

Town of Marshville
Council Meeting
Marshville Town Hall
201 W. Main Street
Marshville, NC 28103
Monday, May 7, 2018 7:00 pm

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Mayor Frank Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens and Gary Huntley

Staff: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Beth Usery, Town Clerk/FO; Matt Tarleton, Police Chief; Emily McCallum, Parks and Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Deese. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Council Member Bivens to add reconsideration of opening an ABC store. Second by Council Member Carpenter. Motion failed with a vote of 2-3 with Council Members Morgan, Staton and Huntley in opposition.

Motion by Council Member Huntley to add code enforcement of vacant properties. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Motion by Council Member Staton to add the discussion of LED Sign Ordinance Update. Second by Council Member Huntley and unanimously approved.

Motion by Council Member Bivens to approve the meeting agenda as it was amended. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Michael Alvarez (3024 Proverbs, Monroe) asked the Board to consider a \$3,000 donation to the Artist Music Guild. This program provides assistance to kids in the Forest Hills cluster.

Pastor Ronnie Moore (930 Hasty Road) spoke in opposition of the ACB store coming to Marshville. He is also against moving the Town Hall and losing the drive-thru.

Rusty Johnson (115 Shady Lane) asked the Board to speed up the decision process on the sign

ordinance updates.

Mrs. James (no address) states that she and her husband have owned a non-profit since 2002. She asked the Board to consider starting a track program along with an initial donation of \$3,000 for uniforms. The Board recommended that she meet with Park Director Emily to discuss implementation of a track program.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Morgan to adopt the meeting consent agenda as presented.

Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action for Resolution in Support of School Mental Health

Rebecca Edelman, a grad student majoring in counseling, asked the Board for resolution of support to our legislatures encouraging them to add more social workers in the public schools.

Motion by Council Member Bivens to approve the Resolution in Support of School Mental Health. Second by Council Member Huntley and unanimously approved.

Action on Resolution Regarding Award of Construction Contract Booster Pump Station Replacement and Water Main Extension

The Board has some additional questions on the change orders. They would like for the LKC project engineer to attend their next work session before any contracts are awarded.

Motion by Council Member Morgan to table this discussion and call for a special meeting on May 21 at 6:30 pm. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action on Marshville Clean Up Day

Council Member Huntley said this event was previous organized through local ministries and former manager James Bennett. They will reach out to these folks to see about assistance. Attorney Griffin cautioned about trespassing.

Discussion/Action Regarding Proposed Text Amendments to LED Sign Ordinance

Mayor Deese reminded that the public hearing was previously held and proposed changes were sent to the Planning Board. The sign recommendations are 10,000 nits and 4-5 seconds.

Motion by Council Member Morgan to table the discussion until the May 21 special meeting. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Update on Park

Emily announced the playground equipment will be delivered later this week. New signs have been installed. She is also working with Superior Plumbing for bathroom remodel. Unfortunately, the probability of bathroom vandalism increases cost with using prison grade equipment.

Code Enforcement of Vacant Property

Attorney Griffin stated that code enforcement is complaint driven. Citizens need to share their deteriorating property concerns with our code enforcement officer. Issues involving criminal activity should be reported to the police department.

Town Manager Report

Manager Howard announced that, at the May 21 work session, Bjorn Hansen, Union County Transportation Planner, will provide an update of the Marshville Bypass/US 74 Corridor Study. Also, Staff from the City of Monroe will come to discuss the possibility of extending the natural gas lines further into town.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Bivens stated she is 100% against an ABC store in town. She also does not want the Town Hall to move. The elderly will lose the drive-thru and she is getting complaints about it.

Council Member Huntley wished everyone good health.

Council Member Morgan reminded Council Member Carpenter that she voted to put the ABC store on the ballot and the citizens voting showed strong support for the store.

Council Member Carpenter said that she agrees with having an ABC store but does not want Town Hall to move because of it. She reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day. She enjoyed the recent concert at the park but wished we still had a newspaper for advertising events like this.

Council Member Staton said that we already own buildings and there is no reason to pay rent for an ABC store. She has received a lot of positive feedback about the parade held for the Forest Hills High Basketball team.

Mayor Deese announced that the costs for relocating the Town Hall are coming in under budget. He respects Pastor Moore and other opinions; however, about 90% of citizens voted for the ABC store. The revenues generated will hopefully help prevent us from having future tax increases.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Staton. Second by Council Member Carpenter and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Franklin. Deese, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Wingo, Interim Clerk