

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL**

**August 1, 2019**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Griffin called the August 1, 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

Vice Mayor Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-**

Mrs. Becky Howell stated the following,

“I am not a town resident, so I appreciate the opportunity you are giving me to speak.

I’m new to the rec sports thing, my kids played when it was just sandlot, the only uniform was a t-shirt, and they played at school playgrounds. I definitely don’t understand the situation we are in. There are obviously big problems within the authority but I am not here to place blame. I don’t know who was involved and I don’t know how the problems developed.

I don’t know what is in the proposal that was presented to you on Tuesday, but I wonder if it might be less of a burden on all taxpayers if the recreational authority continued and took care of all the programs except sports. There have obviously been problems in the past, but the chairman of the authority seems to have a vision for the organization that might work. I assume she has included ideas on fundraising. It is my understanding that when she offered to develop a plan, no one discouraged her. Apparently a lot of time and effort went into the preparation of the report and I hope you have had an opportunity to review it. I know this question has been dragging on for several months, but with the report, you have more information to consider and I believe you owe it to her, to the citizens, and to yourselves to take the time to consider the ideas presented. Last year the town contributed \$5000 to the authority, based on approximately 600 residents, that’s \$8.33 per person. The county contributed \$55000, based on 15,500 residents, that’s \$3.54 per person. Since town residents also pay county taxes, that works out to \$18.33 per town resident. I got the idea Tuesday night that you would follow the lead of the county. It appears to me that your constituents have a greater investment; you need to vote what is right for them.

I certainly don’t have all the information you have and can’t offer an opinion as to whether or not to dissolve the authority, but I encourage you to consider whether keeping the recreational authority in place is a way to keep costs reasonable for all taxpayers.”

**CONSENT CALENDAR-**

**A. July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> minutes-** Council reviewed the minutes provided.

Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Councilman LeMay, to approve the July 3, 2019 and July 18, 2019 minutes.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-**

**A. Lot Line Revision-Ashcraft**

Town Manager Cox stated that the Ashcraft plat shows a shift in one of the property lines. When Mr. Ashcraft bought the property, he was unaware that the property line ran through an existing structure on the property. The lot line revision will correct the issue. Town Manager Cox stated that the new plat conforms to all the setbacks and the plat was reviewed by both the Town and County since the property is located in both the Town and County.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Patton, seconded by Councilman LeMay to approve the Lot Line Revision plat for Mr. Ashcraft as presented.

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

**B. VML Annual Conference**

Town Manager Cox stated that additional information on the VML Annual Conference was included in the Council Packets. The conference will be held on October 6-8 at Hotel Roanoke. The cost for the conference is \$325 per person. If any council members would like to stay in Roanoke for the conference the block of rooms at Hotel Roanoke have been sold out but another hotel near by could be booked for accommodations. The agenda for the conference has not been released yet.

Mayor Griffin noted that a letter of thanks from the VFW for the donation in Mr. Roger Shortt's honor was included in Council packets. Town Attorney Jim Shortt thanked Council for the donation.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-**

Town Manager Cox noted that Finn Graphics has refaced 2 of the 4 entry way signs and is working to reface the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 50 years of Love banners have all been installed on the entry way sign. Councilman Turner suggested that the photos taken on Tuesday with the 50 years of Love banner at Town Hall be shared with Tourism Director Pat Sharkey.

Town Manager Cox stated that the County has been awarded a CBDG housing rehab grant. Town Manager Cox as well as member of the FISH committee, Mrs. Lydeana Martin, Community and Economic Development Director, Mrs. Karla Turman, Subdivision Agent, and Mrs. Terri Morris, County Administrator all serve on the committee. Part of the grant process includes a public meeting to gauge community housing rehab assistance need from residents. The public meetings have been set for August 7<sup>th</sup> at the library. Meetings will be held at 1pm and 7pm.

Town Manager Cox hand delivered a letter to the property owner of the burnt trailer. A copy of the letter was included in the Council packets.

Town Manager Cox shared a draft of the dedication plaque for Mr. Sam Moore. The price of the plaque would be \$155 from Finn Graphics. Mayor Griffin suggested that Town Manager Cox reach out to Mrs. Dolly Moore for a better photo of Mr. Moore.

Town Manager Cox noted that she stopped by Maberry Funeral Home this week to talk with Mrs. Roberson about the parking signage. Ms. Roberson was not in when Town Manager Cox stopped by, but Town Manager Cox was able to talk briefly with the staff. Town Manager Cox plans to follow back up and set up a time to talk with Mrs. Roberson next week. Council members feel that we can work together to help find a solution to the parking issues.

Town Manager Cox has spoken with Ms. Wagner, that owner the property where the entry way sign was placed on 221S. Ms. Wagner is open to modifying the existing easement so the sign can be reinstalled off of the milk house. Town Attorney Shortt is working to modify the existing easement. Once the new easement has been recorded, Town Manager Cox will present Council with cost estimates on reinstalling the entryway sign.

Town Manager Cox has been contacted by members of the Small Business Development Center who have requested \$500 in funding. Town Manager Cox gave a brief history of past funding for the SBDC, noting that in October of 2018 Town Council contributed \$1000 in matching funds to the SBDC for a GOVA grant. The contribution was meant to be a 2-year commitment to the SBDC however that GOVA grant was not fully funded. Town Manager Cox stated that Council did not budget in FY19-20 for additional SBDC funds. Mayor Griffin and Town Manager Cox spoke highly of the services that are offered by the SBDC stating that they hold regular office hours in Floyd and in the NRV to help

businesses with business plans, new business concepts, etc. to promote business creation and growth. No action was taken on the funding request.

Town Manager Cox has submitted a Risk Management Grant with VML to recoup some of the cost for playground mulch in the new playground in the park. This funding is awarded on a first come, first serve bases. Town Manager Cox should know if the Town is awarded the funding within 30 days.

Town Manager Cox asked Council if they had any recommendations for recognition program. Vice Mayor Patton stated that new recognition plaque looks really nice.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

Mayor Griffin thanked Council members for attending the Joint meeting on Tuesday night. On Tuesday night the Board of Supervisors voted to dissolve the Floyd/Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority. Mayor Griffin read the Board of Supervisors motion from Tuesday nights meeting. On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to assume the debt of the Floyd-Floyd County Recreation Authority and approve the dissolution of that Authority contingent on the Floyd Town Council agreeing to dissolve the Authority and transfer all of the Authority's assets including real and intellectual properties to the County with the restriction that if the Recreation Park were sold the proceeds of such sale would be split equally between the County and Town.

Vice Mayor Patton asked what the Town's options are since the County has moved to dissolve the authority. Mayor Griffin stated that Mrs. Kendra Edgell, Chairman of the Authority, resigned from her position on the Floyd-Floyd County Parks and Recreation Authority after the Joint meeting on Tuesday night. At this time that leaves only two acting members on the authority and each of those members spoke in favor of the dissolution of the authority at Tuesday night's meeting. It seems to be a futile effort to leave the authority in an active state. Mayor Griffin stated that it is his opinion that council should vote to the dissolution of the authority and support the county's new recreation department.

Council members discussed that the recreation park must be used for recreation purposes only and if at any point the County decided to sell the park, fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds would revert to the Town. Members pointed out that the County's motion to dissolve was a bit vague on the details regarding the usage of the park. Mayor Griffin stated that he had spoken with Mr. Lauren Yoder, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor, about the park usage and the need for a clause that if the property were ever sold fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds would revert to the Town. Mr. Yoder did not foresee any problem with the terms.

Vice Mayor Patton stated that it would be in the best interest of the children of the community to support the Board of Supervisors. He felt as thou Council was leaving Mrs. Edgell and Mrs. Jonie Brennen out on a limb by cutting off their efforts to improve the authority. The Council just has to do what it has to do, this is just one of those times. He noted that he appreciated the time that Mrs. Edgell and Mrs. Brennen contributed to the authority, their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Councilman Turner stated that there is no need for the County and the Town to rehash the matter. The main thing is to make it work the way we want it to work. It is going to take a lot of effort to get the new department where it needs to be. It's not going to be as easy as people think. Things have not been thought through. Council can help where we can and support the County's new department. He noted that he hated to see that Mrs. Edgell had stepped down, but he know that it has been a difficult and emotional time. The County is going to have to put 100% forward to see this department though.

Councilman LeMay asked if Town Council will have any oversight to see this department through and if Council will get updates on how the department is progressing. It was noted that Council needs to keep the lines of communication with the County open.

Councilman Bond stated that the first few months are going to be an uphill battle and if Council chooses not to dissolve it would make that even harder. We need to move forward and support the County to make these programs and the new department a success.

After hearing from all the Council members, the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Patton, and duly seconded by Councilman LeMay, to accept the Resolution of the Floyd-Floyd Country Public Recreational Facilities Authority adopted January 14, 2019, to dissolve such Authority and that the assets of such Authority transfer equally to the Town of Floyd and to the County of Floyd, and upon such dissolution of the Authority that the real and personal assets of the dissolved Authority then be transferred and conveyed from the Town of Floyd to the County of Floyd, upon the condition that the County of Floyd must first pay for all debts and obligations of the dissolved Authority as required by VA. Code §15.2-5616, and upon the condition that the deed conveying the real estate previously owned by the dissolved Authority contain a restriction providing that such real estate must be owned by the County of Floyd and may only be used in the future as a public park for recreational activities, and if it is not so used or titled, title to the real estate would revert back to the Town of Floyd in the proportion of 50%.

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

Vice Mayor Patton requested that Town Manager Cox send Mrs. Edgell and Mrs. Brennen a letter of appreciation for the time they served on the recreation authority.

**CLOSED SESSION-**

None

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Councilman LeMay makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until August 1, 2019 at the Floyd Town Hall.

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**William R. Griffin, Mayor**

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**Katie Holfield, Town Clerk**