

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
February 21, 2019
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the February 21, 2019 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

Ms. Linda Wagner voiced concerns about the resolution to regulate the treatment of domestic dogs and classify them as sentient beings, that was presented by the Floyd County Humane Society at the last Town Council meeting. She stated that Town Council needs to look at everything and give it thought before taking a position. If Council singles out one creature that opens the door for scrutiny from animal rights activists regarding the treatment of other animals such as cats, rabbits, birds, butterflies, etc.

Ms. Wagner went on to voice concerns about the Floyd-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority. She noted that the recreation authority has been in transition for along time and more families are choosing to join travel ball leagues. Town Council has been throwing good money after bad to make it work. The Town and County have invested a lot of money to have recreation sports and at what point do you decide that it is not viable.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Councilman Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Old Hensley Rd. Study-Mr. Eli Sharp, NRVRC

Mr. Eli Sharp with the New River Valley Regional Commission reviewed the 2019 Technical Report that he completed on Old Hensley Road. The report was funded by State Planning and Research funds administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The report included four concepts that could be implemented to improve the existing conditions of Old Hensley Road.

The concepts included:

Two-Way Traffic Concept-widening the right-of-way to a minimum of 40 feet, reconstructing the existing roadway with a solid aggregate base and surface course asphalt. Estimated cost: \$1,000,000

One-Way Traffic Concept-Convert Old Hensley Road to a one-way road and connect the road to Route 221. The road would be built to VDOT standards and include a 30 ft right-of-way. Estimated cost: \$1,805,000

Intersection Sight-Distance Concept 1-Improve sight distance at Route 8 by relocating signage, removing landscaping and enforcing existing parking restrictions. Estimate cost: \$3,000

Intersection Sight-Distance Concept 2-Reconcruct roadway entrance at Route 8 and add curb/grass to restrict parking. Relocate signage and new drop inlet and piping north to existing Town stormwater infrastructure. Estimated cost; \$200,000

Councilmembers asked how Mr. Sharp felt about the one-way traffic concept. Mr. Sharp stated that he does not indorse any of the concepts and added that he had received mixed feelings from property owners along Old Hensley during the research process.

Council thanked Mr. Sharp from the great work on the report.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

A. Financials-

Council members took a moment to review the month financials provided in their packets.

B. MS Education & Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Griffin read the proclamation.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond to adopt the proclamation as presented and proclaim the month of March 2019 as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month.

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

C. Heritage Pathway Project

Mayor Griffin stated that he and Clerk Holfield meet with Ms. Cheryl Becker, representative with VDOT, last week in regard to receiving additional funding for the Heritage Pathway project. The funds are Federal funds that the State representatives were asked to find a project for. New funds would be based on the same 80/20 split as the original project funds.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner to pursue additional funding for the Heritage Pathway Project.

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

Clerk Holfield will follow up with Mr. Jay Guy, Program Manager at VDOT regarding the additional funds so he can begin the necessary paperwork.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-

None

OTHER BUSINESS-

Mayor Griffin read a letter to Council members from the Jacksonville Burial Grounds board. The letter recommended that the Town of Floyd appoint Mr. Mark Shortt as a Trustee of the Jacksonville Burial Ground Board of Trustees to fill the seat resulting from the resignation of Mr. Ron Bingham.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, to approve the recommendation of Mr. Mark Shortt to the Jacksonville Burial Ground Board, as presented by the Jacksonville Burial Ground Board.

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

Mayor Griffin shared a flyer on Developing of Floyd County Session to be held Monday, February 25, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30pm at the County Administrative offices from Ms. Lydeana Martin, Community and Economic Development Director. There will be. RSVPs can be sent to Karla Turman, County Planning Director.

Councilman Turner voiced concerns about parking along Main Street at the Village Green entrance. If large SUVs or trucks are parked in the spaces along Main Street, it makes it difficult for people to see when exiting the parking lot.

Mayor Griffin addressed Ms. Wagner’s concerns from the public comment period. He noted that it is hard for Council to take a stance on the dog ordinance changes at this time. There is too much uncertainty and enforcement concerns since the Town does not employ that Animal Control Officers. Regarding Ms. Wagner’s concerns on the Recreation board, Mayor Griffin stated that Town Council values Ms. Kendra Edgell and Ms. Jonie Brennan’s opinions and how they arrived at their decisions. He added that Town Council plans to meet with both the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation Board to decide the best course of action for the Recreation Board as we move forward. There are numerous things that need to be worked through and a change is needed.

CLOSED SESSION-

None

ADJOURNMENT-

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until March 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Katie Holfield, Town Clerk