



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Staff in Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Police Chief Matt Tarlton, Administrative Assistant Michael Garrison, Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Call to Order by Mayor Larry Smith; Invocation by Council Member Huntley; Pledge of Allegiance given by all

Public Comment:

Norma Moore, Marshville Museum, invited all to visit the museum. She also asked for volunteers to help man the museum for four hours a month.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Additions made to Agenda. Added an employee introduction and a Closed Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Staton to approve the Agenda with the additions. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan seconded the motions. All agreed.

Introduction of Michael Garrison to Council:

Michael Garrison has been with the town for one year. He is an Administrative Assistant working mostly with our utilities. Michael has a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master's in Public Administration.

Consent Agenda:

Minutes approved;

Work Session 10/21/2019

Continued Work Session 10/22/2019

Special Meeting 10/31/2019

Re-appointment of ABC Commission Board Members:

Bob Morgan – Chairman – 3 years

Stephanie Baumer – CFO – 3 years

Patricia Gauthier – 2 years

Olin Marsh – 1 year
Dora Bridget – 1 year

A motion was made by Council Member Ernestine Staton to approve the Consent Agenda; the second was made by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed.

Fire Fee/Tax Presentation by Patrick Niland, Union County Assistant Manager:

Beaver Lane Volunteer Fire Department is currently a fire fee district. The fee is currently one hundred dollars for residential property and two hundred dollars for a commercial property. This is not enough to sustain the fire district. Union County has presented a resolution to abolish the Fee-Supported Beaver Lane District and establish the Beaver Lane Fire and Rescue Service District of all territory located within the municipal limits of Marshville. This resolution would create a 60/40 funding split, 60% of funding coming from the fire district and 40% of funding would be a county subsidy, which would create less of a tax burden on the rural tax districts. The Chief of the Beaver Lane Fire Department told Mayor Smith that the county's resolution does come with the Beaver Lane Fire Department endorsement. The council decided to review the resolution over the next few days and bring it back to another meeting to take action.

ABC Store Review and Projections:

Chairman Bob Morgan and CFO Stephanie Baumer were at the meeting to make the presentation. Chairman Morgan said that from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019, the ABC Spirits Store had grossed about \$885, 222.24. This includes \$60,000 in taxes that were collected and sent to the Department of Revenue. They are trying to come up with a date in which the town will start receiving a distribution for the store. The ABC Board says it takes about five years for a store to make its first distribution to the town. Chairman Morgan feels that the store is on track to meet the five year prediction. Town Manager Deese thanked Chairman Morgan for coming.

Discussion on Litter and Tidiness of Streets:

Town Manager Deese was called by a council member due to the concern of the litter on the streets. Council Margaret Bivens would like some "no littering" signs or something to encourage folks to not litter. Chief of Police Matt Tarlton said that he could get some people who have Public Service, requirements to pick-up trash. Council Member Bivens would like to see litter pickup on W. Union Street. Town Attorney Griffin expressed concern about people walking on private property. This could be an issue. Chief of Police Tarlton will ride around and find the spots that need attention. All seemed fine with that idea. Town Manager Deese will look for an ordinance allowing us to put up signs for littering.

Manager's Report:

Town Manager Deese gave a presentation concerning Planning and Zoning. This was in preparation for the upcoming joint Planning Board and Town Council Work Session that will be held on January 13, 2020. All were encouraged to read the handouts Town Manager Deese gave to them. He also wanted the council to come up with questions for the Planning Board about anything they wanted to see or did not understand. Town Manager Deese discussed leaf and limb pickup and showed pictures of what limbs and leaves around the town. Tickets are available for the MLK breakfast. Everyone has bought their own. CRTPO orientation is in Mooresville this year on the 14th. Town Manager Deese wanted the Board's consideration on whether or not to

pay council members for attending other meetings like CRTPO. The suggested amount would be twenty-five dollars a meeting just like the amount we give all now for attending the work sessions. Town Manager Deese asked who wanted to be in the MLK Parade. He also asked what they would like to ride in.

Mayor Smith questioned as to whether we had a leaf and limb policy. Town Manager Deese said that we do not have a policy. To pick up leaves and limbs is a courtesy.

Ethics Training was discussed again. The Town Clerk will arrange.

Council Members' Comments:

Council Member Blakeney thanked all for coming out.

Council Member Huntley thanked all for coming out.

Council Member Bivens went to the Marshville Museum meeting today.

Council Member Staton said that she received a call from a citizen that said the agenda was not on the Facebook page. She asked if we were going to continue putting the agenda on the Facebook page. All thought that the agenda should go on the Facebook page. Council Member Staton thanked the Police Department for taking care of the children at Christmas.

Mayor Pro-tem wished all a great new year.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Smith presented Town Manager Deese with a plaque for his years of service as Mayor. He thanked all for coming and encouraged all to join the town for the Planning and Zoning joint meeting with the Town Council.

Closed Session:

A motion was made to go into Closed Session per General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5)

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.

by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed.

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan and seconded by Council Member Staton. All Agreed

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Council Member Margaret Bivens to Adjourn the Regular Meeting. This was seconded by Council Member Staton. All agreed.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor Larry Smith

ATTEST

Town Clerk, Ann Sutton