

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
May 2, 2013
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Mayor Bingham called the May 2, 2013 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

ROLL CALL – Vice-Mayor Bingham, Councilman Turner, Councilman Patton, Councilman Miller, Town Attorney Shortt, Town Manager Terpenney and Town Clerk Hodges were present. Mayor Griffin was absent.

CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD –

Mr. Paul Lacoste spoke on behalf of Tour de Floyd. T-Shirt sponsors have been obtained. We will get the order placed next week and hope to have them ready by the 18th. Registration numbers came in strong early, but in the past month the weather slowed everything down, but as of this last week, registrations are back up to our normal number. We are looking forward to another good event.

Mr. Charles Kingrea spoke about the Floyd United Methodist Church sign proposal. We are here with our fingers crossed that you all will approve the proposal tonight.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL –

- A. Ms. Heather Krantz presented on behalf of the Floyd Jubilee. The three events are scheduled for the following dates: June 16th, July 14th, and August 17th. The first two events will be concert events, one a main headliner and the second more of our local bands. The third event will be for the kids with a family day. I dropped off the contract, and I believe it has been approved by the Council. Are we going to have street banners this year? Town Clerk Hodges answered that there will be no street banners this year. Ms. Krantz will use this money for additional advertising in other areas.

CONSENT CALENDAR –

- A. February 2013
- B. March 2013
- C. April 2013

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, to accept the consent calendars for February, March and April.

Councilman Patton—aye
Councilman Turner—aye
Vice-Mayor Bingham—aye
Councilman Miller—aye
Mayor Griffin—absent

- B. Partnership for Floyd—Lineberry Park

- Ms. Jane Cundiff presents on behalf of Partnership for Floyd. I wanted to check in and let you know that we are still working down there. Winter has slowed us down a little bit, but we should be finishing soon. The stage is mostly complete, the benches we are still looking for, the lighting is ready to be put in, and we just haven't gotten it put in. The stone work in the back has not been completed. The entrance sign to the park, Woody has that ready to go. Town Manager Terpenney spoke with Woody and Ed Greer about the concrete needed for the sign. Picnic tables, we have at least two tables offered to us. The plaque was emailed to Town Clerk Hodges about a month ago, I am just wondering where that stands. Ms. Cundiff passed around an example of a sign, this particular sign is fairly inexpensive, only costing around \$40.
 - Councilman Patton commented that we didn't want the park to become overwhelmed with signs. My concern is about the number of names listed in thanks on the sign. My fear is that we have left someone out, not that we are not appreciative.
 - Councilman Miller commented that he recalled that we were going to have one larger sign at the entrance of the park and not individual signs at each building in the Park.
 - Councilman Patton replied that he would be more apt to approve the presented sign tonight, if he knew what the additional signage in the Park will look like, and if some of the same people will be listed on the additional sign in the Park.
 - Councilman Turner stated that he liked a plaque this size and that he didn't have any concerns about having multiple signs in the Park.
- Mr. David Clarke, VDOT—we have some paving coming up in the Town this summer. We do have some things going on outside of Town that you may be interested in. There are not a lot of big projects going on in Floyd County. The secondary road six-year plan public hearing was recently held at the County Administration building. We had a few speakers, but not many. The good news about it is that the projected numbers on the Transportation Funding Plan are showing more money being allocated to Floyd's secondary construction. Floyd County was getting \$1.5-2 million dollars in the past, in recent years that number was cut to \$40,000, but next fiscal year is showing about level, and there are increases being shown in the last couple of years of the six-year plan. If there are any types of construction or road projects you would like to see, please let me know.
 - Councilman Turner inquired about how to voice the Council's concerns to VDOT. Mr. Clarke responded that he is over the maintenance of the roads for the County and this correspondence doesn't have to go through the Board of Supervisors. The Council can directly contact him. If it is for new construction of roads, then the Council would need to go through the Board of Supervisors for the specific roads to be added to the six-year plan, which is the County's responsibility.
 - Councilman Turner asked about the sidewalks. Mr. Clarke answered that we can do some maintenance of sidewalks. It is a border line subject that could fall into either category of whether we have the budget to fix the sidewalks right then, or if it requires more construction, then they would have to be worked into the six-year plan.

