



Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2022 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Police Chief Matt Tarlton, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin by Zoom.

Call to Order: by Mayor Larry Smith.

Invocation Given: by Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance: given by all.

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – Zoom

Call to Order: The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Larry Smith.

Motion to Go Into Public Hearing: Council Member Bivens made a motion to move into the Public Hearing. Council Member Huntley seconded this. All ayes.

Public comments on proposed density changes in the MSP and the R/MST zoning districts:
There were no public comments.

Information from staff: Town Manager Deese told Council the change in the MSP and R/MST districts appeared on the Planning Board's June 14, 2021, agenda and was approved. He reminded all that there was a transition from one Planning Administrator to another during this time. Therefore this item was not brought to Council. The Planning Board approved the new MSP and R/MST density from:

7 units per acre for detached houses to 2 units per acre for detached houses
and
12 units per acre for attached houses to 4 units per acre for attached houses.

Richard Flowe of N-Focus will make the changer to this ordinance for us once it is approved by Council. There is no change in the language for this ordinance. The number of units per acre is the only thing that will change.

Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by Council Member Staton to close the Public Hearing. This was seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes. 7:16 pm

Regular Meeting Minutes – Zoom

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order.

Discussion and Action of Density Changes –MSP and R/MST: After coming out of the Public Hearing, a motion was made by Council Member Staton to change the number of homes in MSP and R/MST to 2 units per acre for detached homes and 4 units per acre for attached housing units such as townhomes. This was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

Public Comments – by Email: None

Adoption Regular Meeting Agenda: There was a change in the agenda. The Closed Session was moved to the end after the Mayor's Comments. This will allow those on ZOOM to leave since there will be no action taken after the Closed Session. Council Member Bivens made a motion to approved the changed agenda. Council Member Staton seconded the motion. All ayes.

Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes for Approval
 - i. October 18, 2021, Work Session Minutes
 - ii. November 1, 2021, Regular Meeting
- b. ARPA Budget Ordinance and Amendment

A motion was made to adopt the concent agenda by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

Presentation of 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements – Eddie Carrick, CPA: Mr. Eddie Carrick presented an unqualified clean audit. This means that all audit testings and reviews did found no problems with the way our finances were handled and our internal controls as they are set.

ARPA Presentations: Reverend Clay Parker gave Council a presentation on Goodlife Educational Services. The hope to help students at East Union Middle School. Team members are John Tillman, Forest Toms, Mark Tulley, and Monica Brown. The program is designed to help close the acheivemen gap at East Union Middle School. Also, social behavior and environmental concerns will be addressed. Goodlife would like to have funding from Union County (\$130,000), Wingate (\$65,000) and Marshville (\$65,000). This money could come from ARPA funds. Mayor Smith wanted to know if the Union County Board of Commissioners agreed to this. Rev. Parker said we were the first town to be introduced to this project. Town Attorney Griffin wondered why Union County Board of Education was not implementing this. Council Member Staton wondered what would happen once our ARPA funds run out. Council Member Staton liked the idea, but felt we should table a decision on Goodlife for a later date. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to table Goodlife Educational Services until the next regular meeting. This was seconded and all agreed.

Request to Approve ARPA Funding for Technology: Town Manager Deese brought this request into the conversation as part of the ARPA presentation. He would like for Council to approve approximately \$23,000 in ARPA funds for technology. This would be for tablets/notebooks for Council, cameras, monitors for the meeting room, increased bandwidth, software upgrades, sound system, and labor. The \$23,000 is only an estimate, but it will help the town move in the right direction for upgrades in technology. A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to approve the appropriation of \$23,000 for technology. This was seconded by Council Member Staton. All ayes.

Town Manager Deese would like to have an RFQ written for branding/imaging to find a consultant for the Town of Marshville. This will coincide with the CIERRI Grant. A motion to create an RFQ for town branding/imaging proposals was made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

Manager's Comments: Town Manager Deese told the Council that the town must have a structural engineer design a pier at the lake property. He presented the Council with an agreement with ARP Engineering to design a pier and oversee the project. The cost is \$3,500. Town Manager Deese wanted Council to know of this contract.

Town Manager Deese let Council know the LGC looked at the contract with Pluris. The LGC asked that we work with Pluris to see if we can reduce expenses.

Town Manager Deese sent Council a copy of the Park Master Plan. He would like all to review it and, if possible, approve it at the next regular meeting. He would like to apply for the PARTF and LWTF grants once the plan is approved.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens commented on the amount of trash on the streets.

Council Member Blakeney was glad to see everyone and wished all a blessed new year.

Council Member Huntley was glad to see everyone and asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Staton would like to have a Spring Cleaning. We received an email from Union County Public Schools inviting us to visit East Union School. They would like us to RSVP by January 17th.

Council Member Staton would also like the Parks Advisory Board to see the Park Master Plan.

Council Member Marshall heard many good ideas for the town. That is positive.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith asked that the Clerk and Town Manager look at an email that he sent from the US Census Bureau. He wants all to stay safe and well.

Closed Session per GS 143-318.11(a)(5) to instruct staff concerning real property negotiations. (Several parcels)

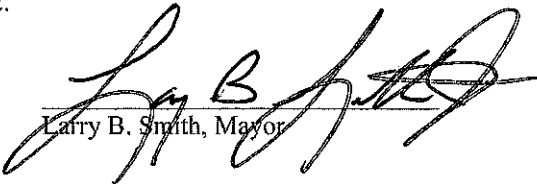
To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Council Member Bivens made a motion to move into a closed session. Council Member Staton seconded this. All ayes.

Council Member Bivens made a motion to move out of the closed session. Council Member Staton seconded this. All ayes.

Adjourn: Council Member Bivens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Staton seconded this. All ayes. 9:35 pm

Approved this 7th day of February, 2022.


Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST


Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk