

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
May 2, 2019
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Vice Mayor Patton called the May 2, 2019 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Councilman Turner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

Vice Mayor Patton stated that Town Council has continued to have a frequent guest that stated he is voicing the concerns of people who have approached him. At the last meeting, Vice Mayor Patton and Councilman LeMay asked if these people know or were told they could attend the meetings as well.

Vice Mayor Patton noted that the people (Town Council Members) at this table genuinely want to hear from the people they serve and want to here the comments. More times than not, Town Council receive constructive comments, that doesn't mean we don't want to hear the comments. We want to hear from our citizens, come speak with us. Citizens Comment period is a time for us to listen and hear your concerns, we genuinely do care.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

A. April 4th and April 18th minutes- Council reviewed the minutes provided.

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the April 4, 2019 and April 18, 2019 minutes.

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

PRESENTATION-

A. New River Community Action

Ms. Terry Smusz and Mr. John McEnhill presented information on the New River Community Action. Mr. McEnhill stated that he has served on the New River Community Action Board for the past 17 years. He noted that New River Community Action is an A+ non-profit organization with a very good compliance audit record. He is extremely proud of the advisory board and all their continued work with the backpack and FISH program. Mr. McEnhill closed by thanking Council for the consistent support of New River Community Action.

Ms. Terry Smusz provided members with a copy of the New River Community Action annual report and request for funds. She stated that funding for the Town of Floyd goes to support the New River Community Action Emergency Assistance Program. The program helps individuals and families that have fallen on tough times pay for food, utilizes, rent and prescription medications. NRCA staff then work with the individuals to help them plan and budget their money to help them get back on track. Last year the program served 1333 individuals in 553 families this year to date 1116 individuals and 460 families have been served. Ms. Smusz thanked Town Council for their funded and thanked Councilman LeMay for serving on the NRCA Board.

B. Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. John McEnhill, Executive Director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce shared a handout with Council members illustrating the new projects that the Chamber will doing this year as well as the projected budget. Mr. McEnhill stated that the Visitor Center continues to be operated 7 days a week. Last year he was able to hire a Visitor Center Supervisor to help oversee the day to day operations a couple of days a week. It would be ideal if the Supervisor's hours could be extended so she could work 3 days a week. (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). When the supervisor position was created it allowed more time for Mr. McEnhill and Ms. Pat Sharkey, Tourism Director, to focus on their duties.

The Visitor Center continues to be a great resource of those visiting Floyd as well so the residents of Floyd. The Visitors Center created useful resource sheets with local services to share with residents (ex. Snow removal companies, individuals the sell firewood). They also help a large percentage people who have or plan to relocate to Floyd.

Mr. McEnhill noted that the decline in Visitor Center traffic last year was due to the two major hurricanes that effected our area. This prompted closure of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Visitors Center for an extended period of time.

While reviewing the FY19-20 Fiscal Overview, Mr. McEnhill stated that all the income shown is directly used for the Visitors Center. The Chamber pays a vast majority of the bills for the Visitors Center space with the Tourism Office contributing same funding for office use.

Mr. McEnhill thanked the Town for their support. The funding really means a great deal to the Chamber.

C. Old Church Gallery

Ms. Catherine Pauley complimented Town Council members on the success of the Small Town Summer concerts. Your doing great things for the Town of Floyd and the Community. We are not gradians of the universe, but we are the heart of this small town. The way we get around and the way we protect each other and our small town is what counts.

Ms. Pauley shared a photo of the Esther the Rino, the newest addition to the Old Church Gallery. The piece of folk art was created by Mr. Andy Hylton and donated by his family. She explained that there are many folk artists in Floyd County, one of the most well known is Mr. RO Slusher who created coupled dancing dolls using a single tree.

Ms. Pauley stated that the Heritage Basket Exhibit was a great success. The Old Church Gallery received accreditation in the National Basket Magazine after a group on visitor ran across the exhibit while visiting Floyd. It is an honor to receive recognition on a national level.

The Old Church Gallery continues to work on the Roots with Wings project. Ms. Pauley stated that they have added eight more interviews since last year. Copy of the first section of interviews are available at all the local elementary schools as well as the local libraries in the NRV.

Ms. Pauley noted that the Gallery will be open for the season starting this weekend and the volunteers work on the new exhibits through the winter months. Vice Mayor Patton asked if there was anything Town Council could help beside funding. Ms. Pauley stated that the Town can pass the word along that the gallery offers their parking area to large organizations or group events in Town for extra parking area in Town. Vice Mayor Patton asked if the gallery has seen an increase in traffic off the Heritage Trail. Ms. Pauley said they had seen a slight increase this past summer. She concluded by thanking the Town for supporting the Gallery.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

A. Warren G. Lineberry Park Application

Town Manager Cox summarized the park application that Mr. Alan Graf had submitted for an Americana event to be held on September 7, 2019. The event would include music and crafts from local bluegrass and Appalachian bands. This would be a free event that Mr. Graf would hope to hold annually. Mr. Graf's application had asked that vendors be allowed to set up and sell merchandise. It was consensus of Council members that the Park Rules would not be amended, and the sale of merchandise would not be allowed for the event.

