

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
June 3, 2021
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the June 3, 2021 meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER-

Mayor Griffin called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Councilman Turner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Mr. Paul Lacoste, event organizer with the Tour De Floyd, presented Mr. Bryan Smith with the Floyd County Rescue Squad, with a check for \$3315.12. Mr. Lacoste stated that this will be the last donation due to raising cost in fees and regulations the Tour De Floyd ride is no longer sustainable. Council members thanked Mr. Lacoste for his continued determination and stated that they hate to see the Tour De Floyd end. Mr. Lacoste thanked Town Council members for their continued support since 2007 and stated that it was good while it lasted.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY2021-2022 BUDGET-

Town Manager Cox read the notice of proposed FY2021-2022 Budget.

LEGAL NOTICE ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Public Hearing Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the W. Skip Bishop, Jr. Town Hall on the proposed budget for FY2021-2022. Copies of the proposed FY2021-2022 budget are available for public inspection at the Town of Floyd Office, 138 Wilson Street, Floyd, VA, and Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Income:	\$665, 000.00
--Cash Reserves	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
Total Income:	\$915,000.00

Expenses:	
--Administrative Budget	\$437,500.00
--Public Works	\$ 53,050.00
--General Corporation Expense	<u>\$424,450.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$915,000.00

Kayla W. Cox, Town Manager

The regular meeting of the Floyd Town Council will immediately follow the Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 budget at the W. Skip Bishop, Jr. Town Hall, 134 Wilson Street, Floyd, VA.

Mayor Griffin opened the floor for public comment on the FY2021-2022 Budget, being no public comment, the following motion was made.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, to close the public hearing on the FY2021-2022 Budget.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR-

A. May 6th and May 20th minutes- Council reviewed the minutes provided in their packets.

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to approve the May 6, 2021, as presented and May 20, 2021, minutes as amended.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

A. FY2021-2022 VRSA Renewal

Town Manager Cox stated that the annual VRSA renewal has increase by about \$1100. She stated that last year the Town had received a 10% COVID reimbursement and that some of the increase is due to adding the new trash truck which requires higher coverage value. She added that cyber liability through VRSA is not longer outsourced and the amount per claim has decrease from \$2 million to \$1 million per claim.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to approve the annual Virginia Risk Sharing Association insurance renewal for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$12,655.

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

B. Warren G. Lineberry Park Use Application-Floyd County Drug Court-Mr. Byron Turner

Town Manager Cox stated that Mr. Byron Turner has requested use of the park to share his addiction story and how he has overcome addiction as part of his give back program through Floyd County Drug Court. Town Manager Cox has requested documentation from New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) stating that Mr. Turner is affiliated with the program. Vice Mayor Patton asked that Town Manager Cox emphasize to Mr. Turner that the donations would be, just that a donation, to Eagles Nest Restoration.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Patton, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, and passed, it was resolved to approve the Warren G. Lineberry Park use application for Mr. Byron Turner for the event to be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm with a rain date of Saturday, July 3, 2021, contingent on receiving documentation from Floyd County Drug Court/New River Valley Community Services(NRVCS) that Mr. Turner is affiliated with their program.

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

C. FY2021-2022 Budget

Council members discussed the donation request lists. Each council member shared their thoughts and the amount they felt each organization should receive. Once each member had shared their thoughts, they agreed to allocate an average of their amounts to each organization.

Chamber of Commerce	\$1,600.00
Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust	\$1,800.00
Floyd County Historical Society	\$2,000.00
Floyd County Merchants' & Businessmen's Association	\$1,100.00
Floyd Center for the Arts	\$1,600.00
Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library	\$3,000.00
New River Community Action	\$1,833.00
Old Church Gallery	\$2,300.00

Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation	\$550.00
Sustain Floyd	\$967.00
Literacy Volunteers of NRV	\$250.00
The Handmade Music School	\$500.00
Total:	\$17,500.00

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox stated that she is still awaiting guidance from the State relating to the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. It is still unclear on the amount the Town will receive and the process on how the Town must certify to receive the funds. She has reviewed calculations on revenue replacement for the Town, and it appears that a large percentage of the funds may be used for this purpose. Councilman Whitaker asked if council members should wait to decide on Town Hall improvement. Town Council knows the exact amount of ARPA funds that can be used for the project. Town Manager Cox stated that at this time she is not sure when the Town will receive the ARPA funds. On the weekly managers call this week it seems like several other localities may also have infrastructure improvement projects in mind, hopefully all the localities will not be fighting for the same contractors.

