



Town of Marshville Town Council Public Hearing/Work Session

**February 15, 2021 7 pm
Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC
28103**

Work Session

Present: Mayor Larry Smith; Mayor Pro tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Paulette Blakeney, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley

Absent: Council Member Margaret Bivens

Staff Present: Franklin Deese, Town Manager; Michael Garrison, Interim Town Clerk, Matt Tarlton, Police Chief

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Smith called the Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Deese introduced the new town Finance Director LeAnn Gosnell. Ms. Gosnell stood and introduced herself and gave a little background on herself.

Mayor Smith thanked Ms. Gosnell and introduced the next agenda item.

Closed Session:

Mayor Smith entertained a motion for the meeting to move into closed session. Council Member Staton made motion. Mayor Pro tem Morgan seconded. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting goes into closed session.

Motion to come out of Closed Session:

Mayor Smith entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session. Council Member Huntley made motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously. The Council came out of Closed Session at 9:00 pm.

Mayor Smith announced there was no action taken during Closed Session.

Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting:

Mayor Smith entertained motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Council Member Huntley made motion, seconded by Council Member Staton. Motion passed unanimously. Special Meeting adjourned.

Manager Deese suggested since the Closed Session took longer than expected and that it is now 9:00 pm to the discussion of the AIA Grant, Park Master Plan could be discussed at a later date. Manager Deese did suggest to discuss agenda items 7, 6, and 5 tonight though.

Motion to change and adopt the agenda:

Mayor Smith entertained motion to change the agenda. Mayor Pro tem Morgan made motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion concerning Service Line Warranty

Manager Deese introduced Daniel DeRenzo from National League of Cities (NLC). Mr. Deese explained this is a warrantee program. Manager Deese explained that if there is a service line issue on their side of the meter, it is a big expense to the customer to have it fixed and this is a program where the customer would make a payment every month to Daniel's company and if something happened to their water line the company would offer \$8,500 on the water and sewer lines and \$3,000 if it is inside plumbing. This is basically the town giving Daniel's company permission to offer the product to citizens, but it's up to the citizen to buy the warrantee program. It's \$5.29 per month for the water warrantee, \$7.25 per month for the sewer warrantee, and \$9.49 for the in-house warrantee. Manager Deese said he check with the NCLM and that this company is legitimate and endorses them.

Mayor Smith asked if this works like an insurance policy.

Mr. DeRenzo stated that is correct but citizens won't have a deductible or experience rate increases if something does happen and they need to use their policy. There would be a 30 days waiting time before coverage kicks in and there is no obligation to remain enrolled. Mr. DeRenzo did ask for use of the town's logo on mail outs. This can help with enrollment rates and lets people know this is a legitimate program, but town Council gets final say about logo use before the mail outs are sent out. Mr. DeRenzo said there is a royalty agreement and the town can receive royalties to use how the town sees fit.

Mayor Smith said he would like this run by the town attorney before and final decision with logo and does not want the town to inherit any liabilities that may come with endorsements.

Manager Deese stated his has a tentative agreement which he will run by the town attorney in the morning and all he'll need from the Council is a vote on receiving royalties on March 1st.

Discussion concerning virtual meetings after emergency lifted:

Manager Deese explained that we can have this virtual meeting because the Governor declared a State of Emergency. The City of Monroe is seeking support in sending a bill to the legislature basically saying we would like to have the option to continue having virtual meeting even after the State of Emergency is lifted and the Council Members would have to make the final decision to do it. This is not an action, just general consensus for support.

Discussion concerning Senior Parade:

Mayor Smith explained that the impact of high school seniors due to COVID-19, the principal from Forest Hills High School reached out asking if the town would be willing to cooperate with a Senior Parade through the town, proposing Thursday, May 20th and what level of cooperation the Council would be willing to entertain.

Manager Deese stated that we would have to get permission to close certain state-maintained roads, discuss logistics with the Parks & Rec Director and Chief of Police, and both the school and town would need to advertise it and social distancing would be enforced. He doesn't have a problem with it and asked the Council what their thoughts are.

The Council Members enjoyed the idea.

Manager Comments:

Manager Deese discussed the public hearing for March 1st and let the Council know there will be another hearing for an application to rezone Green Street from SFR1 to SFR2. Manger Deese then showed Council Members the property on a map. Manger Deese then discussed the question of the subdivision of a lot on Griffin Lane and stated the applicant sent a drawing of what they are intending to do and passed out copies to the Council Members. Manager Deese then discussed ideas for speaks for the budget retreat and needs the Council to discuss the options.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Blakeney asked everyone to have a blessed week.

Council Member Huntly asked everyone to enjoy the rest of Black History Month and to stay safe.

Council Member Staton wanted to let everyone know that she spoke with Shavone Hubbard and that Ms. Hubbard said she really enjoys her job and really enjoys being here and it is a breath of fresh air seeing the improved moral in the admin department.

Mayor Pro tem Morgan showed the project between South Piedmont Community College and the town in the project to fix up the old cleaners building.

Mayor Smith thanked Council Member Huntley for mentioning Black History Month and hope everyone has enjoyed it and also thanked the town staff for their hard work and thanked Chief Tarlton for his and the Marshville Police Officer's hard work.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Huntley made motion. Council Member Staton seconded. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2021 by:

Larry Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Garrison, Interim Town Clerk