



TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 16th, 2019 7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Work Session

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Ernestine Staton, Paulette Blakeney, 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 Smith called the called meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Diane Amundson, 1018 Hasty Rd., stated that she appreciates the staff introductions and would like that to continue. Ms. Amundson discussed that she would like to see something done about the ABC sign being on the Town sign and also wants to know what the town plans to do with the vacant properties. Last, Ms. Amundson said she would like to know what Council Member Blakeney's goals are for the town.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Huntly seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Technology update and suggestions:

Mayor Smith discussed the possibility of investing in an LED screen for the meeting screen and also discussed the possibility of live streaming. Mayor Smith then opened the floor for suggestions.

Council Member Staton agreed that there does need to be an LED screen for the meeting room and also agrees with live streaming the meeting for the public. Council Member Staton also said that she would like to have tablets for use during meetings.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan asked if this was in the budget. She also thought that all of the important public information needs to be on the town's website and not on Facebook.

Council Member Bivens said she is good with whatever.

Council Member Blakeney stated that she likes technology.

Council Member Huntly stated that he is old school and does not like the idea of being put on Facebook. Council Member Huntly did agree that they could use microphones.

Manager Deese said that he will look into what can be budgeted for some new updates. Manager Deese did agree that it is time for Marshville to move forward.

Clerk Sutton said that we need a strategic plan for technology and not just start throwing money for technological improvements that will be outdated in a year.

Website Update and Suggestions:

Mayor Smith stated it is time to start updating and improving the town's website and having a better online presence. Manager Deese explained that he has reached out to the company that designed the town website to come to a meeting. Manager Deese also explained that the intern who is currently working on the website is doing a fantastic job updating the website. Manager Deese wants to know is there anything particular you want to see on the website and asked for Council Members to get back with him about that.

Manager's Report:

Manager Deese presented a financial snapshot of the town's finances. Manager Deese then gave updates on the Anderson Project.

Mayor Smith requested a brief recess before going into a closed session.

Closed Session:

Mayor Smith requested a motion to move into a closed session. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan made a motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting moved into a closed session.

Mayor Smith requested a motion to come out of closed session. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Bivens seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed, the meeting moved out of closed session.

Manager's Report Continued:

Manager Deese discussed the Town 2035 Plan. Manager Deese also reminded the Council that the joint meeting with the Planning Board will be Monday, January 13th. Manager Deese then discussed details about the new natural gas line; construction began on December 2nd and it is expected to be completed in 180 days.

Council Member's Comments:

Council Member Bivens did not have any comments but wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Blakeney did not have any comments but wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Huntly wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Staton asked when she needed to start going to the CRTPO meetings and also wanted to start planning budget dates. Council Member Staton mentioned people parking in the Town Hall parking spots during Town business as well.

Clerk Sutton suggested putting cones in the spaces.

Manager Deese and Mayor Pro-tem Morgan both suggested to try placing cones for the next meeting.

Mayor Pro-tem stated that the staff Christmas Party was great and thanked everyone who came out for that and then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

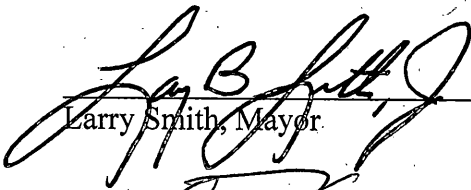
Mayor Comments:

Mayor Smith stated that he, too enjoyed the staff Christmas party and also enjoyed the Tree Lighting and the Christmas parade.

Adjournment:

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

Approved this 3rd day of February, 2020.



Larry Smith, Mayor

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk