



TOWN OF MARSHVILLE
Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 8th, 2019 7PM
Marshville Town Hall

Regular Meeting

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

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:

Toni Austin, 907 Hasty Rd., explained that there are three houses behind her property with high grass and weeds. She brought pictures.

Mayor Deese stated that the Town Manager would get with Steve May in Code Enforcement about it.

Manager Howard informed that it is the back of people's yards and the town cannot enforce that.

Glenn Shelton, 317 W. Main St., stated that he would like to have a street vendor event in town and needs to know fees and what else is required by the town.

Mayor Deese and Manager Howard stated they would review the town's policy for clarity on the subject.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese asked if any Council Member would like to add anything to the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion like to add a discussion on Union Academy using the town's baseball field to the agenda. Mayor Deese requested a second motion to add the discussion to the agenda. Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Mayor Deese requested a motion to add a closed session to the agenda. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Mayor Deese then requested a motion to adopt the agenda with additions. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan made motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motions pass unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Council Member Carpenter made the motion, and Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion/Action of Possible Sign Lease with ABC Spirits:

Manager Howard explained that he had a lease drawn up and sent it out to the Council Members.

Mayor Deese stated that he had no problem with the lease, but said he would like a lease for the sign to eventually be incorporated with the lease for the building. Mayor Deese also thought that \$30.00 a month is a little high.

Town Attorney Griffin suggested granting the ABC Board permission to use the sign until it is to renew their lease and work the sign lease into the building lease.

Mayor Deese requested a vote to approve the ABC Board using the top portion of the town's sign until lease renewal. All Ayes. Vote passes unanimously.

Discussion on Union Academy Renting the Baseball Field:

Council Member Staton stated that she has seen Union Academy's buses out at the park and their baseball team using the baseball field and wants to know if the town is receiving any revenue for that.

Manager Howard stated that Union Academy would have to rent the ballfield just like everyone else would.

Council Member Staton that the town and Council need to be notified if outside schools are busing their children over to the park to use the ballfield. Council Member also stated that Marshville residents would be asking questions if they saw county schools using the ballpark.

Mayor Deese agreed with Council Member Staton's point.

Manager Howard stated that the Council needs to direct the town with what they would like to do about the issue and asked where the dividing line would be? Is it with birthdays or whoever pays to use the field?

Council Member Staton stated it would be with people renting it for the baseball season.

Mayor Deese stated that an email notification about this issue would be nice.

Manager Howard stated that he will start doing this.

Manager's Report:

Manager Howard explained that the town is working on acquiring easement information for the eventual service transfer. Also that the town is having great success with the NC Debt Setoff Program in collecting delinquent debt that is owed to the town. Manager Howard also explained that he was part of a panel with a vendor fair and spoke with businesses that are interested in

Marshville. Manager Howard also explained that the CDBG Project was done and the pipes are clean.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Staton discussed the James Camp Recreation program and the date is on April 16th. The town has donated money to this program previously. Council Member Staton also brought up the issue of the turn lane at Pilgrim's Pride from the bypass and no one knows it is a turn lane.

The Council agreed it doesn't look good and that it is not safe.

Council Member Huntley suggested a monthly calendar about who is renting the park and post it to the calendar on the town website. He then wished everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Council Member Carpenter stated she noticed police presence on both ends of town to try and slow traffic. She also wished everyone a blessed Easter.

Council Member Bivens stated that Highway 74 is a mess and the fiber optics contracted by the NCDOT created a mess in her yard.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan wished everyone a good Easter.

Closed Session:

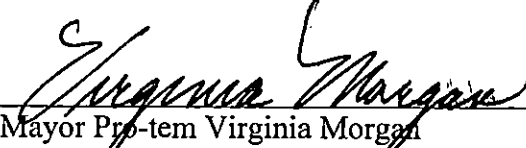
Mayor Deese requested a motion to go into closed session. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan made the motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion Passes. Council moves into closed session at 8:00 pm. Council came out of closed session at 8:08 pm.

§ 143-318.11 (a) (6) Closed sessions.

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.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan

ATTEST



Attest Ann Sutton, Town Clerk