



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Agenda

Call to Order:

Attendance: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Gary Huntley

Staff: Interim Town Manager Frank Deese, Police Chief Matt Tarlton, Finance Officer/Clerk Ann Sutton, Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Invocation:

Invocation was given by Council Member Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Given by all.

Public Comment:

Nancie Mandeville, 610 Olive Branch Road, Mrs. Mandeville thanked the Council for the presentation from the School of Government on the different types of governments. She does not want us to move backwards to an older form of government. We need to move forward. She said that Interim Town Manager Deese made an excellent presentation at the Union County Planning Session a few weeks ago. He has great plans moving forward.

Tracy Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Road, asked how many applications have been sent in for the new Town Manager position? The town has received 11. She also said the decision for the form of government is an important decision right now. Maybe we need to wait for the new council members to come in before that decision is made.

Barbara Simpson, 6911 Austin Grove Church Road, said she was offended by how the Council members responded to the public comments at the last meeting. The citizens are free to bring their concerns before the Council. She hopes that in the future, the concerns will be taken seriously. She asked that we please review all the applications for the new town manager position. To date, she has not heard anyone say they have reviewed the applications. How do you know if you have the best if you have not evaluated the applicants? Please spend time with each applicant.

Scott Byrum, business owner at 6028 Marshville Blvd. and residence at 3617 Lake Twitty Drive, Monroe, wanted to put to rest some rumors about a group of citizens and business owners who are meeting "secretively." That is not true. We started getting together when the sewer and water dispute began. We have continued to meet to find ways to help and

stay involved. The business owners have a wealth of knowledge and want to help. They want to see this town progress.

Kevin Hooker, 618 Ross Street, is against the change in government. He wants to continue to see our town forward. And, he would like to see the council continue to seek a qualified town manager.

Katherine Davis, 511 Bivens Street, Wingate, wanted to make sure all the council members know of the candidate forum coming up. Dr. Joseph Ellis will be the moderator. It will be at 126 E. Main Street, Monday, October 14th at 7 pm. Mrs. Davis also addressed her thoughts on the change in the form of government. Council cannot be elbow deep in the Town workings. Elected officials are elected to guide.

Chass Helms, 1142 Highway 205, wanted to give the council a letter of abatement from the Federal Government stating that the building they tore down in asbestos free.

Jimmy Haigler, 423 Helms Efird Road, is in the ETJ. He asked what were we going to do about West Main Street to Old 74. Mr. Deese said that the street is a NCDOT road. Mr. Deese will contact NCDOT. Interim Town Manager has contacted them many times. If the citizens contact them NCDOT, something might be done. Attorney Bobby Griffin said to contact the State Commissioner in Union County and tell him. Making that connection may really help.

Erin Moore, 711 Olive Branch Road, thanked Council for their service. She asked that the Council leave the form of government as is. Mrs. Moore would like to see Council move forward with reviewing applicants. She feels like someone with a degree would enhance our town. She also has concerns about the condition of the streets. Mrs. Moore has also tried using the emails on the website. Council Member Carpenter was the only one that worked. She feels that it is imperative to be able to contact all council members.

Marlene Griffin, 317 N. Bivens Street, said trash pickup in town is not effective. It took two weeks for her daughter-in-law's trash to be picked up. This was after numerous calls to the trash company. She has a business in town, and her trash can was used by everybody else during the Randy Travis Festival. Mrs. Griffin also said that she came away from the last meeting thinking that the council is less interested in what the people say. She feels like the town should have something about the town manager search by now.

Melvin Todd, 4732 Bothwell Drive, is concerned about the change in form of government. There is a negative but real aspect, that with more hands in the pie, the longer things take. If you change the form of government, it will slow down the decision making process.

Don Stegall, 506 South Main Street, said the aldermen worked hard to get to the Manager Form of Government. He would like to see the government stay the same. 95% would like to see more streets repaired. And, it is great to see all these people.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Mayor Pro-tem asked if there were any additions to the agenda? Interim Town Manager Deese would like to add a budget amendment to move some low interest CD to the

NCCMT for higher inters. Council Member Bivens made the motion, and Council Member Staton seconded. All agreed,

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council Member Staton seconded. All agreed.

