

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 18th, 2019 7PM
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. 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:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to add a closed session to the agenda. Council Member Bivens made the motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Mayor Deese then requested a motion to adopt the agenda with the one addition. Council Member Staton made motion, Mayor Pro-tem Morgan seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Budget Discussion:

Manager Howard discussed that when the county takes over the water and sewer, the town does not have an efficient way to enforce citizens to pay their garbage bill and discussed that the town should try to have the county collect payment along taxes and if a person does not pay their garbage bill, then a lien is put against their property. Manager Howard stated that getting rid of printing bills would save the town thousands of dollars, and when the water and sewer goes, then the Town would still have to print up garbage bills, and it would be easier and more efficient if the county collected for garbage.

There was a discussion on property liens and property taxes.

Mayor Deese stated that he does not think that the Council does not get paid sufficiently and wants a comparison of other towns the size of Marshville to see what their council members are making.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan recommended the town hire their own planning & zoning administrator, preferably right out of college.

Manager Howard explained that the town is planning to budget for a full fiscal year with the Enterprise Fund. Manager Howard also stated that the Council may need to discuss Police salaries to keep good employees. Manager Howard also explained the need to not dip into the Powell Bill for a few years in order to build up savings.

Manager's Report:

Manager Howard explained about the TAP Grant that he applied for that will make many places on 74 ADA compliant and save money.

Council Member Carpenter asked if the leaf pickup is still on?

Manager Howard explained that the town is behind, and he does encourage people to put leaves in clear plastic bags to have Waste Pro take them because we are paying for that service.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Staton informed when the Forest Hills track meet would be and also about the Women in Politics Panel Discussion at the Monroe Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan did not have any comments.

Council Member Bivens discussed the garbage problem at 107 & 108 Booker Street, and that Code Enforcement needs to address this. Council Member Bivens stated that the town needs to enforce littering laws. Council Member Bivens also mentions children playing basketball in the streets. It is an accident waiting to happen.

Council Member Carpenter stated that she would be at CRTPO meeting Wednesday night.

Council Member Huntley had no comments.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Deese was concerned about the dangerous speeds on Elm Street and asked Chief Tarlton if there was an update about getting a radar speed limit sign to deter speeding. Chief Tarlton stated that they are working on getting one.

Clerk Sutton handed out the Pedestrian Bike Plan to Council Members Huntley and Bivens. Emails were sent to the others.

Closed Session:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to go into closed session per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6)

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


Council Member Bivens made the motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. The Council moved into closed session.

Town Clerk and Town Manager were asked to leave the Closed Session.

Closed Session adjourned.

Adjournment:

Regular Work Session Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan


Attest Ann Sutton, Town Clerk