

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
JULY 10, 2008
9:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Weedman presided over the Council meeting of July 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall assembly room. Those present in addition to Vice Mayor Weedman were Council Members Chandler, Davis, Farr, Wert and Village Clerk Collier, 10 citizens and one person from the media. Mayor Staton was not present.

Vice Mayor Weedman informed the public that there were two public comment items on the agenda. He then explained how the public comment sections worked. He said that he would make an exception this time and allow more than three minutes per person.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL / CHANGE TO AGENDA

Council Member Wert stated that he would like to add "Recommendation to Purchase a K-9 Dog" as line item number 4, changing the line item numbers below as necessary.

Council Member Wert moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Those from the public were present to discuss Resolutions 161 and 162, regarding the intersection of Highway 25 and Little River Road. "Most of those present were from Historic Flat Rock," one gentleman said. Those speaking from the public were Delo, Dunn, Eckerd, Etherington, Hill, Jansma, McDonald, Merrill, Myers, Paxton, Recker, and Ruthard, all of whom disagreed with any changes. Their concerns were how it may affect the preserve and confusion of a middle lane on Highway 225 between West Blue Ridge Road and Little River Road.

Council Member Farr explained the purpose of realigning Highway 225 and Little River Road intersection. He said that within a few weeks Mark Gibbs of NCDOT will send a plan of the changes. He said that the plan will be available in the Village Hall for those who wish to see it. He then said that the Hillandale Middle School was enlarging their facilities, which will also affect Highway 225, West Blue Ridge Road and Little River Road.

Vice Mayor Weedman stated that change was inevitable.

Vice Mayor Weedman then closed public comment. He thanked everyone for sharing their views with Council. He said that they could check with Michelle or Rowena to see if the NCDOT plan is available.

He then introduced Elisha Freeman from the United Agenda for Children who presented Council with a framed picture for their appreciation and gratitude for Council's support of their program.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adoption of Minutes
 - June 2, 2008, Agenda Meeting
 - June 12, 2008, Council Meeting

Council Member Wert moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Special Reports

2. ZONING ADMINISTRATION - Council Member Wert

Council Member Wert stated that there was an issue of charging for copies made on the Village copier. Zoning Administrator Boleman stated that two or three copies were okay, but sometimes the girls where asked to copy a 130 page document. Vice Mayor Weedman asked Clerk Collier what should be the charges per copy. She said that the cost to make a copy was around 10 cents per page. Ms. Boleman requested that for more than five sheets 10 cents per page would work.

Council Member Wert then moved to impose a fee of 10 cents per page for the remainder of sheets to be copied after the first five sheets, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Ms. Boleman updated Council on changes in the June 2008, Zoning Activity Report. She and Council briefly discussed the Highland Lake property and the upcoming Board of Adjustment hearing.

3. VILLAGE HALL

Council Member Wert stated that the Village Record (newsletter) will be ready to send out by the 15th of August, 2008.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE A K-9 DOG

Council Member Wert stated that this would be an excellent opportunity for the Village to purchase a K-9 dog for the Sheriff's Department. He said the cost would be \$8,500 from the Flat Rock Community Support, line item 10-4760-192. Council Member Wert then moved to purchase a K9 dog for the Henderson County Sheriff's Department for the price of \$8,500, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

5. 2007-2008 TAX SETTLEMENT

Vice Mayor Weedman moved to accept the Tax Collector Collier's settlement for the 2007 tax year, seconded by Council Member Bucher. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. He then thanked Tax Collector Collier and Deputy Tax Collector Hill for a 100% collection rate for 2005, 2006, and 2007.

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Council Member Farr

Council Member Farr stated that the last MPO meeting he went to NCDOT discussed changes to streets in Asheville and nothing in the Flat Rock area.

New Business

7. 2008 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman stated that the IRS increased the reimbursement of mileage rates beginning July 1 through December 31, 2008, to 58.5 cents per mile. He said that since the Village maintains the same rate as the Federal Government the mileage rate increased as of July 1, 2008 to 58.5 cents per mile.

8. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE DISCUSSION - Council Member Davis

Council Member Davis stated that the required ordinance for flood insurance will go into effect for Henderson County October 2, 2008. He said that there was 298 acres within Village limits that are in the flood plain. He said that residents who wanted to know if they are in the flood plain can find on Henderson County's website. He said that the ordinance needs to be adopted by the Village to be in order with Henderson County.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 162 - FLAT ROCK PLAYHOUSE DONATION - Council Member Farr

Council Member Farr explained the function of Resolution No. 162 in relationship to the intersection of Highway 225 and Little River Road. He then moved to adopt Resolution No. 162 requiring the Village to donate a total of \$25,000 over a five year period at \$5,000 per year, to the Flat Rock Playhouse, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 161 – NCDOT RESOLUTION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - Council Member Farr

Council Member Farr explained the necessity of Resolution No. 161 for the realignment of the intersection of Highway 225 and Little River Road and a center lane between the Singleton Centre and the Flat Rock Post Office. He then moved to adopt Resolution No. 161, seconded by Council Member Chandler. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Other Business

11. MAYOR – COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Weedman stated that he had hired a temporary employee, Nancy McKinley, who is scanning Resolutions and Ordinances in a digital format.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Weedman stated that someone will get in touch with Mark Gibbs and invite him to the August 4th agenda workshop meeting. He invited the public to come to the August 14th meeting provided the NCDOT plan is ready. He then thanked those present for attending today's meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Bucher moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Farr. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Rowena M. Collier, CMC
Village Clerk

Nick Weedman
Vice Mayor