

**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018, 6:30 PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Special 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; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Mayor Frank Deese. The invocation was given by Mayor Frank Deese. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Discussion LED Sign

Susan Drake, Planning & Zoning Board Chair, addressed the Council about the LED signs. They are fairly new and they researched how they are used in other towns. The LED ordinance should be geared toward where the town wants to place them. She believes they are allowed in commercial, TMU and Civic.

Joe Rickman spoke about the brightness whether it would be a danger or not. Illuminations goes down to 500 nits at night and 7500 nits during the day. This can be changed. Two USA manufacturers have automatic illumination where the sign dials down 3% - 5% at night. For example: Most big sports scoreboards are 10,000 – 12,000 nits.

Mayor Deese discussed the sign off highway, "It could be a distraction."

Joe Rickman advised that the LED software will allow you to reduce the nits.

Mayor Deese stated we could maybe rent some space and place the sign at the intersection of Hwy 74 and West Main Street. This way we wouldn't have to move it if the ABC store moves into Town Hall building.

Mayor is to have discussion with Fern Shubert.

Council asked Planning Board to take this information in consideration, there is a need to streamline the ordinance and clean up the wording. Civic and TMU should be by conditional use.

Mayor would like the sign to be 500 nits from sunset to sunrise and 10,000 nits during the day.

Susan Drake said they recommended 8-15 seconds hold time. Council favors a 2-4 second hold time.

Discussion on Implementing Regular Work Sessions

Council discussed holding regular work sessions.

Council Member Staton advised they may feel more comfortable speaking at the work session. This would give the Council more time to hash things out.

Mayor asked the Manager to add this to the April agenda.

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 7:25pm.

These minutes approved this 7th day of May, 2018.

By: _____
Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

Attest: _____
Town Clerk