



Town of Marshville
Town Council Work Session Minutes
April 18, 2022 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith; Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, and Monaca Marshall

Staff in Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese and Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Call to order a 7 pm. Invocation by Council Member Huntley. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Called Meeting Minutes

Open Special Meeting:

The purpose of this special meeting is to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting. The Town of Marshville received a grant for Asset Inventory and Assessment of our sewer system. Wooten Company performed the work and made a presentation to the Town Council on the night of April 13th. The presentation must be recorded in the minutes to comply with the AIA Grant.

Council Member Bivens motioned to approve the April 13, 2022 minutes. Council Member Huntley seconded the motions. All ayes.

A motion to close the Special Meeting was given by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. All ayes.

Work Session Minutes – Zoom

Public Comments – by Email - None

Adoption of Work Session Agenda: Mayor Pro-tem Staton motioned to adopt the work session agenda. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. All ayes.

NC Rural Water Rate Study Presentation: Town Manager Deese introduced Alicia Melton From NC Rural Water Association. Mrs. Melton's specialty is in Utility Administration and Projects. She gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning water and wastewater. She asked what the council looks for in water and sewer utility. The council responded with a need for quality water and sewer, safe, reliable, and affordable. Mrs. Melton reminded all that Marshville has two separate utilities, a water utility and a sewer utility.

Mrs. Melton said that the average lifespan of water and sewer pipes is one hundred years. So when looking at the town's lines, it is aging out. Water and sewer must be self-reliant. The Town of Marshville is barely covering the cost of water and sewer. Mrs. Melton said we need to save for depreciation and replacement. She gave the Council information on cost increases to maintain and stabilize the system over the coming years. More information was given in her handout.

Mrs. Melton said it is important to talk with Anson County to see how their system is. How are they keeping up with stability and quality of water?

Mrs. Melton gave the Rate Study Goals that were important:

- Provide Quality water and sewer services
- Set the lowest water and sewer rates that provide sufficient revenue to pay for the system.
- Revenues should be sufficient to address short-term and long-term expenses (yearly).
- Rates should reflect the true cost of providing service.

All thanked Mrs. Melton for the information presented and the time she gave us.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton gave a motion to enter into a Closed Session. Council Member Marshall seconded the motion. All ayes.

Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(3) – Attorney

To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session, and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton made the motion to move out of the Closed Session. Council Member Marsh seconded this. All ayes.

Manager's Comments: Town Manager Deese asked who would be there to open the festivities of Music in the Park. Mayor Larry Smith will open the ceremony. Laptops were discussed and it was decided to get laptops for each council member.

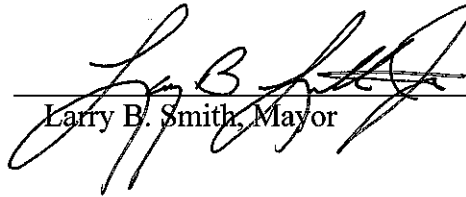
Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Staton said that the ice cream opening was wonderful.
Council Member Blakeney was glad to see everyone.
Council Member Marshall had no comments.
Council Member Huntley wants all to stay safe.
Council Member Bivens thanked the Mayor for the ice cream at the store's ribbon cutting.

Mayor's Comments:

Adjourn: Council Member Bivens made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Marshall seconded the motion. All ayes.

Approved this 6th day of September, 2022.



Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST



Ann Sutton, Town Clerk