
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017, 7:00 PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Frank Deese; Mayor Pro-Tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, Jim Rowell and incoming Council Member Gary Huntley.

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Beth Usery, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily Huneycutt, Park & Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Deese. The invocation was given by Council Member Staton. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

Mayor Deese asked if anything needs to be added to the agenda. Expressway Steering Committee needs to be added. Council Member Staton made to motion to amend the agenda to add Expressway Steering Committee. Council Member Morgan seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Bivens asked to add water bill to agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carpenter and passed unanimously.

A motion to adopt the agenda with the above additions was made by Council Member Morgan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

A motion to accept the consent agenda and the items thereon was made by Council Member Rowell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed by unanimous vote.

Oath of Office – Town Clerk

Mayor Deese administered the Oath of Office to new town clerk, Beth Usery.

Discussion/Action on the Expressway Steering Committee

Mayor Deese commented that Mr. Bjorn Hansen addressed the council at a previous council meeting. Council Member Rowell made a motion for Mayor Deese to serve on the Expressway Steering Committee. Seconded by Council Member Staton and approved by a unanimous vote.

Recognition

Mayor Deese thanked Council Member Rowell for his service as a Town Council Member. Town present Jim Rowell with a plaque which was read by Mayor Deese. Mr. Rowell thanked everyone for his support.

Oath of Office

Honorable Judge Hunt Gwyn administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Frank Deese, Council Member Morgan and Council Member Gary Huntley.

Mayor Deese asked Park Director, Emily Huneycutt to have a picture on our website of council members.

Presentation

Curtis Bridges gave a presentation on grant funding from CRTPO for bike/pedestrian planning project. No obligation to do anything after planning. Suggestion is to focus on Hwy 74 corridor area. Motion to accept grant was made by Council Member Bivens, seconded by Council Member Station and approved by unanimous vote.

Call for Public Hearing

Motion to call for public hearing for January 8, 2017 at 7:00pm to remove solar farms from Town Ordinance was made by Council Member Bivens, seconded by Council Member Station and approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to call for public hearing for January 8, 2017 at 7:00pm to clarify accessory structure setbacks from detached and attached houses was made by Council Member Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Bivens and approved by unanimous vote.

Water Bill

Council Member Bivens stated one of her neighbors paid their water bill but was cut off. Mayor Deese advised two calls do go out to unpaid accounts and citizens need to keep us with receipts. Council Member Bivens discussed if seniors should be given a call. Mayor Deese asked if a different voice can be on the call instead of a robot. Mayor Deese advised that Marshville is on the cusp of growth. We also have citizens who have been here for years. Council Member Station advised she's receiving bills later and bills are being mailed out later. Council Member Carpenter advised it could be a problem with the Post Office also. Mayor asked staff to have bills mailed by the 25th of each month.

Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session per NCGS 14-318.11(a)(3) was made by Council Member Morgan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and approved by unanimous vote.

Open Session

Motion to enter open session was made by Council Member Bivens. Council Member Station seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Manager Comments

Scott Howard advised the council we have still not received any bites on the public works director position. It has been advertised again for December.

Beth Usery, town clerk, stated she's happy to be here and she looks forward to working with everyone.

Council & Mayor Comments

Council Member Carpenter stated Emerson Braga is asking to voluntary annex. She attended the Unity Service with the area churches and it was wonderful. Museum is rolling along.

Council Member Bivens stated she attended the Unity Service also. They had special seating at this event for law enforcement but none showed. She hopes the newsletter will help get the word out on upcoming events. She has had lots of complaints on staff.

Council Member Morgan wished everyone a Merry Christmas.


Council Member Huntley stated he's glad to be back and looks forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Deese reported as we move forward this year he wants to form committees to get citizens involved. Hopes to get a 503(c) for the park so we can get donations. He hopes to establish an economic development committee to get businesses involved. He will bring plans to January meeting. He's thinking of running for the State House.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Station The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously.

These minutes approved this 8th day of January, 2018.

By: 
Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

Attest: 
Town Clerk