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# TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 - 7 PM  
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Paulette Blakeney, Ernestine Staton, Gary Huntley, and Margaret Bivens. Mayor Larry Smith was absent.

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Pro-tem Morgan called the Public Hearing to order.

**Invocation:** Council Member Gary Huntley

**Pledge of Allegiance** was given my all.

**Open Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments on Changes to the Town of Marshville UDO:** Mayor Pro-tem Morgan opened the Public Hearing. This addition to the ordinances will allow the Town of Marshville to cite owners and citizens for leaving trash on the public sidewalks and other town areas. Once the owner/citizen has been cited for this violation, they have twenty-four hours to rectify the problem. If this is not done, the Town can have the problem taken care of, and the owner/citizen will be responsible for payment of the cleanup. Town Manager Deese asked if anyone had questions. There were no public comments.

**Close of Public Hearing:** Mayor Pro-tem Morgan asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Staton made the motion. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing. All agreed.

**WORK SESSION**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Mayor Pro-tem called the Work Session to order.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion was made by Council Member Huntley to adopt the agenda. A second was made by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

**Excessive Use Adjustment Rate Discussion:** Town Manager Deese explained this adjustment was for citizens who had excessive water use and did not know there was a problem. For example, a home may have a water leak under the house, but the owners

may not know it until their water bill comes out. The bill shows the high water usage for the period. The adjustment rate is a way to fairly help the citizen with the payment for the excessive water usage. The calculation the town is using for this adjustment was at an old rate. Town Manager Deese asked that the calculation be changed to reflect the true cost of the water to the town. This will be brought for approval at the next meeting. Town Manager Deese would like to answer any questions from Council. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan clarification of the different calculations between water and sewer. Town Manager Deese explained that it was possible to tell if the water ran into the sewer or not. If the water ran into the sewer, the citizen would be charged at the current sewer rate. If the leak proved to be only water related, the citizen would be charged at the water rate.

**Discussion of the Exercise Summary with Richard Flowe:** Town Manager asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the exercise Council did with Richard Flowe at the last meeting. The exercise concerned Council's likes and concerns in the Town of Marshville. Council was asked to describe their feelings for the past, the present, and the future for the town. No one had any questions.

**Manager's Report:** Town Manager Deese showed a diagram of the amount of traffic change in the town. Some areas showed traffic increases of up to 25,000 automobiles a day.

Town Manager Deese commented on the intersection at Union Street and Elm Street. Cars on E. Union Street have to practically get into the middle of Elm Street to see traffic coming down North Elm. NCDOT says that this easing into Elm Street was within the recommendations of the NCDOT, and no caution light needs to be placed there. Town Manager Deese will continue to pursue finding a remedy for this intersection.

The Christmas Parade has been cancelled.

There will be ribbon cutting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 103 E. Union Street for Angle Creek Inspirations. The ribbon cutting is at 10 am.

#### **Council Comments:**

Council Member Bivens had no comments and asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Blakeney asked all to have a happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Huntley asked all to stay safe and have a happy holiday.

Council Member Staton mentioned that the Veteran's Day Celebration was nice, but there were not many people there due to the weather. Mayor Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Morgan, and Council Member Staton were in attendance. She also thanked Town Manager Deese for fixing the ditch in the road in front of the church. Town Manager Deese said our Public Works Department should take the credit for fixing the ditch areas in the roads where the natural gas lines were being placed. The natural gas people said these areas are being covered with rock until all the lines have been completely installed. They will be back to asphalt the areas when the laying of the pipe

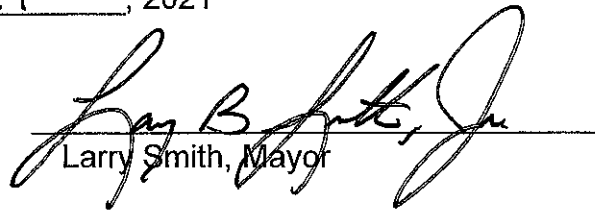
lines was complete. Council Member Staton mentioned having a budget retreat of some kind. We need to figure out what the goals are for the town.

Town Manager Deese said that we are still planning a Christmas Tree Lighting. Council will be updated.

**Mayor Pro-tem Morgan Comments:** It has been decided not to have a Christmas Party. Town Manager Deese said that a drop-in may take place. She asked that all stay safe and have a happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Staton. It was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed. 7:32 pm

Minutes approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

  
Larry Smith, Mayor

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk