

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP MINUTES
ASSEMBLY ROOM
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Mayor Staton presided over the February 26, 2018, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker, and Village Administrator Boleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Staton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A draft agenda of the March 8, 2018, council meeting was presented. Under *Consent Agenda*, *Approval of Contract to Audit Accounts of the Village of Flat Rock for FY 2017-2018*, was removed; *Tax Releases* was added under the *Consent Agenda*; and *Item #7, FY 17/18 Budget Amendment* was added under *New Business*. With no further changes to the agenda, Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Discussions:

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to appoint Carl Shaw as auditor for the fiscal year 2018/2019 with a contract in the amount of \$11,700.00, and to authorize Mayor Staton to execute the contract, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Council Member Brown mentioned the need for volunteers for the Kudzu Committee. There will be an article asking for volunteers in the next Village Record newsletter.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of February 23, 2018, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.1%, with \$931,845.88 total collected (see attached report dated February 23, 2018).

Vice Mayor Weedman reported there are two business personal property accounts that were billed to owners who no longer have a presence in Flat Rock. He asked the Assessor's office to release both accounts; they agreed to release one account, but not the second account. In an effort to purge our records of delinquent accounts which should not be pursued, Mr. Weedman made a motion that the Village Council authorize the Tax Collector to remove the following accounts from her tax records for fiscal year 2018/2019: (1) Appletown Construction Company, owned by Byron Osteen, who sold his residence and moved out of Flat Rock in 2015; and (2) Just Vino, which had ceased business in Flat Rock prior to January 1, 2017. The authority for this motion is NC GS 105-321(k). The motion was seconded by Council Member Jamerson and carried on a unanimous vote.

Council Member Gooch reported the replacement for Administrator Boleman will be discussed after the next council meeting.

Council Member Dockendorf gave an update on the following;

- Boyd Drive Bridge - the project has been killed; the residents were not satisfied with the revised plan. The bridge has been returned to maintenance by the State.
- The repaving on Little River Road should be completed in mid-March.
- Bike Pedestrian Plan is on hold while waiting for Historic Flat Rock's input.
- At a FBRMPO meeting, Dennis Flanagan was added to the committee for representation of Historic Flat Rock on the feasibility study for a potential greenway from Carl Sandburg and Village Hall to the Park. Two consulting firms were chosen as finalists for the feasibility study, and on March 9, 2018, both will be interviewed by the Greenway Committee.
- He met recently with a representative from geotechnical engineering group to explore the possibility of a public parking lot for 24 -32 cars on the Blue Ridge Fire Department property adjacent to the Village Hall.

Mr. Chris Battista announced that Historic Flat Rock has formed a National Historic District Oversight Compliance Committee, chaired by Mr. Dennis Flanagan. Mr. Flanagan gave a power-point presentation and discussion of the need for a better, ongoing working relationship between the Village and Historic Flat Rock.

Mr. Tom Carpenter of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church spoke in opposition to the Highland Lake Road improvement project and the installation of a multi-use path on the church's property along Memminger Creek; the path would disturb the church's memorial garden.

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor