

# Town of Marshville Town Council Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017, 7:00 PM Marshville Town Hall

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Frank Deese, Mayor Pro-Tempore Virginia Morgan, Council Member Norma Carpenter, Council Member Margaret Bivens, Council Member Ernestine Staton, and Council Member Jim Rowell.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Scott Howard; Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Tonya Johnson; Police Chief, Matt Tarlton

# Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Frank Deese, at which time Mayor Deese welcomed the council and members of the public. The invocation was given by Council Member Bivens and everyone gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Council Member Jim Rowell. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Morgan and passed by unanimous vote.

# **Public Comment**

Ms. Shaquetta Flowers, Monroe, NC, addressed the council requesting that the fence ordinance be amended. Ms. Flowers stated that she is president of New Kids Clubhouse, an after school program for at-risk children. The New Kids Clubhouse is being located at 203 E. Union Street. Ms. Flowers stated that on March 30, 2017 she met with Richard Smith at which time the permit request was denied. She alleged that the facility was mistaken for a daycare and they were told the property must have a fence. Ms. Flowers stated that the New Kids Clubhouse is not a daycare and is not required to be licensed. Council Member Rowell informed Ms. Flowers that her request must be made to the Marshville Planning Board. Mayor Deese stated that it doesn't sound like the ordinance needs to be changed. The Planning Board needs to understand that this is not a daycare and the definition of daycare needs to be clarified. Ms. Flowers thanked the council for its time.

Ms. Toni Austin, 907 Hasty Rd., Marshville, NC, addressed the council requesting that the town's sewer capacity fees be revised. She expressed that such high fees are going to deter people from wanting to live in Marshville. Ms. Austin doesn't think it in the town's best interest to charge such high fees. Mayor Deese commented that this can be discussed as part of the budget discussions.

# **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Rowell made a motion to accept the consent agenda and the items thereon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed by unanimous vote.

# Information and action regarding the CRTPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan Candidate Project List Development

Mr. Bjorn Hansen, Union County Transportation Planner, informed the council that the CRTPO is currently updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan which involves confirming a list of candidate projects. Mr. Hansen explained that the MPO has asked each of its members to submit their projects for consideration.

The project that was previously submitted by Marshville was the bypass of US 74 through Marshville by constructing a multi-lane controlled-access facility around the southern limits of the town. The MPO wants to know if the council wants this project to be included in the plan again during this update process. Mr. Hansen pointed out that inclusion in the plan does not guarantee funding.

Council Member Rowell commented that this southern route was designed when it was initially thought that the bypass may not happen as it was originally designed. Discussion ensued. Mayor Deese commented that the talk at one time was to go around the north side to serve Project Legacy. Mayor Deese recalled that he doesn't think this was supported at that time because it was thought it may hinder growth from the bypass. Council Member Carpenter stated that she doesn't think people want the southern bypass. Council Member Staton commented that it doesn't seem to be in the town's best interest. Discussion ensued. Mayor Deese stated that the consensus of the council it not to resubmit this plan.

Mr. Hansen suggested that the town send a letter to the MPO requesting that the project be removed from the plan. Mayor Deese directed the manager to prepare a letter to be submitted from the town to the MPO to carry out this request. Council Member Rowell made a motion that the town's official position be to not continue to support the Marshville Southern Bypass route and to authorize the manager to draft a letter and the mayor to sign said letter to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) requesting that the project be removed from the plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tempore Morgan and passed by unanimous vote.

# Discussion and action regarding NCDOT Municipal Mowing Agreement

Town Manager, Scott Howard, explained that the town currently provides 5 cycles of right-of-way mowing per an existing municipal mowing agreement. The NC DOT is requesting that the town confirm its plans to continue the right of way mowing. The NC DOT has provided current mowing rates which will result in some additional revenue. The manager recommended that the town accept the agreement as presented. A motion was made by Council Member Rowell to approve the NC DOT Right of Way Municipal Mowing Agreement and to authorize the mayor to execute said agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

# Discussion and action regarding resolution to award construction contract for the North Basin Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation/NCDEQ Project No. CS370796-01

Bill Lester, P.E., with LKC Engineering, PLLC, reviewed the bids received for the above referenced project. Bill stated that the project will require some specialized construction because it requires some internal reconstruction. He attributed this as the reason why only three contractors submitted bids. Bill stated that he has no problem recommending Prism Contractors. Council Member Rowell asked Bill to explain Additive Alternate #1. Bill explained and also stated that Mark Lacy, his partner, has checked the references for Prism Contractors. Council Member Rowell made a motion to approve the resolution to award the construction contract for the North Basin Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation/NCDEQ Project NO. CS370796-01 to Prism Contractors and to authorize the mayor to sign said resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

Bill informed the council that he will work with the town to update the park plan as requested.

