

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
ASSEMBLY ROOM
MAY 12, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the council meeting of May 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room of the Village Hall. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Brown, Coletta, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Boleman. 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

Under *New Business, Item #8 – Resolution on Kanuga Road Improvements* was deleted from the agenda. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda consisted of the following:
 - April 4, 2016 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
 - April 14, 2016 – Council Meeting Minutes
 - April 14, 2016 – Park Workshop Minutes

Council Member Gooch made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Weedman and carried on a unanimous vote.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Boleman

Ms. Boleman reviewed the April 2016 zoning report dated May 9, 2016, and the Village Administrator report dated May 12, 2016 (see attached reports).

3. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of May 12, 2016, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 99.97%, with \$928,266.19 total collected (see attached report dated May 12, 2016).

4. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown reported landscaping is being installed at the playground.

Ms. Brown has contacted the acoustical engineering firm in Asheville and has received an estimate of \$4,500.00 for a sound machine and engineer present for testing the noise level at the park for 2- 3 days. Consensus of the council is to move forward with the testing.

Mr. Don Farr presented the Park Commission's recommendation to prohibit possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the park. Council concurred with the recommendation. The Park Commission will suggest other changes for the park rules and regulations.

Mr. Farr also presented the Park Commission's recommendation to prohibit fishing in the park. Vice Mayor Weedman suggested contacting someone from NC State University to give us advice on maintenance of ponds. No action was taken at this time.

Ms. Brown reported she is still waiting for delivery of the picnic tables for the pavilion. Sod will be placed around the pavilion by Saturday. Mr. Farr has purchased a water pump and water hoses to water the landscaping around the playground.

5. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported a dedication for the playground is scheduled for July 16, 2016 at the park. He gave a financial update of donations and pledges received by the Foundation.

Mr. Gooch presented the Foundation's FY 2014-2015 annual report.

Old Business

6. Ordinance No. 96 – Land Development Ordinance (Amending and superseding Ordinance No. 75, as amended by Ordinance No. 93)

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 96, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

7. FY 2016/2017 Budget Discussion

Council Member Jamerson distributed and reviewed a preliminary FY 2016/17 budget, which contemplates no tax increase.

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that the amount of \$56,000.00 budgeted for computer software includes a software upgrade we are considering at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00.

A budget workshop was scheduled for May 31st and June 2nd at 9:30 a.m. Council Member Brown will not be in attendance at the May 31st meeting, and Council Member Gooch will not be in attendance at the June 2nd meeting.

New Business – None

Other Business

8. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Coletta mentioned the annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for June 4, 2016, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Brown mentioned Shred Day is scheduled for May 21, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Staton received a letter from a Charlotte real estate broker indicating he has a client interested in purchasing a 60+ acre tract of land in Flat Rock and noting that the Village owns such a tract. The 66 acre tract of land identified by the real estate broker is the park, which we have no interest in selling.

Public Comments

Mr. Bill Moss thanked the Village for use of the Village Hall for the North Carolina Press Association meeting and thanking Vice Mayor Weedman for appearing at the meeting.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor