

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

Mayor Staton presided over the August 9, 2018, council meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman, Council Members Dockendorf, Gooch, Jamerson and Posey, Village Clerk Parker, and Village Administrator Christie. Council Member Brown 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 *Old Business – Item #7, Council Member Lists of Oversight Responsibilities*, was added to the agenda. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- June 19, 2018 – Special Council Meeting Minutes – N. Highland Lake Road Improvement Project
- July 2, 2018 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
- July 12, 2018 – Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Special Reports

2. Administration – Village Administrator Christie

Administrator Christie reviewed the July 2018 zoning report dated August 6, 2018, and the Village Administrator report dated August 6, 2018 (see attached reports).

3. Park Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch turned the meeting over to the Park Ranger, John Wilkerson. John gave an update on the following:

Park Ranger Office – Construction of the office is complete, and furniture has been installed. The only remaining item is the setup of internet access, which should be complete by next week.

Water fountains – We had hoped to order the water fountains last week but have had difficulty getting necessary information from the manufacturer.

Nature Center – Designs for a bench in the Nature Center as well as the final information panel about birds are being developed.

Wildflower Meadow – Herbicide spraying and tilling of the area will begin in approximately two weeks as we look toward seeding the area in October. A temporary fence will be installed around the area to act as a silt barrier and to limit access as necessary. Project information signs will be placed in the area and notification signs regarding the spraying will be posted on those days.

Shade structure and tot lot – The shade structure foundation is complete. We plan to begin construction of the structure no later than November, and the post and beam contractor, Mill Creek, is prepared to support that schedule. Drawings of the tot lot have been received from the contractor and we are researching materials to put under the play elements.

Pavilion picnic tables – The paint on the eight picnic tables is flaking off, and the manufacturer has agreed to pick them up one-at-a-time and repaint them.

Mr. Don Farr reported construction of the tot lot is to begin no earlier than November. He commented that it is nice having John Wilkerson at the park.

4. Foundation Update – Council Member Brown

In Council Member Brown's absence, Council Member Gooch turned the meeting over to Maureen Adams who reported a successful Feast & Frolic event on August 4, 2018, at Kenmure Country Club. The \$64,000.00 raised, after expenses, will be applied to funding of the tot lot at the park.

Mayor Staton congratulated Maureen on a successful event.

Mr. Don Farr mentioned Maureen has identified a couple of people who have suggested amenities they might be willing to fund in the park that are not included in the current master plan. The Park Commission will establish a committee to develop a process to evaluate such suggested amenities and, for those found to be worthy of further consideration, to bring them forward to the council.

Mr. Farr mentioned the Park Commission is supposed to have at least three members, but it has only two at the moment. He is currently seeking a volunteer to recommend to the council for appointment to a three-year term on the commission.

5. Transportation Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Kanuga Road - Council Member Dockendorf reported the local newspaper is not happy with attempts by local government transportation representatives to improve the NCDOT communication process by first meeting with opponents of the Kanuga Road improvement project to see if their objections can be overcome before NCDOT presents a revised plan to the general public. Because of criticism from the press, NCDOT will return to the old way of presenting a plan to the public that has not been vetted by either the local governments or opposition groups.

N. Highland Lake Road – Council Member Dockendorf reported after he, Council Member Brown and Council Member Jamerson met with Reese Shuler and representatives of NCDOT to discuss the revised plan for North Highland Lake Road. There will be separate entrances to the park and Highland Golf Villas. The project plan is moving forward slowly. When the plan is 25% or more complete, it will be presented to the State Historic Preservation Office for consideration.

6. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported the tax scroll from Henderson County has been received, and tax statements should be mailed to property owners in approximately two weeks.

Old Business

7. Council Member Lists of Oversight Responsibilities

Mayor Staton reported Council Member Brown will take back oversight responsibilities for the park, and Council Member Gooch will again assume oversight responsibilities for the village hall building and grounds and personnel. He presented updated lists of oversight responsibilities for Council Members Brown, Dockendorf, Gooch, and Posey. Vice Mayor Weedman made a motion to approve the revised lists of oversight responsibilities, seconded by Council Member Gooch. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Vice Mayor Weedman mentioned that, in reviewing the oversight responsibilities lists, he noted that animal control was assigned to Council Member Posey. He also noted that he has been in communication about animal control with Lowell Griffin, winner of the Republican primary race for sheriff and who will be unopposed in the November election. As winner of the election, Mr. Griffin will be installed as Henderson County Sheriff in December. Mr. Weedman expressed an interest in assuming oversight responsibility for animal control and continuing his discussions of the subject with the new sheriff. Council agreed that Mr. Weedman should take that responsibility, which will be reflected in lists of council member oversight responsibilities adopted by the council in December.

New Business - None

Other Business

8. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Posey mentioned the Flat Rock Playhouse will be using the Village Hall parking lot for overflow parking for Dark Night Review.

Vice Mayor Weedman stated the audit is underway and progressing with no concerns.

Council Member Gooch reported he had checked with two rental companies for rental of a storage unit. Eagle Storage had a 10x15 (\$110/month), and a 10x10 (\$85/month) available and is holding a 10x15 unit while awaiting council's approval. Council Member Gooch made a motion to proceed with rental of the 10x15 storage unit, seconded by Council Member Jamerson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Mayor Staton reported Polly Angelakis, Superintendent of Carl Sandburg National Historic Site, advised him that she plans to attend monthly council meetings beginning in September.

Mayor Staton and Vice Mayor Weedman will be out of town and unable to attend the September 13 council meeting. Council agreed to hold the council meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, in place of the regular agenda meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Ted Etherington expressed concerns about the cost of on-going maintenance of the amenities in the park.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor