



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting and
Public Hearing
June 6, 2022 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

Council in Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith; Council Members Gary Huntley, Margaret Bivens, Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton. Council Member Paulette Blakeney and Monaco Marshall are absent.

Staff in Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Finance Officer Michael Garrison, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Call to order at 7 pm. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing Agenda – Zoom

Open Public Hearing: Motion made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. All ayes.

Purpose: To hear public comments regarding the Town of Marshville 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

Public Comment: Limited to the topic of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget and limited to 3 minutes.

TaraTodd, on Zoom Chat, asked for an explanation for the increases to contract services. She also asked what projects were included in the Capital Improvements allocation. Town Manager Deese said the Town Clerk is paid from contract services in the new budget year.

The Capital Outlay for Parks and Recreation Department is to make improvements at the lake property in case we do not get any grant money. Town Manager Deese said if we do get the PRTIF grant, the town would still need to contribute a matching amount.

The town hopes to get an AIA grant for water which will require a match.

Mayor Smith also reminded all the Water and Sewer Rate Study recommended a budgeted amount of \$50,000.00 per year for five years for both water and sewer to cover depreciation expenses. So we do have a contract for water and sewer, and cost increases are reflected in those departments.

Our solid waste collection contract is in discussions, so that cost is a guess until that is finalized. Town Manager Deese will have presentations from several solid waste companies at the next work session.

Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Huntley seconded this. All ayes.

Regular Meeting Agenda – Zoom

Call to Order by Mayor Larry Smith.

Public Comments – by Email: Diane Amundsen of Hasty Road did not understand the \$.30 transaction on her bank statement. She later found out it was a transaction fee for the draft for her bank account for her water bill. She did not feel the fee was advertised well enough. Mrs. Amundsen felt communication was lacking. Town Manager Deese addressed the comment by saying that we have changed to a new payment system, Invoice Cloud. The first bill the town sent out under Invoice Cloud did not have an explanation of fees or charges on it. That explanation was rectified on the next bill. Costs or fees change by the types of transactions.

Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda: Town Manager Deese added a new item to the agenda. He requested the council discuss and approve the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment re-appointments. A motion was made to approve the agenda, with the addition, by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. All ayes.

Adoption of Consent Agenda:

Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked that the May 16, 2022 Work Session Minutes be moved to a regular agenda item.

- a. Approval of Marshville 145th Birthday Resolution

Council Member Bivens made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. This was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. All Ayes.

Approve Re-appointment of Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Members: Our Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jonathan Wells, said some of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment appointments have expired or will be expiring. Therefore, he would like to bring the appointment of positions in line with the beginning of the fiscal year each July 1. Mr. Wells set up a protocol to stagger appointments to ensure boards' continuity.

The following are the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Administrator:

Tom Appenzeller and Tracy Stancill (on receiving her application) ETJ re-appointments with terms ending June 30, 2025, upon approval by the Union County Board of Commissioners. (Both Planning Board and Board of Adjustment)

Re-appointment of Rusty Johnson to both Planning Board and Board of Adjustment with term ending June 30, 2023

Re-appointment of Susan Drake to both Planning Board and Board of Adjustment with term ending June 30, 2024

The above-recommended action is consistent with NCGS 160D-302 which limits Board of Adjustment members' terms to three years or fewer and with article 4 of the Marshville Development Ordinance, which limits Planning Boards' terms for three years or fewer.

A motion was made to approve Planning and Zoning Administrator Wells's recommendations by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

Discussion of May 16, 2022 Work Session Minutes: Mayor Pro-tem Staton pulled the May 16, 2022 Work Session Minutes because she did not think everything discussed was included in the minutes. She asked Town Manager Deese to review the recordings and update the minutes.

Budget Discussions: Town Manager Deese brought to the council a few changes to the 2022-2023 Budget.

The Marshville Cemetery needs a survey to identify where everyone is buried. That will be approximately \$5,000.00.

We had another theft at the park. There are no cameras at the park. Some lights were out, but Duke Energy has fixed those. We need to increase security at the park. The estimated cost to add cameras and lighting is \$6,000.00.

Town Manager Deese said a police car will be changed to a code-enforcement car. So, he has added \$1,000.00 for gas for that vehicle. So, \$5,000.00 out of the budget that was to be used for a code enforcement car.

Town Manager Deese mentioned that the Gazebo at the Marshville Cemetery was in the historical registry. Council Member Bivens felt like repair of the Gazebo was important. Town Manager Deese will look to see if he can find some funding for the project repair. He recommends putting \$25,000.00 towards the restoration of the Gazebo.

Town Manager Deese said he will re-calculate the new numbers and re-work the budget message to incorporate the above items. The revised budget will be brought to the council at a special meeting before the Work Session on June 21, 2022.

Town Manager Deese also mentioned that recycling is getting expensive. The council may need to decide on whether or not to keep recycling. Mayor Smith would like citizens to have a place to bring recycling if recycling is not offered to the citizens. Town Manager Deese mentioned that if the town had a community recycling collection spot and trash was placed in the recycling contents, the town would be fined. If we do not offer to recycle, it will be up to the citizen to have a private company pick the recycling up.

Town Manager Deese sent everyone the requirements for a System Development Fee. We have to put this information on the website for forty-five days to give the community a chance to comment on the fee. It has been put on the website. People are asked to send their comments to the Town Clerk with System Development Fee in the subject line. Then we will have the have a Public Hearing on the matter. We should be able to approve that fee in August. Town Manager Deese said the capacity fee would be taken off and replaced by a System Development Fee.

Manager's Comments: The notebooks are here for the council. Town Manager Deese asked the council if any particular software was needed. The notebooks will have access to the internet and a pdf. reader. A reminder that staff is off Monday, June 20th. The Work Session will be on June 21st.

Also, someone called Mr. Deese asking how the naming for the lake property will be done. So, he reminded the council that this needed to be discussed.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens – Museum Committee met with the Waxhaw Museum.

Council Member Huntley – Stay in prayer for the world. He has been concerned about the shootings. He said we a blessed to be in a small town.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton – Mayor Pro-tem Staton went to the Town and State dinner in Raleigh that was on June 1st. She had an opportunity to talk with many different town and state representatives.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton said that James Recreation requested money from the town for the running program. Mayor Pro-tem Staton wondered if this activity should come under the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Pro-tem Staton said the only reason the James Recreation Camp was approved in the past is that we had no one to run any programs for the town. She felt that since we have a Parks and Recreation Department, Allen Jackson, the Parks and Recreation Director, should have a say in whether or not to fund James Recreation. Mr. Jackson may have something planned. Town Attorney Griffin said that we need policies in place if considering giving to non-profits. Town Attorney Griffin said we should forgo giving to non-profits in regard to the best interests of Marshville.


Mayor Smith mentioned that we could contract with someone to provide a service for our children. Town Manager Deese said that that was how James Recreation was looked at; a contracted service. Mayor Smith felt that was a significant distinction to make.

Town Manager Deese asked if the council wanted him to put \$4,000.00 towards this track program. Council Member Bivens, Council Member Huntley, and Council Member Staton all said no to funding the James Recreation Group.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith said he had no comment.

Adjournment: Council Member Bivens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Huntley seconded that. All ayes.

Approved this 5th day of July. 2022



Mayor Larry B. Smith

ATTEST



Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk