
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 - 7 PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

REGULAR MEETING - ZOOM

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Chief of Police Matt Tarlton, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin by phone.

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Given by Council Member Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was given my all.

Public Comments: None

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan to adopt the agenda. A second was made by Council Member Staton. All agreed.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Staton to approve the consent agenda. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

Consent Agenda item approved: Adjust the Excessive Use Rate to Equal the Town's Cost for Water and Sewer

Discussion/Action Main Street Nuisance Ordinance: A Public Hearing was held at the previous Work Session. This ordinance allows the town to cite an owner or citizen for placing trash or some obstruction on the sidewalk in the downtown area. The citation would allow a twenty-four hour turn around period for the problem to be taken care of by the owner/citizen. After twenty-four hours, if nothing was done, the town could take action to clean the obstruction up at the owner's/citizen's expense. A motion to approve the Nuisance Ordinance was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed.

Preliminary Discussion of Zoning Study: The Planning Board is going to bring a request to Council to change some zoning areas from Residential/Main Street Transitional to Main Street Periphery. A zoning map was presented to the Council along

with a definition of the various uses for both zoned areas. Town Manager Deese wanted to get the information to the board so a Public Hearing could be held in January, 2021, with a vote on the zoning change in February, 2021. A motion was made to have Special Meeting for a Legislative Hearing on January 19, 2021. This would be a meeting prior to the Work Session to allow for public input concerning the zoning changes. This motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All agreed.

Manager's Comments: Town Manager Deese asked if the council wanted a Work Session on December 21, 2020. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan made a motion not to have the Work Session December 21, 2020. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Staton. All agreed to not have a Work Session on December 21st. Also, Town Manager asked the Council if they would like to have speakers come in via Zoom to discuss budget ideas for the new fiscal year. Most thought that would be a good idea.

Council Comments:

Council Member Blakeney asked all to continue wearing a mask. She mentioned that the Tree Lighting was nice. She wanted all to have a safe and happy holiday.

Council Member Huntley wanted all to remember Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th. He wanted all to stay safe and have a happy holiday.

Council Member Staton said the Tree Lighting was nice. She wants all to remember the mask policy and for all to have a happy holiday.

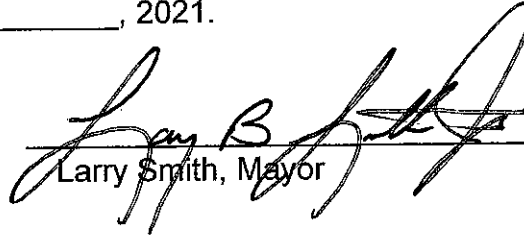
Mayor Pro-tem Morgan handed out information from Centralina to keep all updated.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan is concerned about the Union County Revaluation of properties with the COVID virus still a problem. So many are out of jobs and struggling. She asked that all stay safe and have a good holiday.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith passed a Christmas card around from the Union County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Smith asked what was to be done for the employees for Christmas. Town Manager Deese asked if the Town Hall could be closed on Friday, December 11th, at 3 pm. Employees will be able to drop by for snacks and bonus checks at that time. All thought that was a good idea. Town Manager Deese told the Council that we hired a part-time front desk person and a part-time Parks and Recreation person. Kate Ingram will be at the front desk and Lee Irving will help in the park.

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes. 7:50 pm

Minutes approved this 5th day of April, 2021.


Larry Smith, Mayor

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk