



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Present: Mayor Larry Smith, Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, Ernestine Staton, and Mayor Pro-tem Morgan by phone. Council Member Gary Huntley was absent.

Staff Present: Town Manager Franklin Deese; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; and Attorney Bobby Griffin by phone.

Call to Order by Mayor Larry Smith.

Invocation by Council Member Gary Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Adoption of agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

Discussion/Possible Action Concerning Town's Continued Response to COVID-19

Pandemic: Police Chief Matt Tarlton gave a report on Emergency Management in Union County. No Covid-19 cases have been reported in Marshville or Wingate at this time. Continue to wash your hands, and Town Manager Deese thanked our police officers for their work.

Town Manager Deese said the county had issued a State of Emergency. The Town of Marshville has an emergency ordinance, also. Therefore, the Mayor called a State of Emergency for the town, also. This allowed us to tell our community that we would not cut anyone's utilities off or charge a late fee. We will have limited access to the Town Hall. Cash payments for utilities will be limited. We encourage people to pay online or with checks or money orders. We have rented a Post Office box to collect our mail. Council Member Staton asked if we could waive the fee associated with the Official Payments online payments. That is not possible. But, we could return the one dollar or two dollar. Ann Sutton and Michael Garrison can dial in from home. Betty Preslar will be here on Wednesday for accounts payables. All Public Works will be on call. All will be required to wear masks and gloves whenever in contact with people. All employees will be paid as usual. There will be no meter reading for the next bill. We will average six months of meter readings to come up with the next bill.

Town Manager Deese introduced a Resolution to Conduct Electronic Town Council Meetings. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to accept the resolution. A second was made by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

The NCLM has a voting meeting coming up. Each municipality needs to choose a person to vote at the May 28th meeting. Council Member Staton recommended Town Manager Deese. A motion was made by Council Member Staton to have Town Manager Deese represent the town at the business meeting of the NCLM on May 28th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens. All agreed.

A video was made and placed on Facebook to show people how to check for leaks by watching their water meter.

At this point, our park is closed, but the trails are available to walk.

Town Manager Deese told Council that the Town Board decides if advisory boards can meet. A motion was made to not allow advisory meetings to meet at this time by Council Member Bivens. A second was made by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed.

Going forward, the Town Council requested that Town Council meetings continue using ZOOM as it's structure for communications for meetings and with the public. Work sessions will continue.

Mayor Smith asked is the next work session would include a discussion and closed session concerning the water/sewer transfer. Council Member Staton recommended continued discussions. This will happen in a closed session on April 20, 2020.

Council Comments:

Council Member Bivens had no comments.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan had No comments.

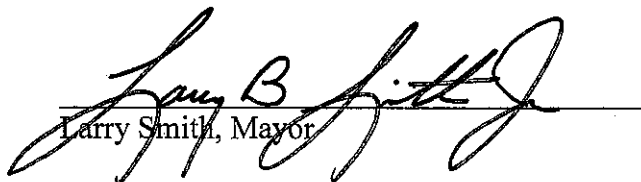
Council Member Staton encouraged citizens to stay safe. The Town Council is here for them.

Council Member Blakeney had no comments.

Mayor Smith thanked the staff.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Council Memmber Staton to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All agreed. 8:17 pm

Approved this 6th day fo July, 2020.


Larry Smith, Mayor

ATTEST


Ann Sutton, Town Clerk