- Councilman Patton would like to know how the list of streets provided that were to be paved this year was decided. Our maintenance superintendent turned in a list of those streets. He may have had a list of the times that the streets were paved in the past. We make the list in the spring of the year, and are in the process of making that list right now.
- Councilman Patton inquired about the requirements of two sidewalk projects in Floyd to aid the low-moderate income communities that we have. One apartment complex is outside of Town, so we would have to partner with the County. Mr. Clarke is going to get a quote on the project.
- Councilman Patton asked that Mr. Clarke come to Council meetings regularly. We will schedule him for the September meeting. Mr. Clarke will have a cost estimate for completing the sidewalk project.
- Discussion about the turn lane on Barberry Road at Main Street was talked about. Town Manager Terpenney and Mr. Clarke are going to meet to discuss the project and get a cost estimate of what this project would consist of. The Council could possibly take on the project ourselves, and receive the right-of-way from Mr. Wood and contract the project.
- Councilman Turner inquired about Oxford Street and 221 and Oxford Street and Route 8. I know that site studies have been conducted, but I didn't know what could be done about this intersection. I have people stop by daily to tell us that they cannot see when pulling out. Maybe you could bring us back some options about what can be done; it is just an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Clarke responded that possibly parking is the problem and overhanging trees. We would have to get permission from the property owner to trim the overhanging trees. We can get our engineer to take a look at and see if they have any suggestions.

Council Action Items

A. Conditional Use Permit—Floyd United Methodist Church

- The Floyd Planning Commission has met and discussed this request. After the public hearing, the Floyd Planning Commission has recommended the Town Council deny the request. The Planning Commission will meet again next Wednesday with representatives from the Floyd United Methodist Church to discuss conditions to the request. The Planning Commission's main concern was the use of LED lights and the new ordinance will not allow LED lights, with the exception of filling stations and emergency services.

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, to table the request until the Planning Commission and the Floyd United Methodist Church are able to get together to discuss the concerns that the Planning Commission has.

Councilman Patton—aye
 Councilman Turner—aye
 Vice-Mayor Bingham—aye
 Councilman Miller—aye
 Mayor Griffin--absent

Town Staff Reports

- A. TEA-21 Update—The Contractor and the Architect are in discussion about what needs to be done before doing the final walk through and punch list. They are discussing this because there is a 30 day window in which everything on this punch list is to be completed. The Contractor pointed out that the things we are waiting on to be done were add-ons or changes to the contract.
- B. Collections Protocol—tabled until all Council members are present.
- C. Decorative Banners—Town Clerk Hodges has spoken with Draper Aden about the hand drawn file and getting it converted to a vector file. She has also been in contact with a company in Rocky Mount about the banners.
- D. Flag Pole and Signage in front of the Town Office—the flag pole and signs back to back with landscaping below. This will include a light for the flag pole. The estimate is \$1500.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, to authorize up to \$1500 for the flag pole project to be carried out by the Town Manager.

Councilman Patton—aye
Councilman Turner—aye
Vice-Mayor Bingham—aye
Councilman Miller—aye
Mayor Griffin—absent

- E. Property on Woods Gap Rd.—someone is interested in purchasing the property owned by Councilman Miller to board horses. They will not be living on the property on a full time basis.
 - Town Clerk Hodges noted that in the ordinance livestock is allowed as long as it doesn't provide a nuisance to the public. The horses will not be here full time, they will bring them with them each time they come up from North Carolina.
 - Councilman Patton noted that since we do not have anything that prohibits the action, what say do we have in it. Town Attorney reads the ordinance and states that it is hard for the Council to give advice until it becomes a nuisance or menace.
 - Councilman Patton suggested they table the issue until next meeting.

OTHER

- Vice-Mayor Bingham spoke with the Mayor regarding the Budget. He is going to research it and bring back some information for Council at the next meeting.
- Councilman Turner inquired about getting gravel picked up throughout town. Councilman Turner will try to line them up for the near future.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until May 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Karen Bingham, Vice-Mayor

Karen Y. Hodges, Town Clerk