Town Manager Cox stated that Ms. Susan Leonard, event coordinator with the Floyd County Merchants’ and Businessmen’s Association contacted her earlier this week about plans for the 4th of July Celebration. The celebration would be held on the baseball field at Floyd County High School on the evening of July 3rd.

Town Manager Cox stated that she had spoken with Sheriff Brian Craig about the speed buggy owned by the sheriff’s office. Sheriff Craig stated that due to the age of the speed buggy there is no way to retrieve the data from the computer system and he stated that it would cost about \$5,000 to \$6,000 to replace. Councilman Turner stated that he would like to see permanent speed regulation signs placed at each end of Town to slow traffic down as they enter the Town limits as well as an LED stop sign at the intersection of West Oxford Street and South Locust Street. Town staff will obtain pricing on the speed regulation and LED signs and update council members at the next Town Council meeting.

Town Manager Cox stated that she has spoken with VDOT representatives about the missing pedestrian signs at the crosswalks at Angels in the Attic, Blue Ridge Diner and at the end of the Heritage Trail. She noted that she has had several calls from businesses about the missing signs.

Town Manager Cox has spoken with Mr. Ronald Sowers, local VDOT representative regarding the drainage issues along Fox Street and Penn Ave at Pine Ridge Apartments. Mr. Sowers thought there would be a simple fix to the drainage issue by adding a drainage basin however it is not feasible due to the grade along the road. Mr. Sower told Town Manager Cox that they will continue to work to find the best solution to fix the problem and at that time the road would be repaved.

Town Manager Cox stated that final changes are being made to the tourism agreement. The Board of Supervisors has requested that a small group of two Town Council member and two Board of

Supervisors be created to discuss the final changes and items that need additional clarification within the agreement.

Councilman Turner stated that one of the things that needs to be kept in mind, is there a need for both the Tourism Development Council and the Tourism Advisory Board? Should the groups be consolidated? Members continued by discussing sections of the agreement that had been added by the County Attorney. Town Manager Cox stated that Town Attorney Shortt has emailed some concerns about those sections as well.

It was consensus of council members that Mayor Griffin and Councilman Whitaker meet with Supervisor Linda DeVito and Supervisor Jerry Booth on Monday, June 7th to discuss the last items that need clarification within the Tourism Agreement.

Council members completed the conversation by discussing the role of the fiscal agent. Council members were still in consensus that the Town would be the fiscal agent listed in the Tourism Agreement however Vice Mayor Patton was still hesitant to add the additional responsibility to the Town office staff. Councilman Turner stated that this new document gives clear guidance on how the County and Town will work together to make the new tourism position a success, not to say that there will not challenges but it must be a give and take scenario to make it work. Both parties need to go into the new agreement with a positive attitude. Mayor Griffin added that tourism is vital to both the County and the Town, and we need to work together to make the new agreement a success.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Councilman Whitaker asked about the cleaning and painting of the ramp at the public restrooms and when it would be completed. Town Manager Cox stated that the anti-skid paint has been order and should be in first of the week.

Town Manager Cox stated that Small Town Summer t-shirts have been order and will be ready for the first event on June 17th.

Mayor Griffin asked if Town Manager Cox had an update on the County imposing a Cigarette tax. Town Manager Cox stated that the County still has not taken any action on imposing a cigarette tax and that the New River Valley Regional Commission will not be overseeing a regional program because there was not enough interest in the New River Valley. The County may revisit the cigarette tax in July or August and Town Manager Cox will continue to keep Town Council updated on any changes.

CLOSED SESSION-

Councilman Turner makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, to go into closed session for discussion of pay rates for staff under personnel Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. Section 1, Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve

discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

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

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, and unanimously carried; it was resolved to come out of closed session.

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

CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Council convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discussion of pay rates for staff under personnel Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A. Section 1, Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

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

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT-

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until June 17, 2021, at 5:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

Will Griffin, Mayor

Katie Holfield, Town Clerk