

FLOYD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
W. SKIP BISHOP JR., TOWN HALL
April 7, 2022
6:30 P.M.
AGENDA

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	MEETING CALL TO ORDER
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	ROLL CALL
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
6:30 PM	6:45 PM	CITIZENS COMMENT PERIOD*
6:45 PM	7:00 PM	CONSENT CALENDAR A. March 3, 2022 B. March 17, 2022
6:45 PM	7:45 PM	PRESENTATION A. Floyd Center for the Arts B. SustainFloyd C. Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library D. Mike Maslaney Recognition E. PSA Report-Mike Maslaney
7:45 PM	8:00 PM	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION A. Murals- Ordinance Amendment & Public Hearing B. Staining/Mulch at Warren G. Lineberry Park
8:00 PM	8:15 PM	TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
8:15 PM	8:30 PM	OTHER BUSINESS
8:30 PM	8:45 PM	CLOSED SESSION (If needed)
8:45 PM	8:45 PM	ADJOURNMENT

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Topic: Town Council Meeting—April 7, 2022

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March 3, 2022
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Griffin called the March 3, 2022, meeting of the Floyd Town Council to order at 5:45

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

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER-

Councilman Whitaker asked to dedicate the silent prayer to the Ukrainian people. Mayor Griffin called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

Councilman Whitaker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-

No citizens comments were made.

CONSENT CALENDAR-

- A. February 3, 2022**
- B. February 17, 2022**

Council members reviewed the February 3 and February 17, 2022, minutes provided in their packets.

Councilman Patton motioned, seconded by Councilman Bond, to approve minutes for both February 3 and February 17, 2022, as written.

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

PRESENTATION

None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION-

A. Warren G Lineberry Park — Floyd Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Floyd Friends of Asylum Seekers (FFOAS) submitted an application for the Floyd Hispanic Heritage Celebration for Saturday, September 17 from 1-4 pm at Warren G Lineberry Park. The application was submitted through Floyd CARE. In response to Councilman Patton’s and Mayor Griffin’s questions, Town Manager Morris confirmed that he was ok with the submission, and everything is in order.

Councilman Whitaker motioned, seconded by Councilman Bond, to approve the application for the Floyd Hispanic Heritage Celebration on September 17th.

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

B. Proclamation – Multiple Sclerosis Month (March 2022)

Town Manager Morris informed the Town Council members of a request to issue a Proclamation declaring March as Multiple Sclerosis Month. The Town of Floyd has proclaimed March as Multiple Sclerosis Month in years past.

Councilman Patton motioned, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, to approve the request and issue a Proclamation declaring March as Multiple Sclerosis Month

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

C. Appointments –

a. Town of Floyd Planning Commission

The Town of Floyd Planning Commission advertised for open position after a member stepped down. The Town of Floyd Planning Commission recommends applicant, Paul LeMay. Mr. LeMay has previously served on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Patton motioned, seconded by Councilman Bond, to approve Mr. LeMay as new member of the Town of Floyd Planning Commission.

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

b. Joint Sub-Committee

Town Manager Morris said Council has one other position to be filled. Mayor Griffin said he is the Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee.

Vice-Mayor Turner motioned, seconded by Councilman Patton, to approve Mayor Griffin to remain on the Floyd Joint Sub-Committee.

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Morris provided an update for the action items from previous meeting, February 17:

- A. American Flags and Winter/Seasonal Banners have been taken down. Spring Seasonal Banners have been installed.
- B. New signatures cards have been turned into the bank and new authorizations are in effect.
- C. CD withdrawal has been made and funds put into a Money Market account.
- D. Began Skunk trapping on Monday, February 28th.
- E. Town Manager Morris spoke with Mr. Clark at VDOT about repairing potholes on East Oxford Street. Town Manager Morris said maintenance personnel at VDOT will make repairs once the asphalt plant is back up; they are waiting for warmer weather. In response to Councilman Bond's question regarding VDOT priority for East Oxford Street, Town Manager Morris said he understood that it is on VDOT's list along with small repairs on some other streets in area.
- F. Public Works staff have begun cleaning up in town, including cleaning gravel from the sidewalks. They have also signed up for a Flag Training class and Town Manager also plans to attend.
- G. Business License renewals have been coming in and it's been a busy week.
- H. Town Manager Morris attended the Tourism Summit. A lot of positive feedback. Town Manager asked for Council members feedback on getting a social media presence for Town of Floyd so people can stay informed on what is going on in town. Also feedback for using QR codes for people coming to town can find businesses. Councilman Patton agreed it's a great idea if focus is for providing information and not soliciting comments. Town Manager Morris said he can set it so that posts do not allow comments.

