

**FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL  
February 17, 2022  
5:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Griffin called the February 17, 2022, meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order.

**ROLL CALL** – Councilman Patton, Vice-Mayor Turner, Councilman Whitaker, Mayor Griffin, Councilman Bond, Town Manager Morris, Town Attorney Murrell, Former Town Manager Cox, and Town Clerk Gregory were all present.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER-**

Mayor Griffin called for a moment of silent prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**

Councilman Patton led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS-**

No citizens comments were made.

**PRESENTATIONS-**

No presentations were made.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION -**

**A. Financials –**

Town Manager Morris and Former Town Manager Cox provided a copy of financial reports for current Fiscal Year 2021-22 through January to all Council members. Highlights included:

1. our Meals and Lodging tax revenues continue to exceed the budget predictions at 86% and 167% respectively.
2. Advertising expense account is over budget due to open employment positions. Legal expense approaching budgeted amount due to spending \$5204.80 to date on lawsuit.
3. ARPA funds - The Town received \$226,179 on June 30, 2021 and will receive an equal amount in June of 2022. These funds will be carried over into FY 2022.

No Council members had any comments.

**B. Skyline Bank – CD Renewal**

The Town of Floyd has a 24-month CD, \$54,365.34, with Skyline Bank that expired on February 11, 2022. We have 10 days from expiration to renew or transfer to a different account.

Former Town Manager Cox responded to Councilman Patton regarding the length of expired CD was a 2-year. Councilman Patton asked if renewing was the recommendation and Town Manager Morris responded that with the provided current CD rates vs. the .20% money market rate, we may want to put into money market and revisit CD options once rates improve. Councilman Bond, Councilman Patton, Vice-Mayor Turner, and Former Town Manager Cox discussed the reports that interest rates will increase in near future and the feasibility of putting into Town of Floyd's money market account.

Councilman Bond motioned and Councilman Patton seconded the motion to move the expired CD into Money Market Account with Town Manager Morris monitoring interest rates every few months for any changes to recommendations.

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

**C. Warren G. Lineberry Park- Floyd Americana Music & Arts Festival**

Agenda packet included application submitted by Mr. Graf for Floyd Americana Music and Arts Festival on Sunday September 18, 2022. Councilman Patton indicated he would like to hear more about the vendors attending the American Festival but otherwise he thinks the application Mr. Graf submitted be approved.

Councilman Patton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner to approve the Floyd Americana Music and Arts Festival Use Permit set for Sunday September 18, 2022.

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

**D. Loan Pool Advisory Board Recommendation**

Mayor Griffin asked for background on Loan Pool recommendation. Former Town Manager Cox indicated that the Loan Pool Advisory Board met on previous Thursday, February 10, 2022. They received a \$50,000 request from a lady who wants to start a food truck business. The lady has not yet established residency in Floyd and would like the loan to purchase the food truck.

The Loan Pool Advisory Board members consider the loan too risky and does not recommend approval. The reasons for their concern were the type of business – food truck, applicant isn't currently established in Floyd, and there is no commitment that the food truck will be located within the Town of Floyd 100% or at least for most of the time. They

would encourage her, owner of Meta Meals, LLC, to apply again once she's been established for a little while in Town of Floyd.

Councilman Patton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, to follow the recommendation set by the Loan Pool Advisory Board members and not approve the loan application for \$50,000 by Meta Meals, LLC.

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

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-**

Town Manager Morris updated the Council Members of items covered in previous meetings. He said he and the Town Clerk have received their business cards and he has worked with the Tourism Director to include all Town Councilmen on the Floyd Tourism newsletter email. He brought Bank Authorization cards which require signatures granting signature authorization to Mayor Griffin, Vice-Mayor Turner, Councilman Patton, and Town Manager Morris plus removing Former Town Manager Cox.

Town Manager Morris said he and Mike Maslaney are going to meet with Barry Collier of Thompson & Litton to discuss new bid and feasibility of building new facility on town-owned property near Warren G. Lineberry Park.

Town Manager Morris said he met with the Floyd Flower Power group to learn about their plans for beautifying Floyd. In response to Councilman Patton's question, Town Manager Morris did confirm that the beautification plans include the Floyd Community, not just the Town. Former Town Manager Cox provided background, including chairperson for the Floyd Flower Power group is Ms. Jean Wood. She said the Floyd Flower Power group has met with several businesses and community groups such as Citizens Telephone, Floyd Church of Christ, and Wall Residences on projects. Ms. Cox said that Flower Power member and co-owner of Wood Thrush Nursery, Ian Caton, held a class and demonstration recently at the library on growing plants native to Floyd County. She said the group would like to help with the Town of Floyd in planting native plants that require less maintenance and stay beautiful much longer. She said we have 8 planters around town and Mayor Griffin indicated maintenance to keep flowers looking nice has been an issue. Vice-Mayor Turner said it sounds nice and that he likes the idea of more plants. Turner mentioned that he's seen other localities with hanging baskets on light poles that look nice and had thought it would be a nice addition to Floyd. Council members said they are interested in learning more and like the idea of low maintenance plants around Town.

Town Manager Morris said he spoke with Cody Davis at Blue Ridge Wildlife & Pest Management, LLC regarding the skunk situation in the Town of Floyd. To setup traps at 2-3 businesses within Town of Floyd limits, the fee is \$319.00. The fee to remove trapped skunks is \$99 per skunk. Town employees will need to check traps each workday

morning and immediately contact Cody for locations and number trapped. Mr. Davis told Town Manager Morris that he will need writer permission from the business owners to trap and remove skunks. Traps will be setup on Mondays and closed on Friday afternoon.

Councilman Bond made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Turner, to hire at Blue Ridge Wildlife & Pest Management, LLC for quoted rates to remove skunks from locations within the Town of Floyd.

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

#### **OTHER**

Councilman Bond mentioned that the next time anyone talks to David Clarke with VDOT to ask about the long crosswalk system at the stoplight. Others indicated they thought it had gotten better since previous meeting. Councilman Whitaker said he thought the crosswalks were no longer set on automatic delay.

Vice-Mayor Turner asked if anyone had information related to an article in the Floyd Press which stated that David Clarke told County Supervisors that they will need to take over the crosswalks. He said he would like to learn more in case the county reaches out to Town for maintenance.

Councilman Patton asked about responses from Non-Profits for donations. Former Town Manager Cox said we have received several, including a couple of new ones. The deadline to receive letters is Friday, February 25, 2022.

Mayor Griffin reported there are no updates to on the lawsuit at this time. Mayor Griffin asked if there were any updates on the staff holiday dinner. Councilman Patton stated he does not have an update at this time.

#### **CLOSED SESSION- None**

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 5:57 pm.

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**William R. Griffin, Mayor**

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**Lynn Gregory, Town Clerk**