
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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**Town Council Meeting
Marshville Town Hall
118 E. Union Street, Marshville, NC
Monday, June 3rd, 2019 7:00 PM**

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; Michael Garrison, Administrative Assistant; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Deese called the Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Nancie Mandeville, 610 Olive Branch Rd, discussed change of government. Ms. Mandeville said she researched the subject at the UNC School of Government. She stated that 66% of municipalities with a population of 2000-3000 use the Manager/Council form of government, 68% of municipalities with a population of 3000-4000 use Manager/Council & 92% of municipalities with a population of 4000-5000 use Manager/Council form of government. Ms. Mandeville then asked the Council what the Council and Administrator's duties would be under the Mayor/Council form of government?

Diane Amundson, 1018 Hasty Rd, asked what was going on with the Small Town Main Street program and wanted to have a presentation on that. Ms. Amundson expressed concern about employee turnover and where the job postings are being placed. She Mentioned CW on Forest Drive with flags put out while the rest of the town seemed to fall behind on flag displays. She also brought up the Anderson Project and that the town is responsible for \$300,000 to be paid in penalties & asked if we have a right to put a lean on the property or why the town has to be responsible for it.

Mayor Deese stated that the flags were put out at the cemetery & Veteran's Memorial as is customary. Mayor Deese suggested that the town could write CW a letter and tell him his efforts are appreciated. Mayor Deese then explained that the town does have a right to put a lean on the Anderson property.

Gloria Haney is representing Union County Human Services, 2330 Concord Avenue, Monroe spoke about Senior Nutrition Program and is looking for volunteers to help out delivering meals Monday through Friday & explained that Marshville has a long waiting list. She left her contact information.

Kira Tynys, 804 Hasty Rd, expressed concern about a number of animals roaming free. Ms. Tynys asked what the lease ordinances are & explained that she called Union County animal control & they told her to shoot the animals. She went on to explain that her mother's little dog was nearly bitten by one of these roaming dogs.

Council Member Bivens asked if these are stray dogs.

Ms. Tynys explained that these dogs have owners and their owners are not keeping them in at night or during the day or on leashes. She asked why these dog owners are not being held responsible or fined.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese stated that the Council needed to add Dr. Cook's request for funding to the agenda. Mayor Deese requested a motion to add Dr. Cook's request to the agenda. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Deese requested a motion to approve the agenda with the one addition. All Ayes. Motion Passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Deese stated that the discussion on changing the park rental fees, the donation to the JKC Track Team, & the utility billing policy need to be removed from the consent agenda and will be voted on along with the budget discussions. Mayor Deese requested a motion to remove these three items from the consent agenda and add them to the budget. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Staton made a motion to remove the adding of the two picnic tables from the consent agenda and add it to the Action on Park Plan item 8 on the agenda. Mayor Deese asked if there was a second. Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Presentation by Waste Pro USA:

Philip Saddler, representing Waste Pro USA, took questions.

Council Member Staton asked if garbage could be picked up earlier on Olive Branch Road so that trucks are not knocking garbage cans full of trash all over the place.

Mr. Saddler informed that Waste Pro tries to get their drivers out by 7:00 am and stated that it is bad enough for the truck drivers during the day with oncoming traffic and that poor light also poses safety concerns.

Council Member Huntley asked if Mr. Saddler could give an exact date & time when garbage & recycling could be picked up.

Mr. Saddler explained that garbage is picked up every Wednesday & recycling is every other Thursday, but he could not give exact times and explained that trucks do break down and if Waste Pro gives an exact time then people will be expecting that time.

Council Member Carpenter asked if there was more than one truck working Marshville on scheduled pickup days.

Mr. Saddler explained that if it is heavy bulk or around the holidays, Waste Pro will send reinforcements. Otherwise, there is only one truck in Marshville.

Mr. Saddler suggested that trash needs to be bagged.

Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Saddler for coming in and answering questions.

Beaver Lane Fire Department Donation:

Fire Chief Lee wanted to give an update on the budget request. The County recommended to add one new position from them, and the department is requesting \$45,000. The County will provide \$400,000 to provide an aerial truck from Wesley Chapel. This will put the department in a 5-8-year replacement plan.

Mayor Deese thanked Chief Lee and informed him that that would be discussed with the budget discussions.