- I. Mowing and weed eating – Town Manager Morris said the contract for mowing and weed eating is up for renewal and asked if Council members wanted to go out for bids or renew. He said Patrick Rakestraw is willing to hold rate as the same as 2021 Rakestraw Lawn Care contract rate but not sure if that will change if we go out for bid. Councilman Patton said he understood because Mr. Rakestraw must also make a living. Asked if Rakestraw Lawn Care did a good job for the town, former Town Manager Cox stated that every year we do have issues with them in the beginning, but they do improve. She said that Public Works staff do have to check behind Rakestraw Lawn Care’s crew for a while at first to make sure things are getting done.

Town Manager Morris said he has heard from several other companies who have expressed interest in submitting a proposal.

Councilman Patton motioned, seconded by Vice Mayor Turner, to renew agreement with Rakestraw Lawn Care, at the same pricing as 2021.

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

- J. Town Manager Morris and Planning Commission Chairman Maslaney met with Barry Collier of Thompson and Litton at the site behind Warren G. Lineberry Park. Town Manager said he spoke with Mr. Collier on March 2nd. Mr. Collier indicated he can apply some of the \$75,000 from Memorandum Our Understanding # 2 to perform a concept study for a new building at Town of Floyd owned property behind the park. Chairman Maslaney and Town Manager Morris recommend obtaining more information of feasibility for constructing a new building before doing any renovations on current Town Hall. Town Manager Morris reached out to County Building Official Bolt to see if recommendation is still considered progress towards resolving ADA complaint.

OTHER

- A. Former Town Manager Cox provided report grant received from United States Treasury Department through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town of Floyd was awarded \$452,358 and received \$266,179 fiscal year 2020-2021. Ms. Cox mentioned that the Treasury Department has She provided a one-page summary of latest guidance on the ARPA funding was issued in January 2022. The summary included highlights of the four categories for which the funds may be used: Revenue Loss, Public Health Emergency and its Negative Economic Impacts of Pandemic, Premium Pay to Eligible Workers, and Investments in Water, Sewer, or Broadband Infrastructure. Summary also included ineligible items and reporting deadlines.

Ms. Cox mentioned that several Council members had asked her about hazard or premium pay. ARPA money began March 3, 2021 and runs through December 31, 2024. She provided a spreadsheet with example breakdown of estimated hazard pay. She said that the guidelines do not allow for time which hasn’t yet happened and requires the personnel receiving the hazard pay to

still be currently employed with locality. She listed out categories of current full-time employees that were employed December 31, 2021 including prorated amount for new Tourism Director who began in August 2021. She noted that her calculations were simply an example based on 10 months through December 31, 2021. She also provided information on COVID related Hazard Pay approved recently by Floyd County Board of Supervisors for county personnel. Under CARES, Town of Council paid staff \$2500 each in December 2020. Under CARES, Floyd County gave a range of \$3-\$5 per average hours, based on the exposure of the employee and they recently paid employees \$3000 each under ARPA.

- B. Major change to ARPA in most recent guidance is that they are providing an option of localities may opt to take standard allowance of up to \$10 million dollars, based on what they received, as Revenue Loss. Since Town of Floyd received \$452,358, that is what we can claim as Revenue Loss without proving it but still need to justify and give reason as how we are spending funds on government services.

In response to Councilman Patton's question of how money received affects the Town of Floyd budget, former Town Manager Cox responded that it does show on the balance sheet but is not shown in current Town of Floyd's budget. Councilman Patton also asked for clarification if the Council members want to provide hazard pay to employees with ARPA funds, will that take away from budget for other things, such as renovating Town Hall or building new? Mayor Griffin responded that we also have reserve funds and they had discussed using some ARPA money for the Town Hall project.

