

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
JUNE 14, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Staton presided over the June 14, 2018, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker, Village Administrator Boleman, and Village Administrator designate Christie. Council Member Dockendorf was not present.

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 Gooch made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Vice mayor Weedman. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Public Hearing – FY 2018/2019 Budget

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

Budget Officer Jamerson, in an Excel spreadsheet presentation, reviewed the proposed FY 2018/2019 budget. Council Member Brown discussed the hiring of and need for a park ranger.

When public comments were invited, Travis Rockey, Ted Etherington, Judy Moyer, Stephanie Dunn, Michael Rector, Rhett Carson, and Beverly Stoney Johnson commented on various issues of the proposed budget.

There being no further public comments, Council Member Gooch made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman and carried on a unanimous vote.

Adoption of FY 2018/2019 Budget

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt the FY 2018/2019 budget, seconded by Council member Brown. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Budget Officer Jamerson reviewed a FY 2017/2018 budget adjustment, which included only those adjustments she, as Budget Officer, was authorized to make without action by the council.

Public Comments

Mr. Joe Sanders, a member of the Blue Ridge Bicycle Club gave a power-point presentation about the popularity of bicycling and walking on public roads in Flat Rock and the need for appropriate, safe infrastructure to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.

Ms. Maya Richardson, a resident of Henderson County and a bicyclist who neither owns nor drives a motor vehicle, spoke about her serious injury in a hit and run accident on N. Highland Lake Road last February. She has been unable to ride a bicycle or work in her bakery occupation since the accident.

The following spoke in opposition to the N. Highland Lake Road improvement project: Dennis Flanagan, Chris Battista, Virginia Maybank, Tom Carpenter, Marty Cornwell, Michael Rector, Gary Letchworth, Tom and Stephanie Dunn, Rick Merrill, Bill Greene, Rhett Carson, Beverly Stoney Johnson, Victor Behorium, and Addison Brown. Dale Freeman, of Dale's Automotive, discussed the difficulty of wreckers' access to his business if current plans are implemented and asked Council to take care of everyone. Anne Coletta read an opposition letter from Susan Rindall.

Bill Walker discussed an environmental problem involving failed septic systems in a trailer park adjoining his property and the resulting contamination of his and other neighboring properties, as well as Memminger Creek and King Creek downstream. He asked that the council communicate with the Department of Environmental Quality to support his request that the DEQ enforce the law and the violation notice served on the trailer park owner more than a year ago.

Ms. Laura Rice spoke in favor of the project.

At 11:15 a.m., a short break was taken; the meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following;

- April 30, 2018 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- May 10, 2018 – Council Meeting Minutes
- May 29, 2018 – Public Hearing Minutes - Site Specific Master Plan for the Park at Flat Rock

Council Member Jamerson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Council Member Gooch and carried on a unanimous vote.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Village Administrator Boleman reviewed the May 2018 zoning report dated June 12, 2018, and the Village Administrator report dated June 14, 2018 (see attached reports). She mentioned the special meeting on the N. Highland Lake Road improvement project to be held at St. John in the Wilderness Church on June 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of June 13, 2018, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 100%, with \$940,395.58 total collected (see attached report dated June 13, 2018).

4. Park Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported interviews for the new park ranger will take place this week and next week. Construction will start July 1, 2018, to turn the park pavilion storage room into an office for the park ranger.

Mr. Don Farr reported that construction of the Hester overlook has been completed. The footings for the Eppler overlook are being poured, and the decking will be installed by June 23, 2018, in time for the trails dedication ceremony. Sod will be installed around the project by the trails dedication ceremony.

The Land of Sky Regional Council is currently reviewing the site master plan approved by the Council.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported the Foundation is holding a trails dedication ceremony at the park on June 23, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. The *Feast & Frolic* fundraising event is to be held August 4, 2018, at Kenmure Country Club to raise money for the tot lot.

Mr. Duncan Fraser, Chairman of the Flat Rock Park and Recreation Foundation, presented to the Council a check for \$176,132.14 for park development invoices from April and May.

6. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

In Council Member Dockendorf's absence, it was again mentioned that the special meeting on the N. Highland Lake Road project will be held at St. John in the Wilderness Church on June 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Other Business

7. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Posey mentioned Pet Dairy no longer delivers the ice cream for the annual ice cream social. She suggested the possibility of the Village's buying a freezer to keep in-house for ice cream storage. The Planning Board will not meet in July; the next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018.

Council Member Brown mentioned Judy Boleman's last day in the office will be June 29, 2018. The community is invited to come to a drop-in from 2:00-4:00 p.m. that day to say goodbye and wish her well in retirement.

Mayor Staton advised that the annexation agreement between the village and Hendersonville has expired, a new agreement has been drafted, as has an ordinance of adoption, and a public hearing on the ordinance has been scheduled for July 2, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor