



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting**

March 7, 2022 7 PM

Marshville Town Hall

118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Meeting Minutes – Zoom

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

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

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Smith. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance. 7 pm

Public Comments – by Email:

Susan Drake of 306 South Elm Street: Mrs. Drake would like to commend the Public Works Department for taking care of the vacuuming of leaves and limb pickup of the residents. They are doing a fine job. She knows that the Public Works Department goes out of its way to assist the residents and she wanted the Public Works Department to know how much they are appreciated for their hard work.

Tara Todd owner of Ms. Allies Cafe: Mrs. Todd expressed how committed she and her husband are to Marshville. She has read the Comprehensive Master Plan for the town and agreed with many of the strategies to keep a small-town feel. She asked how the plan is to be financed. The Plan states that the CIP will be updated on a bi-annual basis as the town continues to find ways to fund projects. Mrs. Todd has requested a copy of the CIP, but there is not one. The budgets do not show any money set aside for Capital Improvements. She stated that all towns need to set aside a Capital Reserve Fund to fund improvements. She said waiting on grants is not the way to fund projects. Mrs. Todd felt that a CIP was a very important tool to guarantee funding for future projects. She hopes that in the upcoming budget, money will be set aside for CIP projects. The town does not need to rely on grants.

Adoption Regular Meeting Agenda: Mayor Smith asked if any changes needed to be made to the agenda. Town Manager Deese would like to remove the Closed Session. The attorney was not able to attend the meeting. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Council Member Hungley and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

Adoption of Consent Agenda:

Minutes for Approval:

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Budget Amendment for Purchase of Land for Pump Station

Approval of Benesch proposal to assist with PARTF and LWCF grant applications

A motion was made by Council Member Huntley to adopt the consent agenda. This was seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes

CANCELLED - Closed Session per GS 143-318.11(a) (3)

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.

Parks and Recreation Director introduction: Town Manager introduced Allen Jackson to the Council.

Business Presentation by Dr. Ronald Flack (Recovery Followers, Inc.): Dr. Flack has been offering services for the past fifteen years to those in distress due to opioid addiction. He gave a packet of information to each council member. The goal has been to offer aid and treatment to rural areas. Recovery Followers, Inc. has been able to work with police officers in the field to approach those in need in their homes. Dr. Flack's organization felt that having to drive long distances for treatment is not good for recovery. Therefore, working directly with a community brings about significant opportunities to help those in need. Dr. Flack gave statistics to the Council. Dr. Flack thanked all. 6605 E. Marshville Blvd. will be the location of the clinic.

Discussion/Action to move April 18, 2022, Work Session to Tuesday, April 19, 2022: Council agreed to meet on Monday, April 18, 2022. This is the date originally approved in the 2021-2022 Budget.

Manager's Comments: On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the Grand Opening of Operation Save Marketplace will happen at 9:30 am. April 23, 2022, will be Music in the Park from 6 pm to 9 pm. Mrs. Lakeysha Medlin, our Community Coordinator, is working hard to make things happen in town. Town Manager Deese asked that all council members try to attend these events. Town Manager Deese address the need for a CIP and agreed that we need to put money aside for capital improvements. He continues to work on grants.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens went to a plan in Anson County. She said it was very nice and would love to see something like that in Marshville. Council Member Bivens commented on the trash in town.

Council Member Blakeney was glad to see everyone.

Council Member Huntley will not be able to meet on March 21st due to an anniversary.

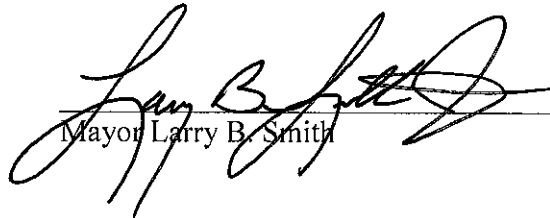
Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith checked on the date for the budget workshop. It will be on March 19th from 10 am until 2 pm. He mentioned that Council Member Staton attended a

Common Heart event that was held in the park. Mayor Smith asked if we still need to wear a mask during our meetings. We have all been vaccinated and we keep our distance. Can we address this next meeting? Mayor Smith also spoke on the need to have an updated CIP.

Town Manager asked for any ideas for the upcoming budget retreat. He will have a proposed budget available on March 19th.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Council Member Gary Huntley to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

Approved this 2 day of May 2022.



Mayor Larry B. Smith

ATTEST



Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk