



**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Special Meeting & Work Session**  
**Monday, August 16, 2021 7 PM**  
**Marshville Town Hall**  
**118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

**Special Called Meeting Minutes**

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese, Police Chief Tarlton, and Town Clerk Ann Sutton,

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Smith. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion and Action on Resolution to Apply to LGC for a Bank Loan:** Town Manager Deese presented a resolution to allow him to request LGC's approval for a bank loan. This resolution would be contingent on the Town Attorney approving the resolution. Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the resolution, and Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. All Ayes.

**Close Special Called Meeting:** A motion was made by Council Member Staton to close the Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens. All Ayes.

**Work Session - Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Larry Smith.

**Public Comments:** Diane Amundsen sent in a public comment:

When can we expect to have the water, sewer and trash issues addressed. Once again, this appears to be the HOT topic of discussion concerning the town.

We need a better way to advertise your meetings. We don't even get a Mayor's letter in the water bill anymore. Not everyone is on the computer or Facebook and the sign in front of the ABC is a waste.

I have been attending the Zoom meetings as I am interested in the future of Marshville, BUT one person is not enough. Please brainstorm a way to get the word out I would love to see a report of what the projects are in the future of the town as well as the building and zoning report.

**Adoption Work Session Agenda:** Council Member Bivens made a motion to adopt the agenda. This was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All Ayes

**COVID-19 Update:** Covid numbers are going up. Information on COVID has been put on the doors. Also, Town Manager Deese suggested how to stay safe material be put up on Facebook and the website. All agreed. Also, other municipalities have canceled their events. Town Manager Deese asked if it is OK to postpone our events that are coming up. All agreed.

**Update on Union County Schools:** Jamal Kirkpatrick joined our meeting to discuss the moving of East Union School to Forest Hills High School and FHHS to a new facility in the same campus area. The Union County School Board has not made a decision on what to do with East Union School. That is all Mr. Kirkpatrick has for now. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested putting out a petition so as many people show the desire that Marshville wants the building to preserve its historical value. Council Member Huntley asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to update us as soon as possible on any changes or decisions. Town Manager Deese has reached out to East Union School alumni to find ways to encourage people to let Union County know the desires of the town.

**Update/Discussion on ARPA Funds:** Town Manager Deese let the council know we have received our first ARPA distribution of \$444,104.89. We will receive our second distribution in twelve months. We have until December 31, 2024 to decide what the town will do with the funds. The town will have two years after that to spend all the money. These funds can only be allowed for certain things. Webinars will be available to talk about ARPA funds. Town Manager Deese are encouraged to watch the webinars if possible. This is all new to everyone. Town Manager Deese said that if it is possible to do within the guidelines, he would like to upgrade our technology so that people can be heard during our online meetings.

**Presentation "Imagine Marshville":** Susan Drake created a presentation to "Revitalize, Rejuvenate, and Renew" Marshville. Marshville has advantages in place such as the Monroe Bypass that will make Marshville a destination for rest, relaxation, and recreation. The town has Hwy 74 to reach people from the east. We needed to find ways to use all our assets to our advantage. The people need to reimagine Marshville. Town Manager Deese thanked Susan Drake for offering this presentation to the council.

**Manager's Comments:** Town Manager Deese spoke to Mrs. Amundsen's comments. Mrs. Amundsen asked when the water issues would be addressed. Town Manager Deese said that last weekends low water pressure incident was caused by an eighteen-wheeler pulling a trailer that got caught in the electrical lines. The pump had no electricity. We had to wait for the electrical lines to be repaired. Some things are beyond our control. We try to let people know if there are problems.

Mrs. Amundsen asked about sewer issues. Town Manager Deese said we are working through the contract with Pluris. We have applied for a CDBG specifically for sewer. We are waiting on that. Waste Pro is contracted for trash pickup.

We take all complaints to Waste Pro. We have made it known that we want conditions to improve. So we may be looking to send out an RFP for trash service next year.

Christ Bible Center wants to use the pocket park behind Dr. Henry's Office to give out school supplies and care packages on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. All said that would be fine if they will clean up afterwards. Council Member Staton asked about parking. Town Manager Deese will ask.

Town Manager Deese would like all to review the Personnel Policy. Please let him know of any changes as soon as possible.

**Council Comments:**

Council Member Bivens complained of trash and requested a stoplight at Hyw 74 and Elizabeth. Council Member Blakeney was glad to see all and thanked the Police Department for a good job. Council Member Huntley thanked all staff.

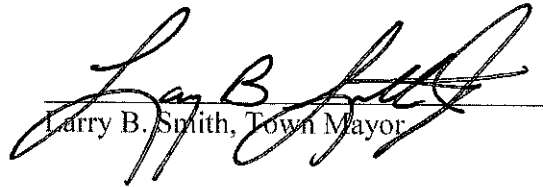
Council Member Staton thought Susan Drake's presentation was good. The park continues to look good. The Town Manager is doing a great job.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan thanked staff; they are working hard.

**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Smith would like a copy of presentation of Susan Drake's. Mayor Smith also wanted to let folks know that some things are beyond our control. He said that no one in this meeting room is proud when something happens in town.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Staton and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. All Ayes. 8:45 pm

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
Larry B. Smith, Town Mayor

ATTEST

  
Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk