



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 7PM
118 E. UNION STREET
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Work Session

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Franklin Deese 7:02pm

Invocation: Council Member Gary Huntley

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Additions to the Agenda: Mayor Deese requested to include Public Comments to the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Staton and second by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan

Public Comments:

Fern Shubert of 505 S. Elm Street spoke of flooding into one of her businesses on Main Street. She said that if the town keeps adding asphalt to the street there is going to be flooding. As streets get higher, places are going to flood. She referenced the flooding in the Wagon Wheel parking lot. She does not think it is an expensive fix. If anyone has any questions, they are free to call her. Council Member Bivens sympathized with Mrs. Shubert because she has drainage issues also. Mrs. Shubert felt like the drainage issue was getting worse not better. Mayor Deese asked if Mrs. Shubert had any pictures, and she said Chief Tarlton had taken some. CSX may be part of the problem. CSX may need to look at its drainage. Mayor Deese said he would try to get talk with CSX. Mayor Deese asked if Mrs. Shubert had received a letter from Bill Lester addressing the flooding issue. She said she did several months after it was sent to the town. The letter did not address the issue she is having issues with. She requested that we go back and look at her presentation and letter in the minutes around March, 2018. The Mayor said that he would.

Diane Amundson of 118 Hasty Road asked the town to look at the piping near 1009 Forest Drive. It is not draining the water and the yard's near it are flooding, (next to C.W.'s house).

Mayor Deese thanked the public.

Compression Brake Ordinance:

Town Manager Howard put examples of signage in the packet and estimated costs. Also in the packet, a tentative ordinance was created to review. Council Member Huntley said that he trained truck drivers for 25 years in the Army. Jake braking is a safety device. It is used to slow the vehicle down. Council Member Huntley said that nobody knows what the truck driver is hauling. If the truck driver has a large load, the brake is used to slow the vehicle down so it will not run into anyone. The jake brake is on the truck for safety reasons. He felt like the ordinance for jake brakes was ridiculous. Council Member Huntley said that it is better to hear the loud truck sound than have the truck run into the back of another vehicle. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan said that sometimes a load is not perfectly loaded. The driver depends on the jake brake for safety. Mayor Deese said that the ordinance states the brake should only be used in emergencies. Council Member Carpenter asked how many people complained about it; she has had a few. We should not be telling people how to drive their trucks. Chief Tarlton said that this sound has increased over time and we will probably get more of this sound with the Expressway coming.

Mayor Deese asked if everyone agreed not to put this ordinance in place. All agreed.

Placement of Public Comments in Agenda:

Marleen Griffin asked the Council to consider placing the Public Comments at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning so that the public could comment on the discussion of the meeting. There was even a request to have public comments after each agenda item. The idea of Public Comments is to allow the public to speak and then the Council can go about business of the town without interruption. Town Manager Howard commented that it was the decision of the Council to have no Public Comment section and the Council could not vote during a work session. This decision was made when Council decided to go back to having work sessions. Town Manager Howard said that we could change the current Public Comments Policy. Mayor Deese felt it would be easier to work on adjusting the current policy and then vote on a new policy at the next meeting. Council Member Staton would like to keep the Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting. Citizens may want to speak on something that has already been voted on. She also does not recommend citizens saying something after every agenda item. That is not what meetings are for. Mayor Deese requested Town Manager to rework the policy for the next meeting.

Council Comments:

Mayor Deese requested that all pray for all the citizens that have lost loved ones during the rains and floods. He wants people to know that flood waters are dangerous. We are all fortunate with this hurricane.

Council Member Staton would like to comment on the grass growing up in the mulch under the swings at the park. She also mentioned that the trees were growing and pushing over

the park fence. She had pictures to show Council. Mayor Deese said that we need to call the people who put the playground equipment in and have them look at the mulch problem and have them redo the mulch.

Amanda Alvarez on Forest Drive said that people were driving too fast and asked if we could have a speed hump. Mayor Deese said that the procedure for getting a speed hump is to have 75% of the residents need to sign a petition. We can then contact Monroe and get a speed hump placed on the street.

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said aye!

Mayor Franklin Deese

Town Clerk Ann Sutton