
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 - 7 PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

REGULAR MEETING - ZOOM

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

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 Pro-tem Morgan called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Given by Council Member Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance: Given by all.

Public Comments: None

Adoption of Agenda: Council Member Staton made a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Blakeney made a second. All agreed.

Discussion/Action Concerning the Marshville Bypass Inclusion in the CRTPO

2050 MTP: Town Manager Deese presented a CRTPO PowerPoint presentation on the Monroe By-Pass. The presentation shows the possibility of the Monroe Bypass extending out and around Marshville. Town Manager Deese presented a resolution asking CRTPO to include the extension of the Monroe By-Pass as a future project in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Also, Town Manager Deese presented a resolution asking for a tolling study of the Monroe Bypass extension project. This request would be a part of the 2050 CRTPO Transportation Plan. Council Member Staton thought the extension would be a good idea. CRTPO would allow the North Carolina Turnpike Authority to proceed with a tolling study if the extension of the Monroe Bypass became a possible project. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to approve the Resolution in Support of the Marshville Bypass CRTPO 2050. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes. A motion was made by Council Member Blakeney to approve the Resolution to Support Tolling Study Bypass Project. Council Member Staton made a second to the motion. Resolution passes with all ayes.

Discussion/Action concerning designating Juneteenth as a paid employee

holiday: Town Manager Deese said that every state except three recognizes this date as a holiday. It is before Congress to make it a Federal Holiday. Mineral Springs and Monroe have approved this day as a paid holiday. Council Member Staton expressed the need for education on the meaning of the day. Council Member Staton made a motion to support the Resolution Designating Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday. A second was made by Council Member Huntley. All ayes agreeing to the resolution.

Town Manager's Comments: Town Manager Deese noted that Michael Garrison will be shadowing the Code Enforcement Officer in Waxhaw to learn the job. He also mentioned the new website should be up and running on Friday. No other comments were made.

Council Members Comments:

Council Member Staton wished all a Happy New Year. She also wanted to know when the Parks and Recreation Board will begin meeting. She also thought we needed to go back to the School Board concerning traffic at East Union School. Town Manager Deese told Council that he has been contacted by Bjorn Hansen of Union County Transportation Department to join a Zoom meeting with NCDOT on Tuesday. So, he will have a discussion with Mr. Hansen and NCDOT at that time.

Council Member Blakeney wished all a progressive year. And she asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Huntley wished all a Happy New Year, and asked all to stay safe. Mayor Pro-tem wished all a Happy New Year.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Smith asked if Council Member Bivens was OK. Town Manager Deese said she was. He was not sure why she was not at the meeting. Mayor Smith asked if the issue of the VFD water line and the two new houses being built next to the fire department had been resolved. Town Manager Deese said yes, the issue had been resolved. Mayor Smith wished all a Happy New Year.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Council Member Staton to close the regular meeting. Council Member Blakeney seconded the motion. All ayes. 7:45 pm

Minutes approved this 5th day of April, 2021

ATTEST


Ann Sutton, Town Clerk


Larry Smith, Mayor