**Discussion and action regarding reappointment of Ms. Dora Bridget to the Marshville ABC Board**Mayor Deese stated that Dora Bridget's term has expired and she desires to be reappointed to the ABC Board.
Council Member Rowell made a motion to reappoint Dora Bridget to a three year term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carpenter and passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion and possible action concerning a resolution to lease the property at 107 N. Elm Street
Town Manager Scott Howard reported that Mr. Patel is a good tenant. Mr. Patel has requested to renew the
lease on a month-to-month lease agreement instead of a 12-month lease agreement. Discussion ensued
regarding Mr. Patel's reasoning to change the lease agreement. After some discussion, Council Member Rowell
made a motion to approve/extend a 12-month lease for the property located at 107 N. Elm Street, at \$6,300.

payable in monthly installments of \$525.00 and that the appropriate resolution be executed by the mayor and the clerk. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens. Council Member Rowell suggested that the manager talk with the tenant to determine why the request was made to change the lease agreement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

# Discussion and action regarding Town Manager search

Mayor Deese stated that the council needs to authorize the clerk to advertise the Town Manager position and begin accepting resumes. Discussion ensued regarding which publications to advertise. Several local papers were mentioned. Attorney Griffin questioned the council's reason to advertise in so many small papers. It was the consensus of the council to advertise in Southern City, the NCLM publication, the managers' listserv, NC Works, The Enquirer Journal and The Charlotte Observer. Attorney Griffin stated that he could supply a couple of additional professional listservs.

# FY2017-18 Budget Planning & Discussion

Town Manager Howard referenced a handout provided to the council regarding state projected revenues for FY2017-18. He explained that staff applied the rate study scenarios to several actual customers to show the impact of the rates. Some of the larger users will have significant increases as a result of revising the rates. Town Manager Howard stated that council really needs to think about rate setting. Discussion ensued. Attorney Griffin advised the council concerning the statutes related to utility rates and fees. Mayor Deese commented that there must be a happy medium somewhere, by which the rates can be adjusted without such a burden to larger users. Council Member Rowell suggested that the council members study the numbers and come back to the table prepared to discuss rates. Mayor Deese asked the finance officer how soon a tentative budget would be ready. Finance Officer Tonya Johnson stated she would try to have as much of the budget completed by the May meeting. Mayor Deese mentioned removing solid waste from the utility bill and adding it to the tax bill. Attorney Griffin commented on such a large burden put on some of the staff. He urged council members to study the budget documents they have been given and to come prepared to discuss and assist with the budget and not just ask questions of the staff. Attorney Griffin stated that the town has a complicated budget.

# **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Howard reported that the NCDOT wants the town to consider a site for a mobile driver's license office. They would need internet connection, Wi-Fi, electricity and office space.

Town Manager Howard requested direction from council regarding renewing the Urban Forester agreement. The service appears to be underutilized and costs the town approximately \$1,000 per year. Discussion ensued. The manager was directed to find out if the town opts out of the agreement this year, can it opt back in at a later time.

Town Manager Howard provided a copy of an approved job description for a Parks and Recreation Director. He reminded the council that the position is currently vacant.

Town Manager Howard reported that RFPs (Requests for Proposals) were sent out for solid waste services and for mowing/landscaping services.

# **Mayor and Council Member Comments**

Council Member Staton thanked Attorney Griffin for pointing out that a lot of work is being put on staff. She commented that the council needs to do a better job of reviewing information.

Council Member Carpenter reported that she attended a CRTPO meeting. She also provided an update on Marshville Museum events. Council Member Carpenter stated that the museum needs donations and volunteers.

# Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Rowell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed by unanimous vote. There being no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

These minutes approved this 1st day of May, 2017.

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Frank Deese, Mayor

Attest:

Гоnya D. Johnson, Town Clerk

# Public Comments Sign-Up Sheet Town of Marshville

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# UNION COUNTY PLANNING DIVISION GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Post Office Box 1398
500 North Main Street
Suite 70
Monroe, North Carolina 28112-1398

Phone: (704) 283-3565 Planned Progress

Fax: (704) 292-2582

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Marshville Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Bjorn E. Hansen, Union County Transportation Planner

DATE: March 30, 2017

RE: Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Candidate Project List Development

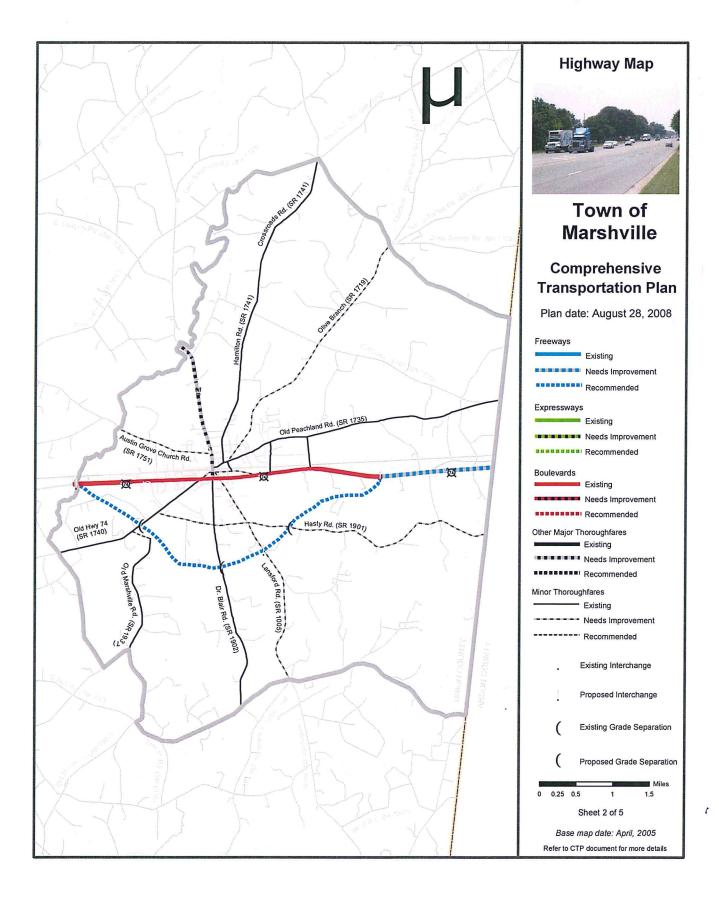
CRTPO, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for much of Union County and all of Marshville, is currently updating its MTP. The MTP is its fiscally-constrained and prioritized plan of projects it anticipates funding for implementation through 2045. The MPO is in the early phases of this process, which involve confirming anticipated funding, the prioritization process, and the list of candidate projects.

The MPO has asked each of the MPO members to submit their projects for consideration. An important project that was considered in the previous plan (adopted in 2014) was the bypass of US 74 through Marshville by constructing a multi-lane controlled-access facility around the southern limits of the town. The MPO has asked whether this project should be included in the project list for the update of the MTP.

The MPO has limited project submissions to those found within an adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The adopted CTP for Marshville was completed in 2010 when the town was a member of the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization. That plan included the southern bypass of Marshville. Any "new" project, particularly a project to construct a road where one doesn't currently exist, would not be considered by the MPO if it does not come from a previously adopted plan.

The MPO is therefore asking for town direction on whether to consider the proposed southern bypass in its MTP. Inclusion in the plan does not guarantee funding, but it is an important step in getting a project funded in the NCDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Union County wishes to coordinate with each of the municipalities in this process, and will support Marshville in its decision.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I may be reached at (704) 283-3690 or bjorn.hansen@co.union.nc.us.





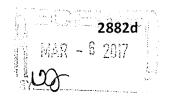
Note: The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) represents the Charlotte area's long-term vision for how the transportation network should evolve to serve residents and employers.

The CTP includes four transportation modes: highways and streets; public transportation and rail; bicycle; pedestrian. It assesses the condition of the entire network and serves as a framework for transportation planning efforts at the local and regional scale.

The CTP does not include specific projects or improvement schedules, but instead represents the status of the network that may be required to support anticipated growth.

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# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR

JAMES H. TROGDON, III SECRETARY

March 1, 2017

COUNTY:

Union - Town of Marshville

DESCRIPTION:

Right of Way Mowing

SUBJECT:

Agreement for Municipal Mowing

Town of Marshville 201 West Main St. Marshville NC 28103

To Whom It May Concern:

Our records indicate that the Town of Marshville has been mowing the attached routes in previous years, and we would like to confirm that you plan to continue mowing these same routes throughout 2017. If you wish to add or delete any routes, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our current mowing rates for Union County are indicated on the attached document. Reimbursement allows for five (5) cycles of mowing throughout the year, and must be indicated with at least one mowing in the spring, once in the summer, and once in the fall. Invoicing of these routes will not be accepted until October, and will be processed during the month of November.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter; we look forward to your prompt response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Jeff D'Arruda Mowing Extension Accepted fature of Municipal Representative Mowing Extension Rejected Signature of Municipal Representative Date

Mailing Address: NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS** 716 WEST MAIN STREET ALBEMARLE, NC 28001

Telephone: (704) 983-4400 Fax: (704) 982-3146

Customer Service: 1-877-368-4968

Location: 716 WEST MAIN STREET ALBEMARLE, NC 28001

Website: www.ncdot.gov

# Town of Marshville Mowing Agreement

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# RESOLUTION REGARDING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT NORTH BASIN SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION / NCDEQ PROJECT No. CS370796-01 TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

**WHEREAS;** The Town of Marshville publicly solicited, and received three (3) bids following an advertisement and a public bid opening for the "North Basin Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation" project at 2:00 PM, February 23, 2017 at the Marshville Town Hall, Marshville, North Carolina.

WHEREAS; LKC Engineering, PLLC, Marshville's project consulting engineering firm has reviewed bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to Prism Contractors and Engineers, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$764,457.00.

WHEREAS; NCDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund will be used for construction of the project.

**WHEREAS**; Funding agency must approve construction contract documents executed by the contractor prior to releasing funds for project construction.

# NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARSHVILLE THAT:

Prism Contractors and Engineers, Inc. will be awarded the contract to construct "North Basin Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation" with the execution of contract documents by the Town and the issuance of a notice to proceed subject to approval of contract documents executed by the contractors by the funding agency.

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By: MARSHVILLE  Franklin D. Deese, Ma	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(Seal)	
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March 3, 2017

Mr. Franklin D. Deese, Mayor Town of Marshville 201 W. Main Street, Marshville, NC 28103

Re:

North Basin Sewer Rehabilitation Recommendation of Award

Town of Marshville, Union County

LKC No.: Marsh-15.01.400

# Mr. Deese:

Bids were received for the above referenced project at the Marshville Town Hall until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017. The project included a Base Bid and one Additive Alternate. Three (3) bids were received with the base bids ranging from a low of \$764,457.00 to a high of \$1,049,245.00. The additive alternate bids ranged from a low of \$459,600.00 to a high of \$655,800.00. The low bid for both the base and alternate were submitted by Prism Contractors and Engineers, Inc. of Williamsburg, Va. The Bid Summary is attached.

The proposed project is funded by a Clean Water SRF loan through the NC Division of Water Infrastructure. The loan budget for the project totals \$790,925.00. Based on a review of submitted references, we recommend awarding the Base Bid scope of work to Prism Contractors and Engineers Inc. contingent on approval of contract documents by the funding agency. Upon Town concurrence and tentative award pending NCDEQ final review and Authorization to Award, we will complete all requirements of the contract documents and schedule a Notice to Proceed upon final contract execution.

If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate in contacting this office.

Sincerely,

LKC ENGINEERING, PLLC

Mark Lacy, P.E

**Enclosures** 

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# RESOLUTION

# AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 12 MONTH LEASE FOR THE PROPERTY AT 107 N. ELM STREET, MARSHVILLE

WHEREAS, the Town of Marshville owns a certain parcel of real estate that is not currently used by the town and is described as: The building located at 107 N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC 28103, and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-272 authorizes the town to lease or rent such properties for such terms and upon such conditions as the Town Council may determine, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Marshville has determined the terms of a 12 month lease which include an annual lease amount of \$6,300.00 to be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly payments of five hundred twenty-five dollars and no cents (\$525.00) per month for the property located at 107 N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC 28103 and terms and payment amount has been deemed fair, adequate and reasonable to the Town of Marshville, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the above described property will not be needed by the Town for the term of the lease.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Marshville that the attached lease agreement by and between the Town of Marshville and Babubhai R. Patel D/B/A Tobacco & Cigar is hereby authorized and may be executed by the Mayor.

