



# TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 2nd, 2019 7:00 PM**  
**Marshville Town Hall**

## **Regular Meeting**

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

**Staff Present:** Frank Deese, Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

### **Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Pro tem Morgan called the called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comments:**

Tracy Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Rd., thanked Norma Carpenter for her service to the citizens. Ms. Stancill said she is glad so many people have shown up to the meeting and hopes citizens will continue to show up and be involved. Ms. Stancill announced that she is now on the Planning Board and on the Board of Adjustments and that she is looking forward to working with the town and looking forward to 2020.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Town Manager Deese requested a motion to move item 8 up on the agenda to be switched with item 6. Council Member Staton made motion and Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Adoption of Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes for the July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, & July 26<sup>th</sup> meetings. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Presentation of Financial Statements by Eddie Carrick, CPA:**

Mr. Carrick discussed the town's financial statements and stated that the town received an unmodified opinion.

### **Resolution of Appreciation:**

Mayor Pro tem Morgan asked Council Member Carpenter to stand and read a statement commending her for her service and affixed the Town Seal to the resolution and presented it to her.

### **Oaths of Office/Seating of New Town Board:**

Clerk Sutton swore in Council Member-Elects Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, and Paulette Blakeney. Clerk Sutton then swore in Mayor-Elect Larry Smith. The Council Members and Mayor were then seated.

Mayor Smith requested a brief recess.

Mayor Smith reconvened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **Election of Mayor Pro Tempore & Oath of Office:**

Mayor Smith opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro tem. Council Member Bivens made a motion to nominate Virginia Morgan. Council Member Huntley seconded. Council Member Staton voted against. Vote passes 4 to 1.

Clerk Sutton swears in Virginia Morgan as Mayor Pro tem.

### **Discussion & Appointment of Town Board Liaisons:**

Manager Deese explained the different Boards and Committees. Council Member Bivens confirmed that she is part of the Beautification Committee. Manager Deese asked for more volunteers to form that committee. Mr. Huntly agreed to be part of the Beautification Committee. Manager Deese explained that Council Member Staton is part of the Parks & Rec. Committee. Manager Deese then stated that Mayor Pro tem Morgan is the regional representative for the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) and asked for an alternate. Manager Deese volunteered to serve as an alternate for a short period until a full time alternate representative is found. Next Manager Deese asked for a representative for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). Council Member Staton volunteered to be the representative but requested an alternate. Council Member Blakeney volunteered to be the alternate representative.

### **Manager's Report:**

Manager Deese stated that the Planning Board is requesting the Town Council attend the Planning Board meeting on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Manager Deese stated that the Council would need to call a special meeting for that though. Manager Deese explained that he had a 30-minute webinar on processes & procedures for successful meetings that he wanted to send out to the Council Members. Manager Deese also explained that new and returning Council Members would need to take an ethics class and that he would arrange for it to be taken at Town Hall or for a webinar at home.

### **Council Member's Comments:**

Council Member Staton said that she would like to discuss stipends for travel at the next meeting. She thinks that Council Members should be reimbursed for travel expenses. Both Mayor Pro tem Morgan and Manager Deese explained that there are forms to fill out and be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Mayor Pro tem congratulated Mayor Smith for his election and stated that she looks forward to working with him.

Council Member Staton explained that the Parks & Rec. Committee had their first meeting and explained that there were seven people in attendance.

Council Member Bivens explained that the Museum Committee had a Christmas party that went well and that she will continue to represent the Marshville Town Council and will always put the Town first.

Council Member Blakeney thanked the citizens of Marshville for this privilege to serve and will work to make decisions that benefit the town.

Council Member Huntley congratulated Mayor Smith and Council Member Blakeney and reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting on Friday.

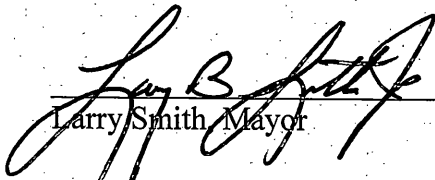
**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Smith said that it is a privilege to serve the citizens of Marshville again. Mayor Smith requested a future closed session to discuss the water and sewer contract. Mayor Smith stated that he would like to make the regular meeting and work sessions more about work and challenged the Council Members to find issues to bring up to work on. Mayor Smith stated he would like to see more technology for Town Hall and to update the town's website. Mayor Smith stated that he would like to see buildings owned by the town fixed up. Mayor Smith praised National Night Out, Movie Night in the Park and Halloween on Main Street and would love to see more community events.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Huntly seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2020.

  
Larry Smith, Mayor

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk