

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
January 3, 2019
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the January 3, 2019 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

ROLL CALL –Councilman Patton, Councilman Turner, Vice Mayor LeMay, Councilman Bond, Mayor Griffin, Town Attorney Shortt, Town Manager Cox and Town Clerk Holfield were present.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-
None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

A. 2019 Reorganization

a. Appointment of Vice Mayor-

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor LeMay, to appoint Councilman Patton as the 2019 Vice Mayor for the Floyd Town Council.

Councilman Patton-abstain

Councilman Turner-aye

Vice Mayor LeMay-aye

Councilman Bond-aye

Mayor Griffin-aye

b. Setting of Meeting Date & Time-

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond to hold the Floyd Town Council meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the W. Skip Bishop Town Hall.

Vice Mayor Patton-aye

Councilman Turner-aye

Councilman LeMay-aye

Councilman Bond-aye

Mayor Griffin-aye

c. Pledge-

Vice Mayor Patton stated the following,

“Mr. Mayor:

The people of Floyd reach out to us, the Council, in many ways to express their thoughts-on a rare occasion enmass in these chambers, most frequently one on one on the street as we greet each other.

Several months ago, a lone voice spoke up in these Chambers suggesting we should begin each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Mayor responded, the Council would take up the matter when we met at our 1st meeting in the New Year, when we make decisions of the that

nature. We appreciate the Mayor for his quick response giving each of us ample time to consider the matter.

All of us learned to recite the Pledge as children, boys and girls in our elementary schools. Those words begin, "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." a singular act of commitment and honor.

In that same spirit, I move that we, the Council, begin each meeting of the New Year in the same manner by reciting the Pledge and that we invite all our fellow citizens in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation under God for with justice and liberty for all." The Motion was seconded by Councilman LeMay and passed.

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

- d. 2017 Holiday Schedule-** The Council reviewed the holiday schedule provided. Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay to adopt the 2019 State of Virginia holiday schedule as presented.

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

- e. Signature Cards-**
Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay to update the signature cards on all accounts to authorize Mayor Will Griffin, Vice Mayor Mike Patton, Councilman Bruce Turner and Town Manager Kayla Cox as signatories' and remove Ms. Karen Bingham.

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

B. Appointments-

a. Floyd-Floyd County Public Service Authority

Mayor Griffin recommended that Mr. Trent Cox be appointed to fill the open position on the Floyd- Floyd County Public Service Authority. Mr. Cox has experience working at a Public Service Authority and is a licensed civil engineer. He would be a benefit to the PSA.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner to appoint Mr. Trent Cox to the Floyd- Floyd County Public Service to Authority for the term of January 3, 2019 to December 13, 2020.

Vice Mayor Patton-aye

Councilman Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilman Bond-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

b. New River Valley Community Action Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner to appoint Councilman Paul LeMay to the New River Valley Community Action Advisory Board.

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

Councilman Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

- A. **December 6th and December 20th minutes-** Council reviewed the minutes provided. Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the December 6, 2018 and December 20, 2018 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION-

A. Library Trail-Partnership for Floyd-Mr. Mike Maslaney

Mr. Maslaney noted that the library trail seems to be a real success. Partnership of Floyd would like to extend the library trail to include a story trail. This would allow children to read as they walk through the trail. An extension to the existing trail would need to be added for the story trail.

The Partnership would like the new story trail addition to be created on the Friends of the Library Organization 5.9 acres that adjoins the Town's property. At this time the Library trail is about ¼ mile long and the addition of the story trail would add about ¾ mile.

Mr. Maslaney asked Town Council if they would be willing to extend the September 9, 2014 agreement of maintenance to the story trail addition. He would like to have the Towns support before speaking with Friends of the Library Organization.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to give initial support of the Story Book trail addition for Mr. Mike Maslaney to proceed with conversation with the Friends of the Library Organization.

Vice Mayor Patton-aye

Councilman Turner-aye
Councilman LeMay-aye
Councilman Bond-aye
Mayor Griffin-aye

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox shared a flyer from the Floyd County Historical Society on the Appalachian Chair Making event with Mike Ryan. The event will be at the Floyd Center for the Arts on January 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Town Manager Cox asked that Council return their menu selections for the Employee Dinner to Clerk Holfield by January 10th.

Town Manager Cox reminded Council members of the Town Recognition program for the first quarter of 2019. If you have anyone in mind for the program, please let us know.

Draper Aden will have the requested changes back to VDOT by January 7th regarding the sidewalk project. VDOT expects that it will take about 2 weeks to review the changes and the Town could be able to rebid the project by the end of the month.

Christmas lights will be coming down at the end of the month. A huge thank you to Citizens Telephone Corporation for helping install and remove them each year.

Town Manager Cox stated the playground will be installed sometime in March or April.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Councilman LeMay asked if the parking space in front of the park could be removed. It would be great to be able to drive by and see down into the park, so visitors would know that is there. I know we are hurting for parking in Town and I don't want to see the parking spot remove so this is just a thought. Vice Mayor Patton asked if there is another way, we could bring awareness to park without removing the space. Can we accomplish the same thing with lighting or a change in signage?

Vice Mayor Patton asked if there is an update regarding the special election. Town Attorney Shortt stated that he filed the Writ of Election today and it should go before the Judge this coming Tuesday or the next.

Vice Mayor Patton summarized the meeting held December 13 regarding Old Hensley Road. He noted that it was an open, healthy conversation between himself, Town Manager Cox, residents of Old Hensley Road, VDOT and Eli Sharp with the New River Valley Regional Commission. Mr. Sharpe has been working to create a solution to the entrance problem into Old Hensley Road. It is apparent from the conversation that the Town needs to decide what to do about the problem, what type of commitment we are willing to invest and understand the ramification if the Town does or doesn't come up with a solution to the problem.

Mr. Sharpe's research indicates that the road can not be turned over the VDOT without a huge commitment from the Town. The way it sits now, Old Hensley Road is not wide enough for 2-way

traffic under VDOT standards. Town Manager Cox stated that Mr. Sharpe is still compiling the remainder of his report and that Council should receive a copy before budget discussion.

Councilman Turner noted that it is not the Town's responsibility to be providing parking to individual businesses. A majority of people that benefit from the parking lot off of Old Hensley are the businesses within the Winter Sun building. Councilman Turner suggested helping the property owners off of Old Hensley Road find an alternative way in and out of their property.

Councilman LeMay asked if the Town had any laws regarding the burnt trailer on Locust Street. Town Manager Cox stated that to her knowledge, there are no regulations within the Town Zoning Ordinance laying out a timeline for removal of fire damaged structures. She has spoken with Mr. Mark Bolt, the Floyd County Building Official, about the trailer and the owner is obtaining a permit to demolish the trailer.

CLOSED SESSION-

None

ADJOURNMENT-

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until January 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Katie Holfield, Town Clerk