Artist Music Guild Presentation:

Dr. Cook put on a presentation showing school children performing song & dance. Dr. Cook explained those were Marshville students in the video. Dr. Cook went on to state that someone called Marshville Elementary & asked if the Artist Music Guild had any involvement with students at Marshville Elementary, to which Dr. Cook explained that the Artist Music Guild did not have any involvement with that school. He stated that his nonprofit was involved with East Union Middle School & Forest Hills High School. Dr. Cook explained that East Union Middle School had 63 students involved & Forest Hills High had 22 students involved & claimed Forest Hills used their band in the orchestra pit. Dr. Cook went on to explain that he did not appreciate people going behind his back & calling Marshville Elementary when he could have been called. Dr. Cook went on to claim that there were rumors of the Artist Music Guild not attempt to facilitate anything with the Town of Marshville & that he does not appreciate politics.

Manager Howard explained that Dr. Cook is mistaken and that he was directed to call the elementary school to ask if Dr. Cook was indeed involved with the school & that this is tax payer money that is being used.

Dr. Cook responded in an angry tone that Scott is not the boss and that the Council is.

Mayor Deese banged the gavel and informed that a fight would not be tolerated.

Dr. Cook explained that his reputation is on the line and that he does appreciate people going behind his back and questioning his ethics.

Mayor Deese asked if Dr. Cook's donation amount was still \$3,000.

Dr. Cook said it was and that he does not appreciate the politics going on.

Council Member Carpenter explained that another non-profit agency requesting donations had provided financial statements detailing how the tax payer money was going to be spent and that the Council asked Manager Howard to investigate because that is his job.

Mayor Deese stated that the request would be discussed later with the budget discussion.

Discussion/Action on Park Plan:

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan & Council Member Staton stated they thought the survey that the Emily McCallum did was inadequate. Manager Howard stated that most of the survey respondents were over 55 years in age.

Mayor Deese said the survey was not adequate and then asked about the addition of picnic tables to the agenda.

Council Member Staton stated that the town should clear a little more land and place a few more picnic tables.

Manager Howard cautioned that there are deed restrictions about being too close to boundary lines.

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to direct staff plan on putting two more picnic tables to the small area in the park while being aware of setbacks. Council Member Staton made a motion, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Budget Changes:

There were no comments.

Set a date for Public Hearing for Budget:

Mayor Deese stated that the suggested date of June 17th, 2019, at 7:00 pm for the public hearing on the budget and asked for a motion to call for a public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan made a motion. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Mayor Deese stated that he would not be at that hearing as he has a prior engagement.

Budget Discussions:

The Council agreed to look at the job description & budget for a full-time park director. The Council then discussed the Fire Chief's request of \$45,000. The Council then discussed Dr. Cook's request for \$3,000 & JKC Track Team donation of \$4,000. The Council's consensus was to add these three requests to the budget.

Manager's Comments:

Manager Howard stated that the Town met with ORC Tommy Kost regarding the completion and posting of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on the town website. Manager Howard also stated that he is working with engineers regarding the Outfall Project, a sewer rehab project. Manager Howard stated that the town is working on keeping the doors unlocked at the town park and working on security measures. Manager Howard also discussed the new accounts payable lady catching a huge error on the town's water bill from Anson County and saved the town thousands.

Town Clerk Sutton stated that the meeting on June 17th is a special meeting & not a work session.

Mayor & Council Member Comments:

Council Member State stated she is glad that the town is doing more work on the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan agrees with the work being done on the park and also expressed concern about the roaming dogs.

Council Member Bivens asked if the town has a leash law. Manager Howard explained that the town does have leash laws and that the County enforces them for the town.

Council Member Carpenter thanked the public for coming to the meeting and expressed that they also had problems with roaming dogs.

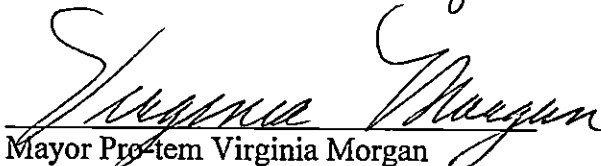
Council Member Huntley asked when the town hired a new police officer and expressed that he would like Chief Tarlton to bring the new officer to the next meeting to meet them.

Mayor Deese asked Manager Howard about the loan the town is taking for the sewer system and if the County understands that they will be taking over that loan. Manager Howard said there is no word on that.


Adjournment:

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made a motion, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 5th day of August, 2019


Mayor Pro Tem Virginia Morgan

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Town Clerk