

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
September 15, 2016
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

No citizens were present.

PRESENTATIONS—

Mr. Elijah Sharp and Mr. Kevin Byrd with the New River Valley Regional Commission presented the progress the Park Committee is making towards the Master Plan for the Warren G. Lineberry Park. Mr. Byrd explained that earlier in the afternoon we had held an open house for public comment on the draft plan. We heard from one resident during the open house, his concerns were with the addition of a parking lot in the Warren G. Lineberry Park. Mr. Sharp reviewed the draft Master Plan with the Town Council, highlighting each Planning Area the Park Committee has defined. Planning Area 1 illustrates the creation of terraced seating, small play areas for children, and establishing shaded areas for the existing amphitheater. Planning Area 2 incorporates a larger play area for children, possible parking for up to 30 cars, and a natural surface walking trail.

Mayor Griffin states he is conflicted regarding the proposed parking, but really likes the terraced seating as shown. Councilman Patton also highly favored the terraced seating proposed. Vice-Mayor Turner commented that the draft Master Plan was a move in the right direction. Town Attorney Shortt offered concerns about ADA compliance for each proposed area. Mr. Byrd and Mr. Sharp explained that there would be a need for preliminary engineering on the proposed parking lot. However, the terracing, trail, and playground areas wouldn't necessarily require professional services to move forward.

Councilman Patton asks if we could incorporate new chairs along the restroom wall that would fit the style of the Warren G. Lineberry Park. Councilwoman Bingham recommended a wooden-slatted chair that could be easily stored when not in use.

The Council members expressed their appreciation to the Regional Commission for their assistance creating the Warren G. Lineberry Master Plan.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

- A. Financials-** Council reviews financials provided by Town Manager Cox. Councilman Patton asked how the sale of Mr. Wood's 4 parcels will affect the Town's revenue. Town Manager Cox stated that depending on who purchases the property, the affects would be minimal.

- B. VDOT Updates**-Town Manager Cox presented the Town Council with handouts marking the proposed edge line stripe and entrance protection lines presented by VDOT. The Town Council went through each page discussing the changes. Vice-Mayor Turner stated the safety of pedestrians is of upmost importance. The consensus of the Town Council was for VDOT to proceed with the edge line stripe and entrance protection plan as presented.
- C. Noise Ordinance**-Town Attorney Shortt discussed changes with the Town Council. There were a couple of questions regarding the intent of the definition of perceptibility and the possibility of exempting auction companies from getting a permit from the Town Manager before holding an auction in the Town of Floyd. Town Manager Cox will present these suggestions to the Town of Floyd Planning Commission at their meeting on September 28th.
- D. Solid Waste and Recycling Policy of the Town of Floyd, Virginia**-The Town Council discussed the recent changes to the proposed policy after Town Attorney Shortt's comments were implemented.

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, to approve the Solid Waste and Recycling Policy of the Town of Floyd, Virginia as presented.

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

Vice-Mayor Turner suggests that the new policy be mailed to all businesses and residents at the beginning of 2017. Vice-Mayor Turner recommended the Town starting a semi-annual newsletter to keep the citizens of the Town of Floyd informed about what is going on in the Town of Floyd.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox presents an application for use of the Warren G. Lineberry Park on October 22nd from Mr. Ed Gralla for a Floyd Free Market event. Town Manager Cox stated that we have the required damage deposit and the certificate of liability insurance.

Councilwoman Bingham makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to approve the use of the Warren G. Lineberry Park for Mr. Ed Gralla for a Floyd Free Market event.

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

Town Manager Cox reminded the Town Council of the Volunteer Fire Departments' concert in the Warren G. Lineberry Park on Saturday night, starting at 6.

Town Manager Cox informed the Town Council of the progress on the Burris and McGrath contract. The contract is complete, and ready to be signed by Mayor Griffin, at his convenience.

Town Manager Cox talked about a VDOT local Programs workshop she attended on Wednesday, September 14th. She stated she learned a lot about the stages of a project. Town Manager Cox gives

an update from Draper Aden on the possibility of eliminating the easement needed from The Whitaker's.

Town Manager Cox reminds the Town Council of the Floyd Livestock & County Fair planned for this weekend, September 17th at the Chantilly Farms.

Town Manager Cox discusses a recent request from a citizen outside of the Town of Floyd Corporate limits to become a Town resident. Town Manager Cox explained the process to extend the boundary line to incorporate a new parcel in the Town's Corporate limits. The County and Town would have to agree to on the new determination of the parcel, a survey would need to be complete, a public hearing would have to be conducted, and a judge would need to sign off on any changes to the Corporate limits. Town Attorney Shortt advised there could potentially be a large cost to completing such a determination. The Town Council decided not to move forward on this request at this time.

Town Manager Cox informs the Council about an opportunity to serve on the Floyd C4 committee and offer the Town's support to the program. The Floyd C4 program is a development series to help businesses grown and develop and to create a business plan and pitch their business ideas with the possibility of winning prize money. Councilman Patton expresses his support of the program and the businesses represented.

The Council discussed the possible next recipient of the Town's recognition program. Councilman Patton mentioned Mr. Laurence Wood and Mr. Olin Griffin as well deserving candidates of the program. Mayor Griffin stated that he would like table this until next month.

Town Manager Cox asked for permission to close the office early on Friday, September 23rd. The Council agreed to allow Town Manager Cox to close at noon on September 23rd.

OTHER-

Councilwoman Bingham read a letter she received in the mail regarding the sidewalks on Penn Avenue from Ward and Judith Lowrance. The letter stated concern over the residents walking from in the streets from 208 Penn Avenue to 320 Penn Avenue. Vice-Mayor Turner asked Town Manager Cox to look into who owns the sidewalk on this street and how to go about maintaining them.

Vice-Mayor Turner reports that Tourism Director Pat Sharkey will be attending a future meeting to update the Town Council on the happening in the Tourism office.

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, 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—absent

Councilwoman Bingham—aye

Mayor Griffin—aye

Councilman Patton makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, 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 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 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—absent
Councilwoman Bingham—aye
Mayor Griffin—aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Vice-Mayor Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until October 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Kayla Cox, Town Manager