
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018, 7:00 PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Frank Deese; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton and Gary Huntley.

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Beth Usery, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily Huneycutt, Park & Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Deese. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

Mayor Deese asked if there are items that need to be added to the agenda. Mayor advised we need to add Highway Safety grant. Council Member Morgan made a motion to amend the agenda to add Highway Safety Grant. Council Member Staton seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to adopt the agenda with the above addition was made by Council Member Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Jim Rowell – 516 East Union Street – He praised the public works employees on their hard work in this cold weather. Robo call system is not being used properly. Not used enough. He hopes Council will make a policy and if it's not working try something else.

Marlene Griffin – 317 North Elm Street – She spoke about the water issues. Water needs to be a priority. Needs to bear down on County Commissioners to keep some Yadkin County water to come to our end. Rumor that Bojangles is going to move to the bypass. Citizens don't understand potable water.

Tracy Stancil – 6820 Austin Grove Church Road – She called town hall in reference to water problem and was sent to communications. Someone needs to come to work and answer

phones when problems arise. Always use volunteers. Also need answering service or answering system.

Public Hearing for Text Amendment TA 2017-05 – Remove Solar Farms as a Use

Motion to open public hearing for to remove solar farms from Town MDO was made by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Staton and approved by unanimous vote.

Yvonne with Benchmark addressed the council and explained the text amendment. This issue has been discussed since last year. The Planning Board recommends to remove solar farms from the Town of Marshville's ordinance.

The proposed change is to amend the Table of Uses (Table 8.1), Section 2 – Manufacturing and Industry, so that Electric Energy Production (all source types) is amended to (all source types – non solar), and then Solar Farms is added as a use as a Reserved category.

Council member Staton asked if this will affect the solar farm already in place. Yvonne stated it does not affect that one since it's already here but they will not be allowed to expand.

Council Member Morgan made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Staton seconded the motion and motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve ZTA 2017-05. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing for Text Amendment TA 2017-06 – Clarify Accessory Structure Setbacks

Motion to open public hearing for to clarify accessory structure setbacks from detached and attached houses was made by Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Staton and approved by unanimous vote.

The proposed change is to amend Article 9.2-2 Detached House Lot Type and Article 9.3-2 Attached House Lot Type Standard so that Accessory Structures shall be located at least 5' (5 feet) behind the front building line of the primary structure.

Council Member Bivens made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion and motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve ZTA 2017-06. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Organizational Procedures:

Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore

A motion to appoint Council Member Staton as Mayor Pro-Tempore was made by Council Member Huntley. Motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion to re-appoint Dr. Morgan as Mayor Pro-Tempore was made by Council Member Bivens, seconded by Council Member Carpenter and approved by a unanimous vote.

Appoint Centralina Council of Government Representatives

Mayor Deese asked if any council member is interested in serving on any of these boards. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan volunteered to serve if no one else was interested. Mayor Deese volunteered to serve as alternate if no one else is interested.

CRTPO Representative

Norma Carpenter volunteered again to serve on the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Mayor Deese volunteered to be the alternate for this committee also.

Presentation from ABC Committee

Bob Morgan gave the presentation for an ABC store in Marshville. Town Council asked the committee two (2) years ago to look into a possible ABC store here in Marshville. The goal of the Committee is to return as much money as possible to the town. Population will continue to grow. Wingate's ABC store services Marshville and Peachland area. Wingate store grossed 1.5 million last year 58% of their market is Marshville and Peachland. An average of 22,000 cars pass through every day but we did not figure in those cars. If we have to build a building the ABC store will not happen.

Mayor proposes we vote to move out of this building and move town hall to the community building. They will be responsible for up fit of ABC store. Long term Mayor sees us building a municipal building that will house town hall, police and public works.

Council Member Bivens expressed concerns with parking at the community building. Mayor stated the community building has more spaces than this building. Some are used at lunch by Mexican Restaurant. Mayor also stated it has no drive thru but before we purchased the current town hall citizens came inside.

A Motion to direct staff to make preparations to move town hall to the community center was made by Council Member Staton. Seconded by Council Member Huntley and approved by unanimous vote.

Highway Safety Grant

Chief Tarlton address the council in reference to the Highway Safety Grant. This is a grant we have used in the past. This will employ a patrolman to be used only for highway patrol. We are hoping to slow traffic down on Highway 74. This will allow us to apply for the grant.

A motion to direct staff to apply for the Highway Safety Grant was made by Council Member Carpenter. Seconded by Council Member Bivens and approved by a unanimous vote.

Manager Comments

Scott Howard advised the council he has copies of all robo calls sent out. He also has copies of what was put on the website and Facebook. From Friday through Monday 7 calls had sent out. He and Bivens walked every inch of the water lines looking for a leak with no breaks or lunch.

Council asked for staff to look into the robo calls and see if we can get one more human.

Council & Mayor Comments

Council Member Huntley stated he is looking forward to moving the town forward.

Council Member Carpenter asked if the breaks were due to the low temperatures. Chief Tarlton advised the system is in bad shape plus record cold temperatures didn't help. Today was a few small leaks. Anson cut us off since we are draining their system when we are connected. We have turned on Wingate Water.

She also said Union County is having a health fair and the museum needs help with their water bill.

Council Member Bivens stated we need a public works director. Public works didn't tell her about the water outage. Wish we could get Bivens back.

Chief Tarlton stated Bivens helped all week-end. Council Member Carpenter stated Chief Tarlton needs a bonus for his hard work through all of this.

Mayor Pro-tempore Morgan stated she received a couple compliments on the police department. She also informed the council that Centralina COG has a new executive director.

Council Member Staton thanked Emily for Polar Express night. She also thanked Emily for meeting with her grandson. She doesn't think the school gave out the information for the Polar Express night event. She thinks the council are not knowledgeable about what's going on. The robo calls need to go out faster and more frequent when the town is experiencing a problem. An invitation for MLK Jr parade in Anson County is in our boxes. This could be a stepping stone with them since we may need them in the future. I would love for us to participate. Council Member Morgan stated we can use one of their limos. Council is meeting at Morgan's Funeral Home at 9:00am Saturday for the Anson County Martin Luther King Jr parade.

Marshville Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is Thursday, January 25th at 7pm.

Mayor advised the tickets for the Martin Luther King Jr prayer breakfast are here. He handed out tickets to council, Chief Tarlton and Town Manager, Scott Howard.

He advised the attorney did send discoveries to the county attorney's office.

He also stated two (2) different companies are interested in our system.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Staton The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously at 8:30pm.

These minutes approved this 5th day of February, 2018.

By: _____
Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk