



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Special Called Meeting
And Work Session
June 21, 2022 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

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

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

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Call to Order given by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley to move into the Special Called Meeting. All ayes.

Special Called Meeting – 2022-2023 Marshville Budget

Discussion and Possible Action on 2022-2023 Town of Marshville Budget: Town Manager Deese said no changes had been made to the 2022-2023 Budget since the last meeting. He gave the council the yearly Calendar for approval. He mentioned that the Fee Schedule did not include a System Development Fee. A System Development Fee study must be completed before a fee can be approved and added to the Fee Schedule. Town Manager Deese mentioned that a little extra money was put into the Parks and Recreation Department to increase security. The cost of a vehicle was taken out of Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement will receive an older police car for use in that job.

Mayor Pro-tem asked if anyone had any questions. A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Budget, Budget Ordinance, the Calendar, and the Fee Schedule by Council Member Bivens. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All ayes.

Close Special Called Meeting: A motion was made to move out of the Special Meeting by Council Member Huntley and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

Work Session

Open Work Session: Mayor Pro-tem Staton opened the Work Session.

Public Comments Received by Email: There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda: Council Member Bivens motioned to adopt the agenda. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All ayes.

Private Solid Waste Company Presentations:

Waste Connections – Zay Louis, District Manager, and Ed Ward, Municipal Manager, came from Waste Connections to make the presentation. Mr. Louis offers service, a team of care, passion, and vision.

The Waste Connection RFP is offering two structures. One will include solid waste, recycling, and bulk pickup. The other offering will not have recycling included. Mr. Louis felt recycling should be determined on an individual basis. This is because the town only has 30% participation in the recycling program. Therefore, it is more cost-effective for the town to have citizens reach out to individual companies for their recycling needs.

The vision is to start on July 1st. Waste Connections will communicate with the town daily, provide excellent service, and become a community partner.

Waste Connections will take over roll cart management. They will pick up the existing carts and replace them with Waste Connections carts. Waste Connections will take care of repairing and replacing carts. Waste Connections will switch out carts at no charge.

Waste Connections will communicate with the town daily, provide excellent service, have a route supervisor, and have eight live customer service teams. They will hire people from the community. Waste Connections will be there to help at events. Roll-off dumpsters will be a different service. It is not part of the RFP with the town. White goods will be removed.

Waste Pro – Melinda Barkley is Regional Director of Government Relations, and Ted Good is Division Manager. Ms. Barkley gave an overview of the company.

Mr. Goode gave a presentation on Waste Pros employee retention. The company has 2.5% turnover, and they support the employees. The benefits rival Fortune 500 companies. Mrs. Barkley is proud of their employee program.

Waste Pro uses Trak-EZ. They also use Geo Code mapping for trucks so Waste Pro can see where the trucks have been. Live people answer the phone calls. Waste Pro has Third Eye GPS Tracking and a camera inside truck 360. A person can see how an employee is driving at any time. Third Eye GPS Tracking helps ensure drivers are doing their job correctly. Also, Third Eye can take pictures of cans that are not out or if a mailbox is knocked over. Waste Pro has helped find lost people with this system.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked about accountability. She said she called Waste Pro because her trash was not picked up, and it was an hour's wait before she got someone on the phone. Mayor Pro-tem Staton did not want this to be something our citizens have to deal with. Mrs. Barkley apologized for the wait and said that was not representative of their organization.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked if Waste Pro had any significant changes. Mrs. Barkley said the company desired to keep and maintain employees to maintain consistency. Mrs. Barkley also mentioned a discussion on modifying the recycling plan. Educating citizens is an essential part of this process.

Waste Pro offered three tiers of service and pricing.

Discussion of Solid Waste Company Presentations: Town Manager Deese said he has the proposals from the solid waste companies. He is still in negotiations based with each company.

Town Manager Deese said we have had many problems in the past, but over the last 60 days, things have improved with Waste Pro. Council Member Marshall asked if they had gotten better because of the negotiations. Town Manager Deese said it is hard to know.

Council Member Marshall did not think Waste Pro brought anything to the table. Council Member Bivens agreed with Council Member Marshall. Mayor Pro-tem Staton agreed that Waste Pro did not bring anything to the table. Mayor Pro-tem Staton said Waste Connections told us what they would do for the town.

Council Member Marshall asked about recycling. Town Manager Deese said recycling is getting expensive. He is more inclined to allow people to buy recycling with a private customer. Council Member Staton liked Waste Connections. Council Member Bivens felt service had been better lately so Waste Pro could retain its current contract with the Town of Marshville.

Town Manager Deese said he would continue negotiations for the next day or two. Then the decision will be made, and he will let everyone know the decision.

Manager's Comments: Town Manager does not have any comments. He appreciated everyone's participation in Juneteenth. Town Manager Deese will have a Zoom meeting with Appalachian State all day tomorrow, June 22nd.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens thought the Juneteenth celebration was wonderful. She would like citizens to be involved with the naming of the lake property.

Council member Blakeney was glad to see everyone. She asked that all have a safe 4th of July.

Council Member Huntley asked for all to stay safe. He asked about the coloring contest winners.

Town Manager Deese said that The Movie in the Park would be on July 15th

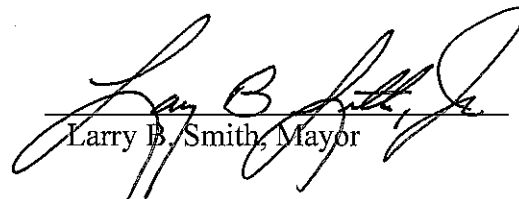
and the winners will be honored at that time.

Council Member Marshall asked all to be safe. Glad to be a part of the Juneteenth festivities.

Mayor Pro-tem Comments: Mayor Pro-tem mentioned that we must remember to speak loudly during the meetings so everyone can hear.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Council Member Huntley and seconded by Council Member Marshall to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. 8:55 pm

Approved this 6th day of September 2022.


Larry B. Smith, Mayor

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Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk