

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 17th, 2020 7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall**

Work Session

Present: Mayor Larry Smith; Mayor Pro tern Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley

Absent:

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

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Smith called the meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Diane Amundson, 1018 Hasty Rd., stated that the door at the old tobacco shop is flapping in the wind and looks terrible. Ms. Amundson then asked why there is no sign on the by-pass that says Marshville is coming up?

Manager Deese explained that he spoke with the person in charge and that he is trying to get him to come to the first March meeting and that no signs were decided on when they first made the design.

Council Member Staton explained that she called the NCDOT to ask about getting a sign before.

Ms. Amundson then asked why the minutes from the town Planning Board Minutes are not published online.

Clerk Sutton explained that the town's software is a little limited but would try and have one of the interns see if they could get the Planning Board minutes uploaded online.

Ms. Amundson then brought up the town LED sign and stated that with the ABC Store's sign on top, it looks as if everything in Marshville is presented by the ABC Store.

Manager Deese assured that the Mayor and himself are discussing the issue.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion. Mayor Pro tern Morgan seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on CCOG Alternate Representative:

Manager Deese said that there needs to be an alternate representative who is an elected official.

Mayor Smith volunteered to act as the alternate representative. The Council agreed.

Discussion for Exempt Employee Comp/Bonus Time:

Manager Deese reminded that this was for the salaried employees and that the time needs to be called something other than "comp" time since comp time is for hourly employees. Manager Deese stated that the maximum bonus time for salaried employees is 40 hours. Anything over 40 they lose. Manager Deese went on to explain that employees who are hourly and receive comp time must be paid. Manager Deese then asked the Council to take action and approve the pay plan policy.

Mayor Smith asked about the employee manual.

Manager Deese stated that there are parts that were intended to be voted on, and he is currently reviewing previous minutes to make sure everything has been officially approved.

Discussion on Park Advisory Committee By-Laws:

Mayor Pro tern Morgan explained the modeled the by-laws after Harrisburg's Park Advisory's by-laws articles and explained the changes she has made to them.

Council Member Staton explained there are currently five members on the committee; however, Gail Kiker has been trying to join the committee, and she has called her several times about joining but has not received an email from anyone, so she is bringing the issue before the Council.

Mayor Pro tern Morgan asked if she could be an alternate.

Manager Deese took responsibility for her not getting the information, but explained that it was decided on five because there were only five people at the meeting, and that he feels it should be a seven-member committee, so there is no conflict.

Council Member Staton agreed that there should be seven members.

Mayor Pro tern Morgan stated that committee members should be reimbursed for travel expenses.

Manager Deese explained that would need to be budgeted.

Mayor Smith explained that travel expenses would need to be approved by the Town Manager.

Mayor Pro tern Morgan continued to review the articles of the by-laws.

Manager's Report:

Manager Deese explained that the town's code enforcement officer will be coming to the town's first meeting in March. He then discussed a situation he witnessed at East Union Street where a near accident had occurred. He spoke with Union County and with contacts at NCDOT. In the end, the general consensus is to have a traffic signal put in at Hambrick Street with CMAQ

(Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) funds. Next, Manager Deese discussed rescheduling the meeting with SPCC due to poor weather conditions. He then went on to explain that he is preparing a map of town owned properties and will designate which ones are storage and which are vacant. He next discussed Waste Pro donations and attending the CCOG meeting. Manager Deese then discussed the presentation by the Council on Aging and stated that Union County has fastest growing increase in aging citizens in this region and needs to start preparing. Manager Deese then asked the Council for their top 3 issues for the town going forward. He then explained that he has hired Mark Gosnell as a consultant for the park and will bring him to the next meeting to introduce him. Finally, Manager Deese gave a demonstration of the Sharp TV.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens discussed putting in trees to hide the parking lot in front of Bakery Feed and discussed the bad traffic at Carelock and Elizabeth Avenue. Ms. Bivens then explained the town needs to start stepping up efforts about people littering.

Council Members Blakeney and Huntly thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Staton asked if we can get people to join the Beautification Committee, and that committee needs to start doing something.

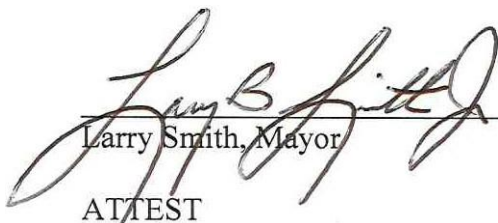
Mayor Pro tem Morgan said she did not have any comments:

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Smith discussed the status of the property at 401 E. Union Street and said he would like to have a list of properties that are under reprimand by code enforcement so elected officials can be in the loop. Mayor Smith also explained that Council needs to be thinking about the transition of utilities to Union County and about the employees who are paid from the enterprise fund and what the long term plan will be for those employees.

Adjournment:

Mayor Smith requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Huntly seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.


 Larry Smith, Mayor
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