

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL  
June 17, 2021  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Griffin called the June 17, 2021, meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER-**

Mayor Griffin called for a moment of silent prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-**

None

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-**

**A. Financials**

Mayor Will Griffin went over financials and stated that YTD income was \$163,000 higher than budgeted mostly in the meals tax. It seems that we are coming out the COVID-19 Pandemic strong. Mayor Griffin asked if there were any questions regarding the financials. No questions were asked.

**B. Tourism Program Draft Agreement**

Mayor Will Griffin said that we need to approve the Tourism Program Agreement.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Patton, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, and passed, it was resolved adopt the Tourism Agreement.

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

Mayor Will Griffin said he would like to thank Kayla Cox and Dr. Millsaps for working on this.

**C. FY2021-2022 Budget**

Mayor Will Griffin asked for approval of FY 2021-2022 budget and no changes had been made since the hearing.

Vice Mayor Michael Patton made a motion to add an amendment in salary line item and proposed the Town Manager salary be increased to \$80,000.00.

Mayor Will Griffin stated that they would be going into closed session for discussion. Vice Mayor Michael Patton stated that he did not see the need for closed session. Councilman David Whitaker said that he would prefer this be discussed in closed session. Mayor Will Griffin said the motion has died.

Mayor Will Griffin gave the Town Managers report. Mayor Will Griffin said that Town Manager Kayla Cox and himself had discussed the 30/30 Green Grants that Clerk Katie Holfield had wrote. The Town of Floyd will receive a grant award of \$1,000.00 for its Cigarette Litter Prevention project. The Town will use the \$1,000.00 Green Grant funds to install smoker's receptacles throughout downtown Floyd, including the Warren G. Lineberry Community Park, the entrance and exit to the Heritage Trail, the main public parking areas, as well as the Floyd Visitors Center, and the Floyd Farmer's Market. Educational information bringing awareness to cigarette litter and the new receptacles will be available on a touchscreen visitor station. Councilman Whitaker asked how many there would be. Mayor Will Griffin said he was not sure.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-**

Mayor Will Griffin said that the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce board of directors amended chamber's bylaws to modify the ex-officio board seats for local government organizations which would include a representative from the Town of Floyd that is either a member of the Town Council or member of the Town staff. The amendment takes place July 1,2021 and has changed from only voting to non-voting status. Mayor Will Griffin asked if anyone would like to do this. Councilman David Whitaker said he would think about it.

Mayor Will Griffin said there is the Renew the New which is cleaning up trash in and out of the little river. Mayor Will Griffin stated that the County wants to get on board in 2021 with this as last year was not done due to Covid-19. Mayor Will Griffin said he believes the Town gave \$500.00 in 2017 to help pay for materials towards this it was not a 50/50 split in the cost. Councilman David Whitaker said he would like to know what the County is giving first. Mayor Will Griffin said he would get Town Manager Kayla Cox to find out. Vice Mayor Michael Patton

said would there be any interest amongst the Town people and that we should do our part individually however he is not physically able to this year and by doing this does it mean we have to contribute our men to this? Mayor Will Griffin said this was more of a participation on your own event. Vice Mayor Michael Patton stated he was all for it. Councilman David Whitaker said he would not be able to as he already has obligations in the morning time.

Mayor Will Griffin said there would be no trash pickup tomorrow in observance of Juneteenth Day and the office would be closed. Also, Small Town Summer events starts tonight with 2 bands and a movie.

Mayor Will Griffin asked if there was any further business. Vice Mayor Michael Patton said he would like to ask to clarify if Councilman David Whitaker was going to sit on the Chamber. Councilman David Whitaker said he was going to think about it, but he could.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Turner, and unanimously carried; it was resolved to appoint Councilman Whitaker as the ex-officio to the Chamber of Commerce board.

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

Councilman Bruce Turner said that we need two people on the Tourism board.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, and unanimously carried; it was resolved to appoint Councilman Turner to the Tourism board.

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

Councilman Bruce Turner nominated Vice Mayor Michael Patton to the Tourism board as the second person. Vice Mayor Michael Patton declined. Mayor Will Griffin said that we would hold off on the second person since Councilman Chris Bond was not present.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

None

**CLOSED SESSION-**

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, 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—absent
- Mayor Griffin—aye

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

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

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until July 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

Editor Becky Howell with the Floyd Beacon asked if the budget was approved. Mayor Will Griffin said they did not. Vice Mayor Michael Patton made a motion to reconvene the meeting to approve the budget. Councilman David Whitaker seconded.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Patton, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, and passed, it was resolved adopt the FY22 budget.

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

**ADJOURNMENT-**

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until July 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

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**William R. Griffin, Mayor**

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**Teresa Conner, Acting Clerk**