

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
DECEMBER 11, 2014
9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of December 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Chandler, Coletta, Farr, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Staton led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL / CHANGES

Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Public Hearing/Action - Ordinance No. 91, An Ordinance Establishing Rules for the Use and Occupancy of, and the Conduct of Persons in, The Park at Flat Rock.

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to go into public hearing, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mayor Staton reported that timely notice of this hearing was advertised in the Times-News, a local newspaper.

The only public comment on the proposed ordinance was made by Terry Hicks, who stated that, while he understands the council's intent in drafting the ordinance, he feels it is predominantly negative, and he expressed concerns with some sections of the ordinance.

With no further discussions, Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Action – Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 91 as written, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The motion carried on a 5 to 1 vote, with Council Member Gooch casting the negative vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Member Chandler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following;

- November 3, 2014 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- November 13, 2014 – Council Meeting Minutes
- November 13, 2014 – Park Workshop Minutes
- Resolution No. 189 – Establishing a January – December 2015 Schedule of Public Meetings & Holidays
- Resolution No. 190 – A Resolution Authorizing Enforcement of Henderson County Property Addressing Ordinance

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletta and carried on a unanimous vote.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reviewed the November 2014 zoning report dated December 10, 2014, and Village Administrator report dated December 11, 2014 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of December 10, 2014, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 67%, with \$458,318.16 total collected (see attached report dated December 10, 2014).

4. Park Update – Council Member Chandler

Council Member Chandler reported a quote of \$5,500.00 from Trace & Company had been received for correction of a creek erosion problem. He gave authorization for Ed Lastein to proceed with Trace for the work, which had previously been approved by the Council.

Ed Lastein met with the 3 – 4 affected Highland Golf Villa homeowners and received their approval for the parking lot buffering work between their homes and the parking lot.. Council Member Chandler gave Mr. Lastein authorization to proceed with the work on the basis of a quote received from Garden Gate Nursery for \$8,310.00. By consensus, Council concurred.

The planting of one hundred trees by Garden Gate Nursery began yesterday.

Mr. Chandler distributed a handout of action items for the Welcome Center. He plans to present total costs to Council at the December 29, 2014 Agenda Workshop.

Mr. Steve Jamerson discussed the fire alarm and security systems proposed for the Welcome Center, and advised that he received quotes from Southern Alarm of \$4,200.00 for the fire alarm system, and \$2,800.00 for the security system consisting of two cameras. Council gave authorization to proceed with these systems.

Mr. Chandler thanked Mr. Jamerson for his work with the vendor and the two systems.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

The deadline for application submission of the PARTF grant is February 2, 2015. The issue will be discussed at the December 29, 2014, agenda meeting.

Old Business

6. Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan – Council Member Farr

Council Member Farr reported the plan has been submitted to NCDOT, which will begin its review early in the new year.

7. Flat Rock Historic District Nomination – Connie Backlund

Ms. Connie Backlund appeared to discuss the status of the Flat Rock Historic District nomination, a Historic Flat Rock, Inc. project more than twenty years in process. The voluminous documentation for the nomination has passed the state approval process and has been submitted to the appropriate division of the U.S. Department of the Interior for final consideration for the national registry of historic places. That is a lengthy process that will take several months at the federal level before final approval of such status is granted. It is expected that federal approval will be forthcoming perhaps by June 2015.

Ms. Backlund stated that Historic Flat Rock's overall goal of such national registry status and, more particularly, the documentation assembled for the submission, is for it to be useful to Council and the community in the identification and preservation of historic properties in the village.

The Council thanked Ms. Backlund, not only for her appearance today, but also for her effort in bringing the project to conclusion at the local level, shepherding it through the state historic preservation process, and causing its submission to the federal level, the last step in the national registry process.

New Business – None

Other Business

8. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta reported Land of Sky Regional Council is looking for volunteers to serve on committees.

Council Member Farr reported that, due to a cost of about \$30,000.00 for a handicap-accessible crosswalk from Highland Lake to the Park, which cost must be borne by the village, the request to NCDOT for its approval has been withdrawn.

He gave construction start dates on the following NCDOT projects;

- Upgrade of Little River Road – 2025
- Replacement of bridge over King Creek on West Blue Ridge Road – 2021
- Addition of lanes on I-26 from I-40 to Exit 54 – 2020
- Shepherd/Erkwood/Greenville Highway intersection improvement – 2016

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that he anticipates a utility sales tax distribution will be received by the village on December 15, 2014.

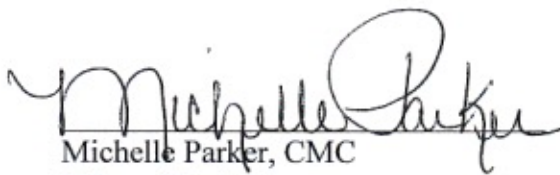
Council Member Chandler reported the Planning Board will meet on Monday, December 15, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., to consider a subdivision application for the Flat Rock Playhouse's YouTheater tract on Little River Road.

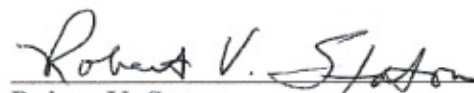
Public Comments

Pete Bonesteel commented on how busy the Park is. His comment is based on his observation of the number of cars in the parking lot on recent days.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:55 a.m., with no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned.


Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk


Robert V. Staton
Mayor