

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP
VILLAGE HALL – ASSEMBLY ROOM
110 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE
JULY 29, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Weedman presided over the July 29, 2024, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Coletta, Council Members Carpenter, Gregory, Jeter, Toner, and Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie. Council Member Stuller was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weedman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

A draft agenda for the August 8, 2024, council meeting was presented. Under *Old Business, Item #7 – Dye Creek bridges bids*, under *New Business, Item #8 – Andrew Bick contract amendment, Item #9 – Planning Board reappointments, Item #10 – Floodplain Ordinance discussion* was added to the agenda. Council Member Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Gregory. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Discussions:

Vice Mayor Coletta mentioned a handout regarding the use of personal social media by public officials given to council members and staff. The Supreme Court ruled that public officials who post about topics relating to their work on their personal social media accounts could be acting on behalf of the government, and therefore could be held liable for violating the First Amendment if they block their critics. This only applies, however, when they have the power to speak on behalf of the state and are exercising that power.

Vice Mayor Coletta mentioned she will be attending the WNC Regional Housing Conference at Blue Ridge Community College, Friday, August 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

On Thursday, August 1, 2024, Vice Mayor Coletta, NCDOT, and a representative from Historic Flat Rock, Inc. will be meeting to make a selection from the paint colors for the King Creek culvert front bridge facing on N. Highland Lake Road project. She has contacted Historic Flat Rock about this meeting.

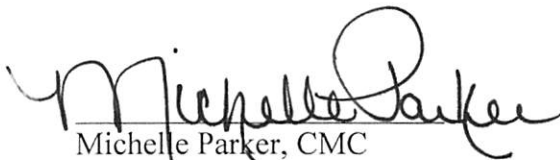
Council Member Carpenter mentioned a couple of recent incidents that happened at the park. An officer with the Sheriff's Office was called regarding camping in the park the previous night. Georgia Bonesteel had noticed a large white van parked in the grass right next to the playground. Park Ranger Thacker handled the situation. Council Member Carpenter mentioned that at the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the park had spent 80.42% of its budget. The park usage in July is averaging 607 cars/day. A tour of Dye Creek is scheduled for August 18, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

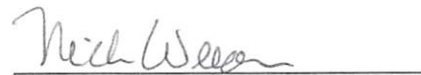
Council Member Jeter mentioned she will not be attending the August 8, 2024, council meeting.

Mayor Weedman commented on the culvert work that is being done by NCDOT on the N. Highland Lake Road project.

Mayor Weedman mentioned that August 28, 2024, is the closing date for anyone who wishes to apply for a grant to install a vehicle charging station.

At 9:52 a.m., Council Member Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Coletta. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.


Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk


Nick Weedman
Mayor

