
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 7:00PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL
118 E. UNION STREET, MARSHVILLE, NC**

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese, Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, Gary Huntley; Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan was unable to attend; also present Attorney Bobby Griffin

Staff Present: Town Manager Scott Howard, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Ann Sutton, Parks and Recreation Director Emily McCallum, and Chief of Police Matt Tarlton

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Franklin Deese greeted the audience and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council Member Gary Huntley gave the invocation and all pledged allegiance to the US flag

Public Comment:

Ms. Patricia Little of 708 Elaine Street said that she is having traffic issues on her street. The neighbor's traffic is always in front of her house day and night. People are constantly parking in front of her house at all times of the day. She states that there is constant noise. She said that her daughter is afraid to open her window because she does not know who is outside. Ms. Little has called the police for help many times. Chief Tarlton is familiar with the situation. Her neighbor has a daycare. Ms. Little has "No Trespassing" signs in her yard, but the signs do not help. There have also been chickens and dogs running free. One dog bit her daughter last year. Mayor Deese requested the Chief of Police look into the situation and see if there was anything that could be done.

Mr. Ted Hamilton of 6112-217 Creft Circle, Indian Trail, was an employee of the Marshville ABC Store. He found out that he had terminal brain cancer. He asked Council for better oversight of the ABC Board. When he became sick, his job was terminated and he lost his health insurance. He invested a lot of time into bringing the ABC Store to the where it is now. He does not want his efforts to be in vain. Mr. Hamilton asked that the Council refer to emails that were sent to them in reference to this issue. He has no ill feelings towards the ABC Board. He said this may be an issue for a Closed Session. He appreciates the time given him by the Mayor, Town Manager, and Board. Mayor Deese asked if Attorney Griffin would check to see if the Town Board could do anything since this was an ABC Board issue.

Council Member Staton requested this discussion be put on the agenda. She said that we need to make the signs more cost effective for the town. Council Member Staton said that more teams may win state championships and we need to recognize them all. The basketball sign is bigger than the track sign and she feels that is an insult to the track team. Council Member Staton said, however, if the Town is going to continue to recognize State Champions in this way, we need to find a way to make it cost effective. We need consistency with our signs. Town Manager Howard suggested one sign for a Basketball Champion with individual years that could slide in under the sign. Another suggestion was made to make all the signs the same size as the track team sign. We could make the basketball sign smaller and place the track and basketball sign in the same sign frame. We also need to recognize that the Men's Track Team were the winners; that was not mentioned on the track sign. Mayor Deese asked for two smaller signs be purchased, one for the track team and one for the basketball team. Parks Director Emily McCallum will look into making this work. Council Member Staton also said that the Forest Hills High School Track Coach approached her concerning the sign sizes. The school did not contact her. Mayor Deese said he would pay for the track sign.

Manager Report:

Town Manager Howard attended a regional manager's meeting concerning the retention of employees. He met with NCLM representatives regarding services they have to offer. Town Manager Howard trained with staff on the cemetery. He is planning for the Water and Sewer Tour with Union County. And, he spent time figuring out options for the entrance signs.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Bivens would like curb and gutter on her street. She also hit the fire hydrant at her house.

Council Member Carpenter said that she sees our traffic patrol policeman patrolling the streets all the time. She is glad he is there.

Council Member Huntley wanted to thank the First Responders for the job they do.

Council Member Staton thanked the Board for correcting the signs. She also mentioned that reading to the children at Marshville Elementary went well. She recognized Park Director McCallum, Council Members Bivens and herself, and Mayor Deese for being readers to the children. Council Member Staton said that it was time to get going with the 2019-2020 Budget.

Mayor Deese Comments:

Mayor Deese said the East Union PTA was not a 501-3C organization. So, there should be no concern about other non-profits wanting to have special events like a 5K in town. It was determined that no streets will need to be closed for the East Union 5K. A motion was made to allow Parks Director McCallum and Chief Tarlton help with the event. All council members agreed.

Adjournment:

Adoption of the Agenda:

The motion was made by Council Member Staton to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was second by Council Member Huntley and all approved.

Consent Agenda Approval:

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member Carpenter and second by Council Member Bivens with all approving unanimously.

Discussion and Action on Leaving CTP Recommended Segments on the Updated CTP Map:

Town Manager Howard recommended that the Council keep the updated CTP maps in place. There is no funding for these projects at this time and nothing has been scheduled. However, if in the future traffic becomes too great and changes need to be made, these plans would be in place. The experts feel that the three projects listed would be the best improvements to make in the future if traffic becomes a problem. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to keep the proposed road segments on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update in place. The motion was second by Council Member Huntley. All agreed to the motion.

Council Member Bivens questioned the caution light on Hwy 74 near Carelock Street. She believes that traffic has increased considerably and would like a stop light there. This could require a traffic study. Mayor Deese asked Town Manager Howard to write NCDOT a letter to see what they recommended. Mayor Deese reminded all that they can pick up a phone and call NCDOT with their concerns.

Discussion and Action on Marshville ABC Committee's Request to add the ABC Sign to the existing Marshville LED sign:

The ABC Board would like to use the top of the Town LED sign for an ABC Spirits sign. The town would take the Marshville sign off the LED sign and bring that sign to Town Hall. We would keep the LED sign but allow the ABC Store to use the other part of the sign by sliding in an insert. Attorney Griffin said that we need to be careful when individuals want to add information to our sign. Attorney Griffin suggested the town consider renting the space on the sign. Town Manager will write up a document for the ABC Spirits Store to lease the sign.

Discussion and Action on Providing Sewer/Annexing 1011 Hasty Road Referenced by Tax Parcel #02303038:

Mayor Deese felt like the best option for the Town would be to annex this property. It met all the necessary criteria for annexation. Attorney Griffin reminded us that there needs to be a petition from Mr. Braga. No action was taken. However, a petition will be completed and brought back in front of the Council.

Discussion/Action on Forest Hills High "Champion" signs:

A motion was made by Council Member Staton to adjourn the meeting. This was second by Council Member Carpenter. All agreed.

Minutes Approved this ____ day of _____, 2019

By: 
Mayor Franklin Deese

Attest: 
Town Clerk