses. Councilwoman Bingham states that they should be out in the community listening to the concerns of the business owners. Councilman LeMay states that there are organizations that would like to use the Park that haven't been able to in the past. Mayor Griffin states that the streetlight project previously discussed doesn't seem like it will be financially possible unless there is grant money available. Councilman Patton states that he would like to see them look for a piece of property on the other side of Town for a small community park, possibly with basketball hoops. Councilman Patton states that he would like to work with the County to get a sidewalk out to the Blue Ridge Apartments. Councilman Patton states that he does not want to see the park become a money maker but if the Council wants to open up the park he is open to the idea. Vice-Mayor Turner states that he thinks it would be good to open up the park more and ease up on the restrictions. Mayor Griffin states that he wants to work on strengthening their communication with the other branches of local government. Councilman Patton states that the Council may want to think about the future of the Town water and sewer system. Vice-Mayor Turner states that he thinks they need to start putting money aside to purchase a garbage truck in the future. Mayor Griffin states that they need to continue to be proactive when it comes to projects and that he wants to see plans on how to improve the Town Hall. Councilman Patton states that he would like to have different options about the possible improvements. Vice-Mayor Turner states that he would like to take another look at how donations are given out and he would also like to do more for the citizens of the Town and for the businesses such as leaf removal. Councilman Patton states that he thinks that the Council needs to have more restrictions on themselves concerning setting timeframes and deadlines for projects, Mayor Griffin agrees. Council discusses possible improvements to be made to the Town Hall and suggests to Town Manager Cox to contact Kevin Byrd with the New River Valley Regional Commission for guidance on where to start the process. Councilman Patton states that he will contact the previous architects that came and looked at the buildings.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Cox asks Council when they would like the Christmas lights to be taken down in Town; Council concedes to have them taken down whenever it can be coordinated with Citizens.

Town Manager Cox asks the Council if they would like to go by the Governor's holiday 2016 calendar; Councilman Patton asks Town Manager Cox what extra day she would like; Town Manager Cox states that if she could choose she would pick Good Friday. Councilman Patton proposes that the staff be given an extra "floating" day to take at their discretion with the approval of the Town Manager. Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, and unanimously carried to give the staff an extra floating day off to take at their discretion with the approval of the Town Manager.

Councilman Patton-aye
Vice-Mayor Turner-aye

Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilwoman Bingham-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

Town Manager Cox asks Councilman Patton what the status of the holiday dinner is; Councilman Patton states that he is working on it and will let everyone know when it will be.

Town Manager Cox informs Council that she has received a scope change from Blaine Keesee from Draper Aden, the scope change would include into the budget \$5,000 for time and materials for any continued coordination and revisions that are needed to obtain easements and finalize the plans. Town Manager Cox states that Mr. Keesee does not think that it will not reach the full amount. Mayor Griffin states that this extra amount would be added on to the grant. Councilman Patton asks Town Manager Cox if she recommends the scope change; Mayor Griffin states that changes on Oxford Street have brought on the extra cost. Town Manager Cox states that she is recommending the scope change. Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried to approve the scope change.

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, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.6, discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

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.

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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 Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to enter into a contract with IMO that once he provides Council with a VDOT approved plan and zoning still allows, that the Town will pay for the construction of a cutout on Fox Street, under the condition that IMO grants an easement, and the Town will cover the cost of a simple fence to divert pedestrian traffic from the property.

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

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bingham, to go into closed session for Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

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

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

OTHER

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to adjourn to January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Chrissy Mandzak, Clerk