Councilman Patton said that he personally doesn't feel they should wait to provide hazard pay based on information provided at the Town Council meeting, Mayor Griffin said he wants to be sure everyone has given it some thought. Councilman Whitaker expressed concerns of how employees could be taxed if they receive a lump sum verse receiving hazard pay installments. Mayor Griffin explained that Social Security and Medicare are the only tax items for which the Town of Floyd is responsible. The other taxes will be taken out of the employees checks. He said we can control how much is taken out for Federal and State withholding tax.

Mayor Griffin mentioned that it is up to the Town Council if they want to decide at tonight's meeting or give it more thought. Councilman Patton said that Ms. Cox is correct that the Town Council members have been discussing providing employees with more hazard pay for six to eight months. When asked if Councilman Bond or Vice-Mayor Turner had any thoughts, Vice-Mayor Turner said his only concern is for the two employees no longer getting their fair share since they worked during the pandemic. Mayor Griffin reminded them that Ms. Cox is still employed but they cannot give former Town Clerk ARPA hazard pay since she is no longer employed. Ms. Cox said Ms. Holfield could be paid out of operating budget, to which Mayor Griffin said he is fine paying her that way. Mayor Griffin agreed that since Ms. Holfield was employed most of 2021, she should be compensated.

Councilman Bond asked if the spreadsheet Ms. Cox provided included payments for Ms. Holfield. Ms. Cox responded the hazard pay example calculations do not include her, but she could provide prorated amount for Ms. Holfield based on time employed, March 3 – October 31, 2021. Councilman Bond indicated they should also provide prorated pay for Tourism Director, Ms. Legg.

Councilman Bond suggested that before voting, they should decide on how much hazard pay employees should receive. He said the County provided \$3000 per employee; do they want to consider same amount? Councilman Patton suggested \$4500 each since they like to say that their people are their most valuable commodity; he thinks it's an opportunity to put money where their lip service is. Councilman Whitaker told Councilman Bond that if he motioned to provide \$4500 hazard pay that he would second it. Councilman Bond said it would run around \$28,00; Mayor Griffin reminded him that pay for two will be prorated. Ms. Cox said it is \$25,674.53. Mayor Griffin said the only true cost to the Town of Floyd is \$3,875.00 for Ms. Holfield.

Councilman Bond motioned, seconded by Councilman Whitaker, to pay hazard pay \$4,500 to one office staff and three public works employees, plus prorated for one Tourism staff from August through December from ARPA funds. Motion also included prorated amount for former office staff from March through October out of operating funds.

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

Councilman Bond said he would like to do something to do for PSA and Mayor Griffin responded they need to wait until they know what they've spent. Ms. Cox reminded Council members that we have received half of the ARPA funds said the balance of ARPA funds is due to Town of Floyd in June. She said it must be obligated by 2024 but spent by December 31, 2026. She said she will work with Town Manager Morris on financials and developing a running total so Council can stay informed on how much is left.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Flower Power

Councilman Whitaker mentioned that Town Manager Morris had provided some information about Flower Power. He said that it was brought up at the Floyd Chamber of Commerce meeting and he thinks it is a win-win. He said that Town Council members have hesitated on increasing plantings because of they were worried about keeping them maintained. It sounds like Flower Power group wants to not only plant the flowers but maintain the plants so Public Works employees do not have to do it. Councilman Whitaker said they are not going to apply for donation but believes they would provide figures so that the Town Council can increase Beautification Budget. It would make Floyd more welcoming. He likes that the Flower Power project includes outside of the town limits and includes native plants. He said he knows it's not something to decide tonight but something to think about for the budget.

Councilman Patton asked if the Town Council is being asked to support areas outside of Town. Councilman Whitaker assured him that someone else is responsible. Mayor Patton

suggested that Councilman Whitaker ask Flower Power members for figures and report more details to the Town Council. Ms. Cox also mentioned that Town Manager Morris is also attending Flower Power meetings.

B. Way-Finding Signs

Councilman Whitaker also mentioned discussion at the Tourism Summit and discussion among a focus group. There is a lot of interest in way-finding signs that has been mentioned numerous times. He said there is interest by business off the main roads that help visitors find them. Is there a way to position way-finding signs, whether generic or to specific to businesses, someplace other than in front of Lineberry Park without getting approval from VDOT?