Budget Amendment:

Interim Town Manager Deese said CD's are currently not at a very good interest rate. NCCMT has better rates. A motion was made by Council Member Carpenter to move the CD's to the NCCMT. Council Member Bivens seconded and all agreed.

Discussion/Action for Change in the Form of Government:

Interim Town Manager Deese we have had webinar and information has been handed out to read. The reason we have not moved on the resumes is that it did not make sense to contact the applicants until we knew what form of government we were going to have. Council Member Staton would like to keep it Manager Form of Government. Council Member Staton made a motion to reaffirm that we keep a Manager Form of Government. Council Member Margaret Bivens seconded the motion. All agreed.

Interim Town Manager said the applications would be made available to the Council. There should be a minimum of three candidates to interview. This is a confidential area. Do not release the names of candidates. Each council member can rank the candidates. Mayor Pro-tem has already come in and ranked the applicants. All council members are asked to come and read through the resumes by the next work session, October 21st. All recommended questions should be back to the Town Clerk by Friday, October 11th. Hopefully we can start interviewing by the end of the month.

Discussion on the Hwy 74 and Elizabeth Avenue Pedestrian Crossing:

Interim Town Manager Deese met with NCDOT in Albemarle. The Interim Town Manager took the list that council had given him of the projects we are interested in. One project was the crossing on Elizabeth Avenue. The other was East Union. Hopefully, we have found money for the crossing at East Union and it is in the works. In talking with NCDOT, they did not think the design from the Pedestrian and Bike Plan was feasible for Elizabeth Avenue. They think we should fix the lanes so that no one can take a left-hand turn. They would build the crosswalk and have a Hawk light to push so you can cross. The funding application has to be in by October 31st.

Council Member Staton is concerned about the flashing light at Elizabeth Avenue and Hwy 74. A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to continue pursuing funding for the Elizabeth Avenue crosswalk. It was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed.

Manager's Report:

Interim Town Manager Deese continues to work with Union County. The first welcome packets were sent out today. The thing we are working on right now is finding a way to

make a clean break. When Union County lets us know what they want as far as a billing schedule, we will let the citizens know the plan.

The Fast Charge application was completed and submitted.

ABC lease was signed for another year.

Council Members' Comments:

Council Member Bivens wished all the candidates well.

Council Member Carpenter thanks all for their thoughts and concerns over the past few weeks.

Council Member Huntley thanked all for coming and thanked Interim Town Manager and Mayor Pro-tem for their work.

Council Member Staton apologized for offending some citizens. It was not her desire to do that or for any of the council members to offend anyone.

Mayor Pro-tem Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem read a letter thanking the Marshville Police Department. Officers Steven Fultz and Darius Ellison found a young man suffering from mental illness and got him safely back home. This letter will be placed in each police Officers Personal File.

At the next work session, Mayor Pro-tem would like all to formulate a description of what we expect from the Town Manager.

Additional Public Comment:

Melvin Todd thought that the Interim Town Manager should recuse himself from the Town Manager search. All things will go to the clerk. Mayor Pro-tem said that all items will go through the Town Clerk. All council members are to come up with their own questions and give them to the clerk. The Interim Town Manager will not be involved.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Norma Carpenter. All agreed. Meeting over at 8:22 pm.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan

Attest

Town Clerk Ann Sutton

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Town of Marshville

Fund: General Fund & Enterprise Fund

Date Requested: 11/4/19

Account	Account Description	Previous Budgeted Amount	Increase	Increase	Revised Budgeted Amount
10-3940-0000	Transfer In From Enterprise Fund	\$331,000	\$1,332,360		\$1,663,360
10-6600-6000	Contingency	\$331,000		\$1,332,360	-\$1,001,360
30-9800-0000	Transfer Out to General Fund	\$331,000	\$1,332,360		\$1,663,360
30-3990-0000	Encumbered Fund Balance	\$331,000		\$1,332,360	-\$1,001,360
	Totals:	\$1,324,000	\$2,664,720	\$2,664,720	\$1,324,000

JUSTIFICATION: *(Please attach any supporting documentation.)*

Placing dollars in the NC Cash Management Trust which has a higher interest rate.

Department Head	Date	Official Use Only		Budget Revision Reference #
		Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved <input type="checkbox"/>	
Finance Director	Date	Budget Officer		Date