

Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 11, 2024

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Trevor Lance
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Assistant Town Manager Heather Taylor

Note: Councilmember Keith Reed did not attend this meeting.

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakely suggested a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely let the group in the pledge

Public Comments:

No comments were made at this time.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting 2-5-24

Regular Meeting 2-12-24

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Trevor Lance motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of proclamation P-24-01 in honor of the spring litter sweep which runs from April 13 - April 27, 2024.

Approval of Resolution R-24-01 for Baabals to lease the concession stand at Bill Moore Community park from April 1, 2024, until August 31, 2024.

Appointment of Susan Heafner as Deputy Tax Collector

Approval of Budget Amendment #3 to the FY 23/24 Budget Ordinance for a prior year adjustment for Mills River Fire & Rescue (\$20,226.00) from the recent audit.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin motioned to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Selection of a candidate to fill an at-large vacancy on the Planning Board.

Mayor Blakely stated that council has their ballots and if there are no other questions at this time please select your preferred candidate and write your name on the ballot as well.

The council submitted their ballots to the mayor for the votes to be tallied.

Councilmember Trevor Lance thanked everyone that applied and said that there was a lot of talent in everyone that applied for this seat.

Mayor Blakely announced that the vote was unanimous for Ms Robyn Mondin.

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to approve Robyn Mondin to fill that vacancy on the planning board.

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve Robyn Mondin and it was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Sheila Franklin.

Motion all in favor.

Proposal for consulting services from Retail Strategies

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf gave a brief overview from last week on consulting services with retail strategies. The cost is \$45,000 for an annual contract. Ms Backus will be here in April to give a presentation.

Discussion Followed:

one would be with our Congressman's office as well.

The document shred/pill drop event is set up for April 20, 2024, from 9:00 to noon, and we also will have public works available to load up free mulch for anyone who is interested.

Last week I know there were several comments about the pay study and the mayor and several others were interested in meeting with Mr. Hill and that is set up for tomorrow.

Next week on Tuesday is our budget workshop meeting and we will start at 8:30 at 8:00 there will be a light breakfast available.

Department Reports

February Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

Councilmember Trevor Lance motioned to go into Closed Session, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Went into Closed Session at: 6:30 pm

Closed Session per NCGS 143.318.11 (5) "Contractual Matters"

Came out of Closed Session at: 7:20 pm

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Trevor Lance motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 7:23

Upcoming Events

Budget Retreat Meeting March 19, 2024, at 8:30 am

Easter Egg hunt Saturday, March 23, 2024 12:00-2:00 pm

Agenda Review Meeting April 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting April 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Annual Shred/Pill Drop event on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9:00 am til noon

Approved.

4-8-24

Date

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Preston Blakely", written over a horizontal line.

Signed