Former Town Manager Cox responded that if it's private property, or property owned by the Town of Floyd, VDOT approval is not required as long as sign is not in right-of-way. If a private business or landowner property agrees to having sign on their property, they would have to give us an easement for Town of Floyd to install a sign. We would need something in writing to make it legal to put the sign there, similar to what the town had to do for sidewalks. Town Attorney Murrell agreed Ms. Cox was correct. If neither of situation, where either Town owns the land or Town of Floyd has an easement to use the land, then the sign would go into VDOT's right-of-way, so it must meet VDOT guidelines. When we've tried in the past, we have not had much success. VDOT is so stringent and specific in what they will and will not allow, it becomes hard to determine what the sign will look like.

Ms. Cox said that it's not that she's been against the way-finding signs, it's just been hard to figure out to create the plan VDOT wanted us to create. VDOT wouldn't allow sign to be specific, such as Food Lion, Lichen or Knot, or Green Label Organics. The signs could only say things like, Administration Office. Councilman Whitaker mentioned "or Retail". Ms. Cox said she thinks that even that was a stretch. She said they only wanted the signs to reflect government facilities, or public and civic information. They would only allow us to put a sign that said "Park" with an arrow. It was frustrating because Town of Floyd is so small, those signs were not very helpful. We need to help the businesses and getting through the red tape is difficult. Councilman Turner mentioned that is interesting since Mr. Clark with VDOT February 3, 2022 meeting, said that they will not enforce other issues.

Councilman Patton said that thinking of what Ms. Cox said, Christiansburg just completed installing way-finding signage. It's pretty nice; there's "Uptown", "Midtown", and "Downtown". Those will not work in Floyd; he's never seen another way to do it for a small town like Floyd. Like Ms. Cox said, our only choices, without VDOT involvement, is town-owned property or privately owned property. As far as private property, we want a cohesive looking signage; some people can afford or want to do it, but others cannot afford to do it. So how can we make it fair using Town of Floyd money?

Councilman Whitaker said that perhaps the signs should be generic and pointing to shop, or whatever. For example, he said that he spoke to owner of Maggie's Gallery, for instance;

the owner would be happy with a generic sign that said "Gifts", "More Shopping", or whatever; anything would be a help.

Ms. Cox said that thinking about VDOT and a business like Maggie Gallery, where would the sign go, at the stop light, that without creating visual impairment to all sides of the stoplight? Would you put a sign on all four corners? Councilman Whitaker mentioned that most people make their way to the Floyd Country Store and that area and there's our park right there. He's not sure if anyone has done a study on the kiosk and how much usage that gets.

Town Manager Morris said he spoke with IT person at Citizens Telephone Cooperative; they have not been tracking usage, but he is going to see if he can start tracking. Councilman Whitaker is interested in finding out because it is a valuable tool if it's being used.

Town Manager Morris said that he and Tourism Director Legg started looking the prior day into putting a QR code on a way-finding map. He said he knows it isn't a street sign but a digital map that we can edit it how we want. Every business can be linked in through the Shop Floyd or Tourism site or however they decide to get to it. That way people will have a digital map. Ms. Cox said that Town of Floyd have a digital map that VTC money paid for two years ago from which tear-sheet map was created. The Town Clerk updated the digitized map each year after the business license applications had been turned in. A lot of the work has been done but how do you take it to the next step?

Mayor Griffin said he seems to remember one of the items that deterred Council from doing way-finding signs here is that the Town is so small, you can see many locations, such as Maggie Gallery, from sidewalk. You can see the sign that the business has; his main concern are businesses that are not on Main Street or Locust Street that you cannot see from street. Mayor Griffin used Hotel Floyd as an example; when it first opened, people had a hard time finding it because it wasn't easily seen from Locust St or Main St. If the Town starts putting up signs, everyone will want one and there will be so much clutter.

Councilman Patton suggested that the Town Council could begin by implanting the interactive signs that Town Manager Morris and Ms. Cox discussed. Mayor Griffin said that is a great idea of having the whole map of the Town of Floyd with QR code so people could have it on their phone. Town Manager Morris also suggested adding a touch button to the map at the kiosk that allows people to find businesses, etc. in town. Councilman Patton mentioned something like that would be helpful everyone, including Maggie Gallery, to which Councilman Whitaker said yes.