So resolved this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

Mayor

Town Clerk

# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF UNION.

# **LEASE AGREEMENT**

This Lease Agreement is made pursuant to Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Marshville, by and between Town of Marshville, Lessor, and Babubhai R. Patel, D/B/A Tobacco & Cigar, Lessee, this the 3rd day of April 2017.

# WITNESSETH:

That the Town Council has enacted a Resolution to lease the premises located at 107 N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC 28103 to the Lessee; and

Pursuant to that Resolution, the Town of Marshville does hereby let and lease to Babubhai R. Patel, D/B/A Tobacco & Cigar that property located at 107 N. Elm Street, Marshville, North Carolina.

#### **TERM**

The term of this lease is for one year, beginning April 15, 2017 and ending April 14, 2018 unless otherwise terminated as herein described, or as the law may otherwise provide.

# **LEASE PAYMENTS AND TERMS**

The lease payment to be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor is \$525.00 per month for each month of the lease. Upon signing of the lease, Lessee shall pay one month's rent as security in addition to the first month's rent. Lessee shall make timely lease payments in the amount specified by the Town. Lease payments are due and payable on the first day of the first month following execution of the lease agreement. Lease payments are considered late if not received by the Town by the 10th day of each month. Any lease payment not received by the 10th day of the month in which it is due and payable to the Town shall be subject to a late fee equal to \$50.00. Any lease payment and late fee, as applicable, not received within 60 days of the date it is due is considered a delinquent debt. Any delinquent debt shall be subject to the Debt Setoff Program as authorized by NCGS Chapter 105 A. Lessee agrees to pay any required collection fee. Any delinquency in lease payments shall constitute a termination of lease and the Town may immediately pursue legal action to regain possession and remove Lessee from the property.

Further, Lessee agrees to provide to the Town sufficient form of identification, including Social Security Number, to positively establish identity. Lessee agrees that providing a Social Security Number is voluntary.

# LIGHTS, HEAT, WATER, SEWERAGE, AND OTHER UTILITIES

During the term of this lease, the Lessee shall provide and pay for all light, heat, air conditioning, water and sewer, garbage, telephone, and all other utility charges upon said demised property.

# **INSURANCE**

Lessee shall maintain General Liability Insurance in the amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the full term of this lease. Lessee shall provide a certificate of insurance to the Town within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Lease Contract and annually thereafter during the existence of this Lease. Lessee is responsible for and shall pay for insurance on its contents.

#### **TAXES**

Lessee shall be responsible for and pay any taxes that may be assessed on its properties, if any, located on the premises.

# **LAWFUL USE AND NON-ASSIGNMENT**

Lessee shall make no unlawful use of the premises and while using the premises, will not discriminate against any person or group of persons in violation of any Federal, State or Local law, regulation or Ordinance.

# **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS**

Lessee accepts the property in its "as is" present condition and will maintain the property in substantially the same condition as when accepted, normal wear and use expected. Lessee shall be responsible and pay for normal "wear and tear" repairs, replacement and maintenance including, but not limited to: light bulbs and sockets, HVAC filters, faucets, water faucets, carpet, and painting. The Town shall be responsible and pay for structural and major mechanical component repairs not caused by tenant. Any structural changes to the premise or visible changes to the exterior or site require the prior written approval of Town.

# **SIGNAGE**

Any permanent (more than one month) exterior signage to be erected on the premises by Lessee requires the prior written approval of Town.

# **INSPECTION**

The Town reserves the right to reasonably inspect the premises at any time, with or without notice to Lessee. Lessee further agrees to promptly notify Town of any structural or mechanical failures on the premises.

# **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING**

Lessee shall not assign this Lease or sublet any of the premises without the prior written approval of the Town.

# **NOTICE**

All notices under this Lease Contract shall be sent to the following:

Town of Marshville Attn: Town Manager 201 West Main Street Marshville, NC 28103

Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused these presents to be signed in duplicate originals, authority having been duly given by the Town Council of the Town of Marshville, and

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