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, and unanimously carried, to approve the Warren G. Lineberry Community Park use permit for the Americana event on September 7, 2019 under the condition that Mr. Graf adhere to the current Park Rules and provide a current certificate of liability insurance.

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

B. Small Town Summer

Mr. Dylan Locke reported that he received support again from Skyline National Bank, Floyd Press, and Citizens for the Small Town Summer events. He then provided Council members with a proof of the Small Town Summer t-shirts. He hopes to have them in by the first event on June 6th. Councilman Turner noted he has already had inquires from several people who are interested in purchasing a shirt. Vice Mayor Patton asked if Mr. Locke plans to offer kids sizes. Mr. Locke stated that kids' sizes will be available. Mr. Locke is working to create an information sheet for local artists who would like to submit options for the t-shirt art for the 2020 events.

Mr. Locke discussed the option of adding brackets to the wooden beam along the top of the stage to able to add theater lighting for the performances. They also discussed the need for a rain plan for each event. Mr. Locke has reached out to Mr. Barry Hollandsworth with Floyd County High School as a possible rain location, as well as the manager at Dogtown. Mr. Locke will continue to get a rain plan in place before each event.

Mr. Locke will provide Town Manager Cox with the draft three-year contract between Town Council and Mr. Locke for organizing the events as well as a price for lighting brackets and cost of t-shirts. Town Manager Cox will share those with Council members at the next meeting.

C. New River Valley Regional Commission Zoning Task Order

Councilman Bond stated that he spoke with the Planning Commission about the Zoning Task Order. Planning Commission members felt the Ms. Aphi Fancon's resources are needed to complete the final revisions to the zoning ordinance. She is a valuable resource to the Commission and the Planning Commission recommends that Town Council move forward with the task order.

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, and unanimously carried, to approve the New River Valley Regional Commission Zoning Task Order for July 2019 through June 2020 in the amount of \$7,500 as presented.

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

D. FY2019-2020 Budget

Town Manager Cox noted that she had sent Council members the revised draft FY2019-2020 earlier in the week.

On a motion by Councilman LeMay, seconded by Councilman Bond to authorize Town Manager Cox to advertise for a Public Hearing for the FY2019-2020 budget to be held on June 6, 2019 at 5:30pm in W. Skip Bishop Town Hall.

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

On a motion by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman LeMay and passed, it was resolved to temporarily change the regular meetings of the Floyd Town Council to 5:30pm for the months of June, July and August 2019. The Floyd Town Council will resume their regular meeting time of 6:30pm on September 5, 2019.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox shared that Tour De Floyd will be held on May 18, 2019 and will begin at Chantilly Farm and she reminded Council Members of the Business Appreciation Lunch on May 3rd from noon to 1:30pm at Hotel Floyd.

Town Manager Cox stated that the ditch in Warren G. Lineberry Memorial Park was cleaned out and re-rocked this week. This will help with the ponding issue that happened in the park last year.

Town Manager Cox reported on she received the revised Appendix A for the additional funding from VDOT on the sidewalk project. The Town will be responsible for 20% of the additional and will also need to contribute around \$41,000 in funds from the general fund or reserves to complete the project.

On a motion by Councilman Bond, seconded by Councilman LeMay and passed, it was resolved to authorize and move forward to execute the signing of Appendix A.

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

Once the agreement is signed, the Town will await Federal authorization from VDOT to award the contract. This process could take a couple of weeks. Vice Mayor Patton asked Mr. David Whitaker if he had any questions. Mr. Whitaker asked when the project would begin. Town Manager Cox stated that once the contract between the Town and contractor is executed, the contractor will have 180 day to complete the project.

Councilman LeMay asked if VDOT plans to repave Oxford Street once the sidewalks are complete. Town Manager Cox noted that repaving of the street is not part of the project, any road improvements would come out of VDOT maintenance funds. Town Manager Cox stated that she has reached out to Mr. David Clarke, VDOT Resident Engineer, about attending one of the upcoming Town Council meeting. She is waiting word on a date that works with Mr. Clarke's schedule.

Councilman Bond asked if Town Manager Cox has received quotes from Citizen's on the camera system for the public restrooms. Town Manager Cox noted that she has gotten to look over the information briefly and plans to have a recommendation for Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Turner asked for an update on the bike racks. Town Manager Cox stated that Ms. Pat Sharkey is working with Mr. Doug Thompson, FCHS Welding Teacher, on the project.

Town Manager Cox stated that another doggie waste station will be added to the park. The guys should install it tomorrow, weather permitting.

Five members of the Floyd County Girls Scout troop of 4th and 5th graders came to the park last week and planned flowers as part of their community service project. They also presented Vice Mayor Patton and Councilman LeMay with a check for \$1,000 to pay for the purchase of the ADA swings for the playground. The \$1,000 was raised from the Girl Scout troops cookies sales. Councilman LeMay stated that Vice Mayor Patton did a wonderful job speaking with the girl scout troop about how their contribution was helping the community.

Councilman Bond asked if Town Manager Cox had spoken with the property owner of the burnt trailer on South Locust Street. Town Manager Cox stated that is on her to-do list.

OTHER BUSINESS-

None

CLOSED SESSION-

None

ADJOURNMENT-

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until May 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

Michael Patton, Vice Mayor

Katie Holfield, Town Clerk