Mayor Griffin said he was not singling out the owner of Maggie Gallery but simply using him as an example since Councilman Whitaker mentioned him, Councilman Whitaker agreed. Councilman Patton said the owner of Maggie Gallery as the only who approached Town Council members about having a sign.

Councilman Whitaker is if this discussion was supposed to be an action items to which Mayor Griffin responded no but it has been discussed for at least ten years, at least.

Councilman Patton added that he assumes that Town Manager Morris and Ms. Cox will continue pursuing the interactive map with QR code alternative. Councilman Bond indicated that the map shouldn't require any action on Council's part, to which Mayor Griffin agreed.

Councilman Bond said he would also talk to Citizens Telephone's IT person about tracking reports. He is curious what kind of numbers the IT person can provide, including how many times the system has been "woke up". Town Manager Morris said he will see what the IT person can provide. Councilman Bond wonders to what level of reporting they can pull, for example how many went to particular pages.

C. Donations

Councilman Patton asked how many letters the Town Clerk how many letters we have received from non-profits seeking donations. Town Manager Morris said he received letters from all the non-profit groups that received funds last year. Councilman Patton asked if there were any new ones. Former Town Manager Cox said that Brain Injury Support Services of Southwest Virginia submitted letter again, but we have not donated to them.

Flower Power also submitted something; not really asking for donation request but more of support of initiative. It was more of a letter asking the Town Council to include more in budget.

Town Manager Morris asked if the letter received from the Floyd County-Floyd Public Service Authority (PSA) counts that as a new donation request, to which Ms. Cox said it depends on how Town Council wants to handle it. She said the Town Council can determine if it should be handled as a donation or as a line item expense providing funding as support to PSA. Councilman Patton said he doesn't consider it a donation and Ms. Cox agreed.

When asked by Councilman Bond who sent the new request, Ms. Cox responded Brain Injury Support Services of Southwest Virginia.

D. Small Town Summer

Councilman Patton asked if a decision was made about renewing the contract for Small Town Summer series and if it needs to be done. Ms. Cox responded that current contract is good through the 2022 season so it is good through August 2022. Town Council will need to decide in budget planning if they want to continue and how much they plan to allocate next year for more Small Town Summer events.

Councilman Patton said that at this point, he can't say how much Town Council can approve until they begin looking at the budget. Councilman Patton said he feels it would be helpful to the organizer, Dylan Locke Productions (DLP) if Town Council will let him know if they want to continue. The DLP works year round on the event, in addition to other events. Do the Town Council members want to continue sponsoring it?

Vice-Mayor Turner suggested that the first question to ask is if the DLP wants to continue the Small Town Summer series. He said in conversations with DLP owner, DLP likes organizing the event. DLP is involved in many things so but wants to make sure DLP is able and still wants to continue with the series.

Mayor Griffin said the impression he has is that DLP wants to continue doing it. When they had lunch recently, Mayor Griffin said he told DLP owner that they had hoped not to get down to the final year to let him know whether or not the Town Council wanted to continue. Councilman Patton asked Mayor Griffin if he told DLP owner that the Town Council wants to continue? Mayor Griffin responded that he let DLP owner know it was one of best things they did. The Mayor said that he told DLP owner that he would like for them to continue but that it was not his say to confirm renewing the contract.

Councilman Patton asked members of the Town Council if they want to continue the Small Town Summer series and talk about the money later, since DLP is interested in continuing? Councilman Bond responded he would like to continue it. Vice-Mayor Turner expressed interest in continuing but that they need to decide on how many years for contract renewal. Mayor Griffin indicated that they have a three year contract. Councilman Patton asked Councilman Whitaker if he wanted to continue, who responded he didn't mind.

Mayor Griffin said he thought they could go to DLP owner and say Town Council wants at least level funding in a new contract. Councilman Patton asked when they get to budget they remember that need to let DLP owner know more?

E. Recognition

Councilman Patton asked for update on Recognition of Mike Maslaney. Town Manager Morris said he has begun researching and would like help from the Town Council members since he's unsure of everything in which Mr. Maslaney has been involved. Councilman Patton said it should be done by April. Mayor Griffin agreed and suggested the first April meeting since he and Councilman Bond miss the second April meeting due to a retreat.

