

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
MARCH 13, 2008
9:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the Council Meeting of March 13, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Bucher, Chandler, Davis, Farr, and Wert, Village Clerk Collier, one citizen and two reporters for the Hendersonville Times-News.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Staton led the group in a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL / CHANGE TO AGENDA

Council Member Farr moved to change the agenda by adding appointments as number eight under Other Business, to remove Sense of Place from the agenda, and to add Sales Tax Distribution as number six under Old Business; seconded by Council Member Wert. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - February 4, 2008, Agenda Meeting
 - February 14, 2008, Council Meeting
 - Tax Releases & Discoveries

Council Member Wert stated that the February 4, 2008, minutes were not corrected as he had asked. Mayor Staton stated that they had been corrected but the corrected minutes were not put in the packets.

Council Member Weedman moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS

2. **Zoning Administration - Council Member Wert**

Council Member Wert requested Zoning Administrator Boleman update Council on the February 2008 Zoning Activity Report. She and Council discussed the unfinished subdivisions.

3. **VILLAGE HALL – Council Member Wert**

Council Member Wert said he was looking for ways to save energy throughout the Village Hall. He said he was looking at contracts for outdoor maintenance as well.

4. PLANNING BOARD – Council Member Chandler

Council Member Chandler reported that the Planning Board approved a building to be constructed in Bonclarken. He said the minutes of the February 5, 2008, Planning Board minutes were enclosed.

Mayor Staton said that Carol Rhea has taken a full-time job, but will still be working with the Village to complete revision of our land use ordinances.

5. TAX COLLECTIONS

Vice Mayor Weedman stated that outside of the two bankrupt estates involving eight real or personal property accounts that are delinquent, the Village has 14 properties owned by nine people that are delinquent. Four of those nine have been contacted and have committed to pay. Bank garnishment action will be taken against one other later in March. He also said that he was awaiting a response from recent letters from three and there is one account for whom we cannot find a valid mailing address. We view these last four accounts as problematic and these will likely be advertised in April as delinquent, he said.

New Business

6. SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION – Mayor Staton

Mayor Staton stated that all municipalities and the county acknowledged at the February LGCCA meeting that if the interlocal agreement for sales tax distribution remains in place for the coming fiscal year, it probably will be the last year under the agreement. He said that Mayor Moore advised that the Fletcher Council will agree to participate under the agreement for one more year. Mayor Johnson stated at the meeting that the Laurel Park council had not yet considered the matter but, if Laurel Park agrees to stay with the agreement, this will be the last year. Later that day, Laurel Park's council unanimously elected to withdraw from the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Volk advised that Hendersonville's council had not yet considered the matter, he said. The benefit of one more year of per capita distribution will help the Village and Mills River. Mills River has agreed to pay two thirds and should the Village pay one third, this would make up the difference of Laurel Park dropping their agreement. Council Member Wert moved to proceed with the proposal to continue the interlocal agreement for one more year as described, and for the Village to agree with Mills River to make up the Laurel Park shortfall on a one third and two thirds, respectively, basis. The motion was seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. Council requested that Mayor Staton tell LGCCA members.

Old Business

7. BUDGET PREPARATION – Council Member Bucher

Council Member Bucher stated that the budget prep sheets should be turned in by the March 31, 2008 agenda meeting.

Other Business

8. APPOINTMENTS - Council Member Farr and Mayor Staton

Council Member Farr moved to reappoint Pete Bonesteel to the Apple Country Greenway Committee, seconded by Council Member Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. Council Member Weedman moved to appoint Terry Hicks to the Greenway Committee for a three year term, seconded by Council Member Wert. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. Council Member Wert moved to appoint Council Member Farr as an elective Village representative for the Henderson County Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

9. MAYOR – COUNCIL

Council Member Bucher stated that the Land of Sky Regional Council has a new building. He said that an open house was planned for March 26, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Farr explained details on a final comprehensive transportation hearing he had received. He and Council talked about priority roads with problems and the funding to repair them.

Mayor Staton said that he gave the Land Use Plan to the Planning Board to study and revise. He said that Carol Rhea could provide some assistance with this document.

Council Member Weedman said that Council should go on record with DOT that we need to do something about that intersection of Pinnacle Mountain Road and Highway 225. He said that it was extremely dangerous. Council Member Davis stated that he understood that DOT was working on Pinnacle Mountain Road now. Council Member Weedman said that DOT should know that we have some concerns.

Council Member Wert said that he attended an MPO meeting last week. Chuck McGrady was there, he said, and was voted in as the Chairman of the Committee.

Council Member Davis stated that he was working on the proposed comprehensive zoning ordinance. He said that he would ask Carol Rhea to also review it.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pete Bonesteel said that Rutledge Road needs to be repaired and the bridge needs some attention also. He and Council then discussed the Rutledge Road area. He said that Don Zehr had sold approximately 40 acres to a developer, but does not know if anything will become of it. He then praised Judy Boleman as the new Zoning Administrator.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 10:50 am with a motion from Council Member Wert and seconded by Council Member Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Rowena M. Collier, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor