

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM
DECEMBER 8, 2016
9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Staton presided over the Council meeting on December 8, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Staton were Vice Mayor Weedman and Council Members Brown, Coletta, Dockendorf, Gooch, and Jamerson, Village Clerk Parker and Administrator Boleman.

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 #8, Duke Energy grant for electric charging station, Vice Mayor Weedman*, and under *New Business, Item #9, Greenway Pavers, Council Member Dockendorf* were added to 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

Mr. Ed Foster asked about the drainage of the stream and cleaning out of the culvert behind Highland Golf Villas, Mr. Steve Jamerson stated he will work with Mr. Foster on this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. The consent agenda consisted of the following;
 - October 31, 2016 – Agenda Workshop Minutes
 - November 10, 2016 – Council Meeting Minutes
 - Resolution No. 205 – Establishing a January - December 2017 Schedule of Public Meetings & Holidays

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

Council Organization

2. Vice Mayor appointment – Term: December 2016 – December 2017 – Mayor Staton

Council Member Weedman is currently serving as Vice Mayor and has agreed to serve another term as Vice Mayor. Council Member Gooch made a motion to appoint Mr. Weedman as Vice Mayor for a one year term from December 2016 – December 2017, seconded by Council Member Dockendorf. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Special Reports

3. Administration - Village Administrator Boleman

Village Administrator Boleman reviewed the November 2016 zoning report dated December 5, 2016, and the Village Administrator report dated December 8, 2016 (see attached reports).

4. Tax Report – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported that, as of December 7, 2016, the current fiscal year tax collections are at 66.6%, with \$619,647.33 total collected (see attached report dated December 7, 2016).

He reported at the end of the month, fire department payments totaling approximately \$717,000.00 will be made.

5. Park Update – Council Member Brown

Council Member Brown asked Steve Jamerson about the progress of completion of the perimeter trail, and he responded the work should start at any time. She reported the entry gate has been installed. The sign regarding towing enforcement has been ordered.

Steve Jamerson, Wendy Beville, Carole Yardley and she met with the two naturalists from the NC Arboretum who will be helping with signage in the park and the design of the display case in the Nature Center.

6. Foundation Update – Council Member Gooch

Council Member Gooch reported a large mailing has been sent out to donors and prospective donors and, as of the end of November, forty-two gifts totaling \$7,629.00 had been received. There is a two-page spread in the Village Record newsletter with an envelope provided to receive any donations. The Park Foundation urges the foundation board, council and staff to make donations to the Foundation.

7. Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update – Council Member Dockendorf

Mayor Staton, Administrator Boleman and Council Member Dockendorf will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, with the consultants that are working on the Highland Lake Road project plan.

NCDOT will meet with Boyd Drive residents in February to discuss the Boyd Drive bridge project.

Mr. Dockendorf reported that, at the Merchants Association holiday party, the owner of Mill House Lodge advised that NCDOT is planning to replace the one-lane bridge on West Blue Ridge Road at Mill House Lodge in 2021.

He reported the Henderson County Traffic Advisory Committee is meeting next week regarding the widening of Highway 191.

A Bike and Pedestrian plan committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2017, for a review of a concept plan.

Old Business

8. Duke Energy grant for electric charging station – Vice Mayor Weedman

Vice Mayor Weedman reported Council had previously approved the Village's application to Duke Energy for a grant for the installation of an electric charging station. We were notified that a grant of \$10,000.00 for the purchase and installation of two charging stations on village hall grounds had been awarded to the Village. The installation would include two concrete pad and electrical power from a power pole at the rear of the property to the stations. We would have to dedicate two parking spaces for the stations.

Mr. Weedman distributed a Brightfield brochure illustrating several types of charging station facilities with cost estimates ranging from \$6,200.00 - \$12,500.00.

Mr. Weedman made a motion to accept the grant from Duke Energy and pursue additional information about charging stations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brown. During a discussion on the motion, Council Member Coletta expressed concerns about ongoing maintenance and cost to drivers. The vote on the motion was three for and three against. With Mayor Staton breaking the tie by voting in favor of the motion, the motion carried.

New Business

9. Greenway pavers – Council Member Dockendorf

Council Member Dockendorf suggested that, due to a lack of requests for engraved pavers in years, we should phase out the greenway pavers program. We have recently received one request for a memorial paver. However, he feels we need more information about the donor's intentions as to engraving of the paver and its placement, and that in the meantime action on the paver should be deferred. Council agreed with both suggestions.

Other Business

10. Mayor – Council Reports

Council Member Brown reported the next Shred Day is scheduled for May 20, 2017, and we will again be collecting food for IAM from those who take advantage of the service.

Council Member Jamerson mentioned an America in Bloom fundraiser in December of a skating rink at the Visitor's Center, December 20, 2016 – January 1, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., and volunteers are needed.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Michelle Parker, CMC
Village Clerk

Robert V. Staton
Mayor

