
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, November 5, 2018, 7 PM MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Frank Deese absent for the first part of the meeting; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Attorney Bobby Griffin

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Parks & Rec Director Emily McCallum

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Public Comments:

Greg Stewart of 1020 Marshville Olive Branch Road is part of the ETJ. He is not allowed to put up a modular home on his land. However, a reference to the Town Ordinance does not mention modular homes. Mr. Stewart is asking Town Council to allow a modular home on his land. Town Manager Scott Howard said that we would get with Blair Israel and find out what can be done. Council Member Norma Carpenter said that we needed to look into this.

Agenda Adoption:

Motion to adopt the agenda given by Council Member Ernestine Staton. Second made by Council Member Norma Carpenter. All agreed.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to adopt the Consent Agenda by Ernestine Staton. Second by Council Member Margaret Bivens. All agreed.

Presentation of U.S. Highway 74 Corridor Study Results by Bjorn Hansen, AICP CTP – Transportation Planner:

This study was kicked off a year ago. Over time, the Monroe Expressway will bring more truck traffic through town, especially from the Port of Wilmington. Eventually, that will make the Bypass Corridor more feasible to cut down on truck traffic on Highway 74. Currently, coordination of the traffic lights on Highway 74 will ease traffic flow. Trucks do

not do well when they have to slow down and start back up. However, noise and emissions pollution will continue to cause a problem. Highway 74 has a lot of Right of Way to make significant changes in the future to help with traffic flow, streetscape, and pedestrian travel.

Community Outreach had good attendance from the community. There is a desire to keep Marshville's small town feel. The Bypass would help keep that desire.

There are several funding opportunities that the Town can apply for. It is recommended that the Bypass be kept on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Mr. Hansen showed many recommendations on traffic flow, streetscapes, pedestrian travel, and inclusion of the Bypass for the town's future.

Town Manager Howard said that even though the Bypass may not come until 2045, the improvements along the Highway 74 corridor will help us immediately. That is a good thing, whether or not the Bypass comes.

Mr. Hansen said that the design for the Bypass is not set in stone until the project is funded. At that point, there will be a balance of property rights versus improvements. The question of property rights by owners was brought up by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan.

Mayor Pro-tem thanked Mr. Hansen for the update given. Council Members Staton made a motion to accept the Highway 74 Study as presented by Mr. Hansen. The motion was second by Council Member Huntley. All were in favor.

Discussion and Action on choosing a Fire Tax Fee Method:

Mayor Frank Deese apologized for being late, (family emergency).

Town Manager Howard said that Michael James presented this in the past. The County is trying to find ways to fund the county fire departments. Beaver Lane Fire Department Chief Lee has expressed several times that he would like the 20% Union County subsidy along with town fee. This would give the town autonomy. If we go total county funding, it may give the County more control. Mayor Frank Deese asked if it was mentioned that the county would have any control based on the percentage of funding given by the county. Town Manager Howard said that was not mentioned in conversations. In looking through the presentation, Town Manager Howard showed where most fire district chief wanted self-funding. That would obviously be harder for the Town of Marshville than the other towns in Union County. Mayor Deese and others questioned how much control Union County would have over the fire department if we chose a higher county subsidy such as 30%, 40%, 50%. He felt like we needed to know that answer before the Council made a decision on which plan to choose. The tax rate for the town was brought up. Mayor Deese reminded everyone that the property tax rate was high for Marshville because the property values were so low. Mayor Deese asked Town Manager Howard to check on how much control Union County would have if we chose any of the county subsidy recommendations.

Manager's Report:

Town Manager Howard said that we recently had the kick-off meeting for the Carelock Sewer Rehab Project. We have been working on a corrosion treatment plan for the water which is a DEQ requirement. You should be getting a notice of water turbidity. The water is safe, but we had to send those out. We have started the project with CDBG for the Marshville Outfall Project.

Council Comments:

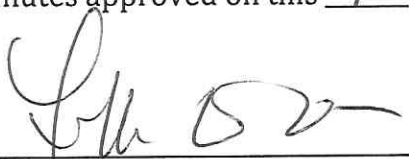
Council Member Bivens said that Halloween night was very nice. Council Member Carpenter did not have any comments. Council Member Huntley said to vote. And if you see anyone in the service, thank them. Veteran's Day is coming up. Council Member Staton told the mayor we approved the Highway Corridor Study. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan had no comments. Mayor Frank Deese reminded all to vote. He also asked that Sonya Huntley's question about her bill be brought back to the Council at the next meeting.

The LED sign should be up and working sometime this week.

Adjournment:

The motion was made to close the meeting by Council Member Staton and second by Council Member Norma Carpenter.

Minutes approved on this 1 day of July, 2019.



Franklin Deese, Mayor

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Ann Sutton, Clerk