

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

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

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-**

Mr. David Whitaker noted that he would like to remind Council that tax funds are not theirs to spend as they see fit. The funds are the taxpayers. Members of Council should look for ways to reduce spending and limit new spending. Council should inform the public of the donation list and where their money is going, and a checklist of donations should be sent to each taxpayer before the list is approved by Council. Non-profits should be asked to seek funding from residents by mail and not come to Council looking for tax funds. Any funds that are not spent during the year should be returned to the tax payers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

Councilman Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library-Mr. Karim Khan**

Mr. Karim Khan thanked Town Council for their donations and the services that are provided by the Town.

He continued by summarizing the programs the library has offered the past few years.

- Great Summer Waiver-Fine Relief and a Fine Free Future program is for kids and teens. Kids and teens can work off fines by volunteering at the library or by reading.
- Family READS (Reading and English to Achieve Dreams and Success)- the library received a \$10,000 grant from American Library Association and Dollar General Literacy Foundation for the first year to create this program. The program is for parents who want to improve their language skills. The second year of the program is being funded with library funds and lots of volunteers. The first eight-week session starts tonight, and the library hopes to hold three eight weeks sessions each year.
- Arts and Creativity in the Library- Gallery for local art work located in Ms. Jessie’s Gallery at the library. They have also offered several music workshops along with Mountains of Music Homecoming and many crafts and cooking programs.

- Passport Acceptance Services-The library is a passport acceptance site. The library staff can take passport photos and process passport applications. The fee set by the government is \$30 for each application that is processed.

The library has several plans of improvement for the coming year, replacement of chairs, replacement of flooring, painting within the library and creation of story trail along the library property.

Council members thanked Mr. Khan for his update and taking the time come out and speak with them.

**B. Plenty!-Ms. Kerry Ackerson**

Mrs. Kerry Ackerson noted that she started with Plenty! in May of 2018 to fill the position of Mr. Jonathan Vandergrift.

Mrs. Ackerson provided Council members with a fact sheet illustrating the core programs and the community outreach that Plenty! provides to Floyd County residents. Plenty! served 585 Floyd County families last year and 4035 families visited Plenty!. Illustrations also showed that the number of pantry visits has increased by 27% since Calvary Baptist Church closed their food pantry in November of 2018. She stated that it takes 68 regular volunteers that run Plenty! per week and Floyd as a community has come together to make this organization a success.

She continued by explaining that funding for Plenty! is a collaborative effort and is not provided by one funding source. Forty five percent of funding comes from private individuals. Plenty! offers food delivery service to residents of both Pine Ridge Apartments and Blue Ridge Manor Apartments once week. Members of Plenty! set up pick services at each location.

One new program that Plenty! will offer this year is Learn, Grow, Make Some Dough. The program will allow children to plant, harvest and sell their produce at the Floyd Farmer's Market. Plenty! also plans to offer a Food Matters program that will teach seniors about nutritious cooking.

Council members thanked Mrs. Ackerson for all the hard work she does for Plenty!

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-**

**A. Cycle Floyd-Bike Racks**

Council members reviewed the bike rack designs that were included in their packets. It was consensus that the treble clef design not be used because it looks too much like a piece of art work.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to approve the placement of one hoop style bike rack at both the public restrooms and the kiosk location beside the public parking area. A bike repair station will also be placed at the kiosk location.

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

**B. Financials-**

Council members took a moment to review the month financials and the delinquent business license list provided by Town Manager Cox.

Members discussed the delinquent meals tax payments for Blue Ridge Café. As noted at the last meeting, Mr. Eric Brancome had come by the Town office and inquired about a payment plan for the past due meals tax. Town Manager Cox informed him that unfiled meals tax reports for 2018 would also be needed and past due real estate and personal property taxes paid before she could issue a business license.

Council members discussed the terms of a payment plan and agreed that this would be a one-time plan and would not be done again. It was noted that Blue Ridge Café's meals tax and any past due payments must stay current or the conditional business license would be revoked.

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, and unanimously carried, to approve a payment plan and conditional 2019 business license to Blue Ridge Café LLC and it's owner Whitney Petersen, under the following conditions; all outstanding meals tax forms for 2018 must be filed and a conditional 2019 business license must applied and paid for by April 4, 2019, past due real estate and personal property tax must be paid by April 4, 2019 and any delinquent meals tax plus penalty and interest will be set up on a payment plan of eight (8) equal payments due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If any payment is not timely made or return not timely filed, then the conditional 2019 business license will be revoked, and the business shall immediately cease doing business or else face the fines and other penalties associated with doing business without a license.

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

**C. FY2019-2020 Budget**

Council members took a moment to review the draft budget documents provided by Town Manager Cox. She explained that she is working to get several quotes on possible projects. These possible projects include repair to the retaining wall at Warren G. Lineberry Community Park and repairs to several of the Town streets. Mayor Griffin asked that repair to parking lot beside The Station be added. There is a large pot hole forming as you exit onto Rt 221. Town Manager Cox will add that to her list of items for the paving companies.

Councilman Boyd asked the age of the Town trash truck. Town Manager Cox stated that is a 2001 and has the equivalent of about 300,000 miles on it. Town Manager Cox has spoken with Rural Development regarding their grant program. She was told that \$25,000 could be awarded and the grant paperwork could be filled before the beginning of the fiscal year. Funds would not be disbursed until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-**

Town Manager Cox noted that all paperwork for the authorization to award the contract on the sidewalk project has been filed.

She stated that Mr. Dylan Locke with Floyd County Store has asked to use Warren G. Lineberry Community Park as a backup venue for the Celebration of Life event for Mr. Timmy Mills on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The park will only be used if the event becomes too large for the Country Store location.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, and unanimously carried, to approve the Warren G. Lineberry Community Park use permit for Celebration of Life event for Mr. Timmy Mills on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

Town Manager Cox noted that the playground has been installed and we are just waiting on mulch to be delivered from the supplier. It should be available in the coming week.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

Vice Mayor Patton voiced concerns about the burnt trailer on N. Locust Street. Town Manager Cox requested that Town Attorney Shortt address questions and concerns since he has reviewed the zoning ordinance regarding the structure. Town Attorney Shortt stated that the structure must be rebuilt or replaced with a structure the same size. If another mobile home is placed in the location the code states that the mobile home can be no more the 10 years old. The owner of the property has two years to replace the structure or the grandfather clause lapses. Town Attorney Shortt noted that most mobile homes will eventually phase out because the of the marketplace. If needed the nuisance ordinance can be used to require the removal of the burnt trailer due to safety.

It was recommended that Town Manager Cox contact the property owner to make him aware of the zoning ordinance and inform him that the mobile home can be removed and within 2 years it can be replaced.

Councilman LeMay noted that the playground looks great and it is a great addition to the park and for the kids of the community.

**CLOSED SESSION-**

None

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until April 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

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**William R. Griffin, Mayor**

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**Katie Holfield, Town Clerk**