



**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2021 7 PM**

**Marshville Town Hall**

**118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

**Regular Meeting Minutes – Zoom**

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese and Town Clerk Ann Sutton, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin (on call)

**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.

**Adoption Regular Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to approve the agenda. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

**Adoption of Consent Agenda:** A motion was made to adopt the consent agenda by Council Member Bivens and a second was made by Council Member Huntley. All ayes

1. Minutes for Approval

- i. June 7, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
- ii. September 7, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

2. Charge Union County to Collect Marshville's 2021 Property Taxes

**Closed Session per General Statute § 143-318.11 (a) (3):** A motion to move into Closed Session was made by Council Member Huntley and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

**Union County vs. Marshville**

*To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be*

*reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan to move out of Closed Session and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

**Action resulting from Closed Session:** Town Manager Deese asked the council to consider the Pluris contract. He asked that council either table the contract, move forward with the contract, or reject the contract. Council Member Bivens made a motion to move forward with the Pluris contract to build a wastewater plant for Marshville. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All ayes. The Pluris contract will be presented to the public when all attachments are available and signed.

**Resolution to enter agreement for water meter purchase:** The resolution was tabled concerning the water meter agreement. Town Manager Deese would like the attorney to review. A motion was made to table the resolution by Council Member Blakeney and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All ayes.

**Closed Session per General Statute § 143-318.11 (a) (6)** A motion to move into Closed Session was made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes. The purpose of the session was to discuss the Town Manager's evaluation process.

*To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem to move out of Closed Session and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

**Action resulting from Closed Session:** The Town Manager's contract will be renewed as of July 1, 2021. This will be a four-year contract at \$75,000 for the next two years. Town Manager will receive COLA each year. Also, we will find a way to increase his 401k donations to a five percent town match instead of a 3.5% match. A motion was made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

**Manager's Comments:** Town Manager Deese had everyone look at the Code Enforcement Report. Town Manager Deese let all know that we have been approved for a PARTF Grant for \$350,000. This grant is contingent on another appraisal. We also were approved for a CDBG Grant. He is not sure the amount at this time, but the grant would be for repairing manholes.

**Council Comments:**

Council Member Huntley wondered how our Waste Pro was doing? Town Manager Deese said he is in contact with Waste Pro, but he will be reaching out to other companies before the next budget.

Council Member Bivens did not have a comment.

Council Member Blakeney asked all to stay safe.

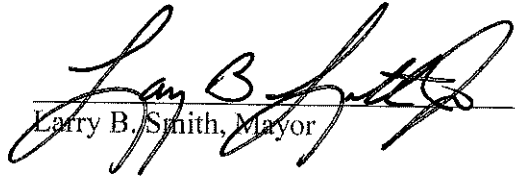
Council Member Huntley congratulated the town manager on his success and asked all to stay safe.

Mayor Pro-tem told Town Manager Deese to keep up the good work.

**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Smith congratulated Town Manager Deese.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Council Member Huntley. All ayes. 9:40 pm

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

  
Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Ann F. Sutton, Town Clerk