

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
MAY 10, 2018
9:30 A.M.**

Vice Mayor Weedman presided over the May 10, 2018, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Vice Mayor Weedman were Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker and Administrator Boleman. Mayor Staton was not present.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Weedman 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 Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comments

Mr. Tom Carpenter stated that Pinecrest Presbyterian Church is completely opposed to the proposed improvements to N. Highland Lake Road and the impacts it would have on the church.

Mr. Joe Giltner spoke in opposition to the N. Highland Lake Road project and stated NCDOT is not keeping up with the maintenance of the road, including lane and other markings, and further stated the improvements would result in an increase large trucks in Flat Rock.

Ms. Stephanie Dunn presented an additional 73 petitions in opposition to the road project.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following;

- March 8, 2018 – Closed Session Minutes
- April 2, 2018 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- April 12, 2018 – Council Meeting Minutes
- 2016 Discovery and Release

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 April 2018 zoning report dated May 9, 2018, and the Village Administrator report dated May 10, 2018 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of May 10, 2018, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.99%, with \$940,283.65 total collected (see attached report dated May 10, 2018).

4. Park Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported the rentals of the pavilion are increasing, and trails are complete.

Mr. Don Farr reported asphalt is currently being laid on some trails to make them ADA compliant. The Park Commission has prepared a proposed budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. He stated the significant changes in the park operation and maintenance budget request is the hiring of a park ranger, and in the capital projects the council approved to move forward – the tot lot and the playground shelter. He stated a couple of smaller projects in the budget request are a drinking fountain at the playground and a water line to the wildflower garden.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported the Foundation is currently working on a grant and their fundraising campaign, a new project called *Play, Learn, Grow*. The funds raised from donors will go toward the tot lot and the playground shelter. The Foundation has already raised \$25,000.00 for the 2018 *Feast & Frolic* event. There will be a trails dedication ceremony June 23, 2018, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. The Foundation will have a tent set up at the Ice Cream Social, June 2, 2018, to receive donations for the park.

Ms. Maureen Adams mentioned that the park has been a positive asset in the Foundation's raising of \$1.3 million in private support. She presented a check to Council for \$54,889.00, which represents a transfer of funds for park amenities.

6. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf reported Council Member Jamerson and Council Member Brown met with Mr. Reese Shuler to learn about the project and its impacts on the proposed improvements to N. Highland Lake Road. A date has not been established for Council to meet to make a decision on the project.

He addressed the controversial issue of the unsafe corner of N. Highland Lake Road and Greenville Highway. Operators of charter buses, emergency vehicles and trucks find the corner very challenging. Historic Flat Rock has an historic preservation easement on the corner property, but Council wants to make it safer for larger vehicles to make the turn from Greenville Highway onto N. Highland Lake Road.

Council Member Dockendorf mentioned a projects prioritization meeting of the FBRMPO and the use of \$280 million. Nothing in Flat Rock is on the list.

Council Member Dockendorf reported we should receive Historic Flat Rock's comments/input on the NCDOT Bike Pedestrian Plan soon, and Council will review. He commented that biking and jogging in Flat Rock is very unsafe.

Council Member Jamerson and Council Member Brown met with Vaughn & Melton, May 9, 2018, for a discussion and clarification of the proposed improvements to N. Highland Lake Road. They will prepare a written report of that meeting for distribution to council members. Vice Mayor Weedman asked that the written report be included in the minutes.

Old Business

7. FY 2018/2019 Budget - Budget Officer Jamerson

Budget Officer Jamerson reported she has not received everyone's worksheets for the proposed budget. She will prepare a budget message by the deadline of June 1, 2018, and adopt a budget by the end of June. Dates for the end of May will be looked at to schedule a budget meeting before the deadline.

New Business

8. Organizational items – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman expressed an interest in a discussion at a later date of the organizational structure of the park commission and the relationship of the new park ranger within the village government structure. He suggested that the park commission and the park ranger report to the administrator.

9. Council Reports

Council Member Posey mentioned the annual ice cream social is Saturday, June 2, 2018, and a committee meeting will be held today.

Council Member Brown reported a very successful Shred Day event was held on May 5th. Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Jamerson and Posey volunteered. She reported 9,250 pounds of documents were shredded, 17.4 pounds of outdated prescription medicines were collected, and canned goods for IAM were also collected.

Council Member Brown reported the Kudzu Committee met with Mr. Dunkin FitzSimons, new properties with kudzu were identified, and spraying and digging will take place in the fall.

Council Member Jamerson reported that Hemlock Healers have treated properties along Greenville Highway, West Blue Ridge Road, and Rutledge Drive. Little River Road properties will be treated next year.

Council Member Jamerson has been meeting with America in Bloom, and judges will come July 19th and 20th to look at Camp Pinnacle, the Park at Flat Rock, and the Flat Rock Playhouse gardens.

Vice Mayor Weedman mentioned he plans to work with the newly elected Sheriff Lowell Griffin on animal control issues in Flat Rock. With council's concurrence, he will draft a letter to Mr. Griffin to offer to work with him in implementing animal control in the village.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

H. N. Weedman
Vice Mayor