F. Tourism

Councilman Patton said he thought the Tourism Summit was really great and hopes that they get an update at one of the upcoming meetings and find out what came out of the Summit. Councilman Bond agreed that it was a great summit.

Councilman Patton mentioned that in the minutes, it indicated that Tourism Director Legg and former Tourism Director Sharkey are working together to finalize business on Tourism. Ms. Cox responded to Councilman Patton's question of the grant progress that they almost complete. Ms. Cox said that Tourism Director Legg did the final reporting on the one that Ms. Sharkey was finishing when she was there. Cycle Floyd was still open, and Tourism Director Legg expended most of the money they had for that one. She has all the "Share the Road" signs up for cyclist on Barberry and the Parkway. Tourism Director Legg is

working with the new owners of Tuggles Gap to move the bike rack. The owner requested the rack be moved closer to the Visitors kiosk and to get the map updated. All falls under the funds for that grant. Tourism Director Legg is finalizing everything to get it all up before spring and tourism starts ramping up.

Councilman Patton asked Town Manager Morris to follow-up on that, especially on the Tourism bit at Tuggles Gap. All that was done before. Ms. Cox assured Councilman Patton that Tourism Director Legg is on top of everything.

G. Miscellaneous Business

Councilman Patton asked if anyone had applied to be a vendor at the Americana Festival. Town Clerk Gregory said no and responded to Councilman Patton that they were prepared to handle as time drew closer.

Councilman Patton asked if anyone had heard from the person whose loan application was rejected and if she plans to reapply. Town Manager Morris said they had sent letter to the lady, but he hasn't spoken with her. Ms. Cox said the lady did respond to her email that she had just returned to the country and once she got settled but Ms. Cox hasn't heard from her. Ms. Cox said Town Manager Morris has a copy of the letter she sent to the lady.

Councilman Patton said last meeting there was mention of the cross-walks. Vice-Mayor Turner said he had a conversation and that he got an email. When asked if there was anything to share, Vice-Mayor Turner said "no".

Councilman Whitaker asked if anyone had anything else. Mayor Griffin said he did. He said Council members chipped in and got a little something for former Town Manager Cox so she would remember them while she sat around the fire; they got her a firepit. Ms. Cox joked that's where she could have been if she had not been there. They know she is going to love it. It is just a little something to let her know how much they appreciate her. Ms. Cox thanked everyone for all their help over the last eight years.

Councilman Whitaker makes a motion, seconded by Councilman Patton, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

William R. Griffin, Mayor

Lynn Gregory, Town Clerk



Proclamation to Honor Mr. Michael Maslaney

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Maslaney is an important asset and contributor to the Floyd community, serving on numerous boards and committees Mr. Maslaney has provided countless hours of service to the citizens of Floyd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maslaney has unselfishly devoted his time, energy, and talents in multiple leadership positions to serve the residents of the Floyd community. Mr. Maslaney has previously served as the Town Manager and he currently serves as the chairman of the board for the Floyd Public Service Authority, the Floyd Planning Commission, and the New River Valley Regional Commission. Mr. Maslaney has also served as a member of the Partnership for Floyd, The Floyd County Electoral Board, and The Floyd County Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maslaney has served our community greatly, giving of his time and expertise by applying his energies into the Floyd Heritage Trail, Dodds Creek Trail, and newly designed Pioneer Trail. Mr. Maslaney was instrumental in the success of the Community Development Block Grant rehabilitation of the downtown area of Floyd. Mr. Maslaney has played a vital role in the completion of capital projects for the Floyd Public Service Authority and the Town of Floyd; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Floyd Town Council wishes to honor his work and achievements and express their sincere gratitude and their appreciation for the devotion Mr. Michael Maslaney continues to provide to our community and to the Town of Floyd; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Maslaney be presented with this proclamation as a token of admiration and respect from the Mayor and the Council Members of the Town of Floyd.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall publish this Proclamation in the Town of Floyd's minute book.

Adopted this seventh day of April 2022.

Respectively,

Will Griffin, Mayor

Bruce Turner, Vice-Mayor

Chris Bond, Councilman

Michael S. Patton, Councilman

David Whitaker, Councilman