
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018, 7:00 PM MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Beth Usery, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily Huneycutt, Park & Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Deese. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

Mayor Deese asked if there are items that need to be added to or deleted from the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion and motion approved by unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carpenter and approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Phillip Woods – 318 N. Elm St. – Complained about an ongoing problem with a trash company emptying dumpsters at 2:00am. Noise ordinance prohibits this from 9:00pm – 7:00am. Chief Tarlton stated that's a commercial area and the ordinance doesn't apply. Town Council advised Mr. Woods they would address this situation.

Lisa Weber – 415 S. White St. – Complained about the trash company. Trash is not being picked up and when they do they leave a terrible mess.

Also, bathrooms at the park are embarrassing with no running water, therefore you cannot use them.

Emily McCallum – Parks Director – bathrooms were locked when she left Friday after lining the field. Plumber came today. Pipes burst during the cold weather in December. Porta potties have been ordered until bathroom is fixed.

Dawn Cattier – 611 Morgan Place – She expressed the need for a SRO at the elementary school. She is a bus driver and she understands the need for one.

Pastor Ronnie Moore – Sand Hill Cowboy Church. They hold Wednesday night service at the Wagon Wheel. He asks the Town Council to reconsider their decision to bring an ABC store to Marshville.

Presentation from Marshville Elementary Principal, Jana Licata:

Ms. Licata was not present. Manager Howard spoke about an SRO at Union County Schools. There are 18 SRO's in Union County, a Supervising Lieutenant and 2 Sargents. There are 4 SRO's with the City of Monroe which Union County Public School System pays for two of them, less 10%. The City of Monroe funds 1 SRO that works at all of Monroe's elementary schools. Waxhaw has 2 elementary schools and they do not have full-time SRO coverage. SRO's require special training lasting 1 week every year. Jarrod McCraw, Safety & Security Officer for Union County Public Schools, states that a local municipality should budget \$68,000 to \$75,000 for an SRO and we have no extra funds in the police department budget.

Council Member Carpenter commented we are the second highest tax rate in the county. It's a county school and Marshville cannot afford to fund it.

Council Member Staton commented that Florida thought it wouldn't happen there and she agrees we can't afford it. Raise taxes if the citizens want it.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan commented drugs are in libraries and students are bringing knives because of the drugs.

Council Member Carpenter requested a public hearing to hear from citizens.

Council Member Bivens stated it can happen in a small town.

Attorney Griffin advised the Council that it's a county school and the County School Board is responsible for the county schools. If the Town Council feels strongly the need to help then the Council should go in mass and voice concern to the School Board. It's their legal and moral duty for safety of our schools.

Council Member Staton commented that we should invite our district representative to come here to a meeting. The school board meets the first Tuesday of the month. They meet on April 10th due to the Easter Holiday.

Council Member Huntley stated we should try to prevent it if possible.

Mayor Deese suggested he meet with her and let know we are planning on attending a meeting and to add us to the agenda.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Deese stated we need to table this since we are unsure what we need. Council Member Bivens made a motion to table the public hearing for proposed text amendments. Mayor Pro-tem seconded the motion and motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion/Action Regarding Choice of Auditor:

Manager Howard stated we have had the same auditor since 2000. It's good to change and get a second set of eyes. He has checked references and they all use our software. They were asked questions to see how well they responded to questions. Manager Howard and the clerk rated them and Eddie Carrick was rated the highest with Wil Huneycutt coming in a close second.

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to appoint Eddie Carrick, CPA as auditor for a 3 year contract beginning with fiscal year ending 06/30/18. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Action on Obtaining Extension of Natural Gas Line:

Manager Howard advised the council that he has been speaking with Larry Faison, Manager with the City of Monroe. He's open to the idea but we will probably have to share the cost. A feasibility study would need to be done and it's about \$50,000. Are we interested enough to sign and send a resolution? How do we recoup our money?

Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan asked to contact Wadesboro and see who they have.

Manager Comments

Mr. Howard advised his report will be in their box this week.

Town Clerk, Beth Usery thanked Council for approving the audit contract.

Council & Mayor Comments

Council Member Staton stated the trash company is spilling trash and not picking it up. She asked for business cards. She also recommended the council to have work sessions. Some of the items we table could be resolved sooner with work sessions.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan stated the trash company is throwing items all over the road.

Council Member Bivens stated trash wasn't even picked up at her house and they made a mess when they did finally get it. Trash was all over vacant lot and all the way down to Autumn Care. She also asked about code enforcement. Don't we have an ordinance about couch and refrigerator on someone's porch.

Mayor Deese advised a complaint must be made before code enforcement goes out. He doesn't ride around looking. He also stated we are responsible for garbage cans

Council Member Carpenter attended the CRTPO meeting. Southern by-pass discussed at Union County meeting. She agrees with Council Member Staton we do need a work session for the budget and also for the LED sign.

Council Member Huntley stated maybe we could have a town wide clean up. This will bring the community together.

Council Member Staton thanked Emily for the park quote.

Mayor Deese stated we have an anonymous donor who wishes to donate money for the swings. Hopefully they will move on it soon.

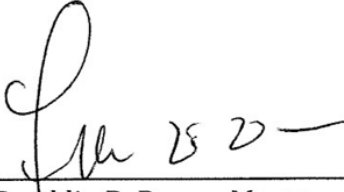
Council discussed days for a work session.

Council Member Bivens made a motion to hold a special meeting on March 19, 2018 at 6:30pm at Town Hall for the sole purpose of the sign ordinance and implementation of work session.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed unanimously at 8:40pm.

These minutes approved this 2nd day of April, 2018.

By: 
Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

Attest: 
Town Clerk