

Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 18th, 2019 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Regular Work Session

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Emily McCallum, Parks & Recreation Director

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Mayor Franklin Deese. Mayor Deese asked for volunteers to join one of the town's committees and to help Marshville be the best it can be. The Invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda:

Council Member Staton requested to add to the agenda discussions of the Forest Hills Track sign and for the Council to read at Marshville Elementary on March 1st for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Mayor Deese asked for a motion for a discussion on the Forest Hill Track sign. Council Member Bivens made the motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Mayor Deese then requested a motion to discuss reading at Marshville Elementary for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Council Member Bivens made motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Mayor Deese then requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Biven seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Marshville ABC Committee Presenting Financial Condition and Requested Sign Information:

Robert Morgan reported that since 78 days the ABC Store has been open, the total transactions are around 10,700. The store is meeting 80% of the sales mark estimate. Mr. Morgan stated the store is currently on mark to meet gross sales of \$70,000 by February. The economic impact was \$40,000 in renovations with local work, six employees with two being full time and four part-time. Mr. Morgan then asked if the Council would appoint a Council Member as a liaison to the ABC Board, and this would help the Council understand the needs of the ABC Board. Mr. Morgan stated that the ABC Board is trying to get a sign put up in order to pull traffic in off the highway and that the ABC Board would like to use the town's sign without having to find a place for another sign. It would save money, and help increase sales. ABC Board member Mr. Olen stated that beach traffic will help give an inflow to the ABC Store.

Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Morgan and the rest of the ABC Board for coming and was impressed by the profits made by the ABC Store. Mayor Deese asked the Council Members to consider putting on the next agenda discussion on moving the Town of Marshville sign since the Town Hall is no longer at that location and moving it to the new location on East Union Street and letting the ABC Store have the top portion of the sign. He further stated that the LED portion of the sign is for community information.

Discussion Regarding “Be the Village” 5k Run Proposed Dates and Spring Events:

Park Director McCallum discussed the fundraiser for East Union Middle School class trip. Park Director McCallum stated that she spoke to Tammy Skinner at East Union Middle and thinks that April 13th would be a good date for the event. This would be a good opportunity for a community event and we could hold the Easter egg hunt on the same day as the Be the Village 5k.

Council Member Staton asked what are we going to do when another nonprofit organization asks to do the same thing and close the street down for an event? And will it will create a problem with nonprofit organizations in the future?

Council Member Bivens then asked if this group with the school is a nonprofit group.

Park Director McCallum stated that this is the school’s PTO and PTA that calls themselves Be the Village.

Mayor Deese asked if this group is a part of the East Union School or an affiliate of the school and have they ever done anything like this before?

Park Director McCallum stated that she and Ms. Skinner went over their 501 (c)(3). She also stated that Ms. Skinner has reached out to other schools and run clubs that are interested in doing 5ks.

Council Member Bivens asked if Ms. Skinner herself has done an event like this.

Park Director McCallum answered that not that she knows of.

Mayor Deese stated that Council Member Staton has a valid point about setting a precedent for other nonprofits to come and ask the town to close the street so they can hold an event.

Council Member Bivens asked about the town’s liability.

Manager Howard made a suggestion that they could just rent the park.

Mayor Deese stated that he is more concerned about the 5k and the closing of the streets.

Park Director McCallum discussed the rout that would be used for the 5k. She also explained that she received 65 park surveys back.

Discussion Regarding Mr. Hansen's Presentation of Critical Intersection Analysis including Franklin/Thomas Street Connector:

Manager Howard went over this presentation, from the previous council meeting. Manager Howard stated it would be about 2035 before this study would come up. We need to have a plan in place for the future just in case.

Mayor Deese explained that the suggestion from the planner was to just leave the connectors there and that they aren't hurting anyone's property and that the Council will be voting on the intersection analysis at the next meeting.

The Council then discussed sidewalks.

Discussion on Proceeding with Water Booster Pump Replacement Project:

Manager Howard explained that the project has been put on hold, but the County would need it to be completed. Manager Howard also explained that this booster pump replacement would help with giving clean water samples. The main reason with the replacement is to loop the line and get rid of the old booster station, and to better help provide citizens within city limits with water. Manager Howard stated that the Council would need their consensus to carry on with the project.

Mayor Deese explained that Union County understands that this is for a loan for the booster station and that the county would be taking over the loan.

Discussion on Forest Hills Track Sign:

Council Member Staton stated that the track team coach wanted to know why the track team's sign was smaller than the men's basketball team's sign, even though the men's track team won the exact same title as the basketball team.

Mayor Deese stated that he sent the exact same paperwork for the sign to the track team as he did for the basketball team; however only the track team responded. Mayor Deese said he would look further into the issue.

Reading at Marshville Elementary for Dr. Seuss' Birthday:

Council Member Staton asked if any of the other Council Members would be willing to participate in reading on March 1st as she would not be able to participate.

Mayor Deese stated that he would like to try and participate and also asked Clerk Sutton to call New Salem and ask if they are doing the same thing.

Manager's Comments:

Manager Howard explained that the town was looking into working on the Town business parking signs since people are still parking in the Town Hall spaces.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens discussed the hydrant on her property being hit by a car.


Council Member Carpenter did not have any comments.
Council Member Huntley did not have any comment.

Council Member Staton did not have any comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan discussed the NC Works Brochure.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made the motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan



Attest Ann Sutton, Town Clerk