

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
July 1, 2021
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the July 1, 2021, meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

ROLL CALL –Vice Mayor Patton, Councilman Turner, Councilman Whitaker, Councilman Bond, Mayor Griffin, Acting Town Attorney Janet Murrell, 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 Whitaker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

None

CONSENT CALENDAR-

- A. June 3rd and June 17th minutes-** Council reviewed the minutes provided in their packets. Councilman Bond makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, to approve the June 3, 2021, and June 17, 2021, minutes as amended.
- Councilman Turner-aye
 - Councilman Whitaker-aye
 - Councilman Bond-aye
 - Vice Mayor Patton-aye
 - Mayor Griffin-aye

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-

A. Financials

Town Manager Cox reviewed the financials with council members. She noted that the Town has received their first installment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, \$226,179. Since the funds are more the 1% of the budgeted revenues the Town must hold a public hearing account for the funds.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to hold a public hearing on August 5, 2021, at 5:30pm for budget revision to account for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

Town Manager Cox discussed the aging trash cans with council members. She shared several replaced options with council members and price quotes. The quote she shared would be to purchase 7 combo units (1—cigarette receptacle and 1—trash can) and 3 trash cans that totals \$6,202.07. The 30 in 30 grant, in the amount of \$1000, would pay for the seven cigarette receptacles. Town Manager Cox stated that the 10 aging trash cans could be consolidated using the good parts and several of the cans should be reused.

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, to expend \$6,202.07 to purchase seven combo units (1—cigarette receptacle and 1—trash can) and three additional trash cans.

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

B. Warren G. Lineberry Park Use

Town Manager Cox asked for feedback from town council members on how to handle pop up events in the park. It seems that more and more of these events are happening weekly.

After brief discussion it was consensus of council members that organized events that are advertised in Warren G. Lineberry Community Park must submit a park application for Town Council approval. Unorganized events and gathering in the park are not subject to the park use application.

C. FY2022 SCSEP Agreement

Town Manager Cox stated the FY2021 Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) agreement expired on June 30, 2021. She stated that she is working with Mr. John McEnhill, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, on the new FY2022 SCSEP agreement. She stated that she does not foresee any changes to the for the FY2021 agreement.

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to authorize Town Manager Cox to renew the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) agreement for FY2022 as long as there are not changes.

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

D. Tourism Development Council Appointments

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, to appoint Councilman Chris Bond to the Tourism Development Council for a two-year term ending June 30, 2023.

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

Town Manager Cox stated that the advertisement for the two community members to serve on the Tourism Development Council will run in the Floyd Press on July 8th and July 15th.

E. New River Community Action Advisory Board Appointment

Vice Mayor Patton makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Bond, to reappoint Councilman David Whitaker to the New River Community Action Advisory Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024.

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

Mayor Griffin stated that the appointment with the New River Valley Regional Commission does not have a term limit. He stated that the position is a great opportunity for council members to network and meet other local

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

Town Manager Cox stated that the tourism agreement has been signed and she is working on the memorandum of understanding for the office space that is shared with the Chamber of Commerce. She continued by stating that she and County Administrator, Linda Millsaps will be conducting interviews for the tourism position next week, they had received 61 applications.

Town Manager Cox stated that VDOT has been working on the Fox Street and Penn Street to fix the drainage issues. They plan to come back and pave Fox Street once the repairs are complete.

Council members discussed the possibility of having E Oxford Street paved. Vice Mayor Patton stated that he was under the impression that E Oxford Street would be paved by VDOT once the sidewalk installation was complete, and the fiber company had completed the fiber installation under the street. Council members continued by discussing the site distance issues along East Oxford Street and East Main Street as well as Woods Gap Road and Barberry Road. Council members asked that Town Manager Cox reach out to VDOT representatives and have them attend an upcoming town council meeting to discuss these issues.

Vice Mayor Patton voiced concerns about Willis Ave, the street that runs behind CVS Pharmacy and Pizza Inn. He stated that the road is in major disrepair. Town Manager Cox reminded council members that Willis Ave is a private drive owned by the property owners and is located outside of the town limits.

Town Manager Cox shared the new cost estimates from Thompson and Litton with council members. She stated that since we received the last cost estimates on April 15, 2021, the cost estimates have increased by about 30%, this includes construction material and the labor cost. Council members continued by discussing the construction options that were presented by Thompson and Litton. It was consensus of all council members that they prefer option 4 and requested that Town Manager Cox speak with the architects about removing the back door to the town manager's office and adding a door into the lobby. Town Manager Cox will request that architects from Thompson and Litton attend the 2nd August town council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS-

Vice Mayor Patton recommended honoring Dr. Garry Kuiken. He has notified his patients that he will be retiring. Town Manager Cox noted that representatives from Angel's in the Attic plan to attend the July 15th or August 5th Town Council meeting to accept their recognition.

CLOSED SESSION-

None

ADJOURNMENT-

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn until July 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm at the Floyd Town Hall.

Will Griffin, Mayor

Katie Holfield, Town Clerk