

**Town of Marshville
Council Meeting**

Marshville Town Hall
201 W. Main Street
Marshville, NC 28103

**Monday, June 4, 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; Karen Wingo, Interim Town Clerk; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily McCallum, Parks and Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney; Yvonne Janssen, Planning Advisor

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Deese. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Public Hearing

Motion by Council Member Staton to open the Public Hearing for ZTA 2017-07 Amendment of Ordinance to permit digitally changing signs in C-74, TMU and CIV Zoning District. Second by Council Member Huntley and unanimously approved.

Mayor Deese announced that no one from the public signed up to speak.

Planning Advisor, Yvonne Janssen, explained this ordinance update is to permit digitally changing signs with the issuance of a conditional use permit and to add developmental standards to be met for conditional use permit approval.

Council Member Staton asked if the language for Highway 74 can be changed. She has concerns that the sign scrolling speed will cause safety problems if allowed to go over.

Planning Board Chair, Susan Drake, announced that the existing ordinance wording in regards to government sign exemptions is confusing. The Planning Board is looking to revise this at their next meeting. She also reminded Town Council that the presented recommendations can be tweaked as the Town Council sees fit. Furthermore, the time between display changes may vary based on the business and speed limit. This is example why we want to allow Board of Adjustment to use the (CUP) Conditional Use Process.

Being no further comments, Motion to come out of the Public Hearing was made by Council

Member Bivens. Second by Council Member Huntley and unanimously approved.

Discussion/Action Regarding ZTA 2017-07

Motion by Council Member Staton to approve ZTA 2017-07 to amend (MDO) Marshville Development Ordinance for Article 10 and Article 17 with the following change for 10.2-17(B)(2) Digitally Changing Signs:

The time between display changes for Zoning District C-74 (fronting Highway 74) shall be set to intervals of no greater than five seconds. The time between display changes for Zoning District TMU, CIV and C-74 (not fronting Highway 74) shall be no less than five seconds.

This motion also includes approving the Statement of Consistency. Second by Council Member Morgan and unanimously approved.

Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Deese asked to add ABC Board update to the agenda. Motion by Council Member Morgan to approve the amendment. Second by Council Member Huntley and unanimously approved.

Mayor Deese asked to add July meeting to the agenda. Motion by Council Member Morgan to approve the amendment. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Motion by Council Member Morgan to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Second by Council Member Bivens and unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Huntley to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Council Member Morgan and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Monaca Marshall (933 Mill Street) expressed concern of excess speed with folks cutting thru to the Food Lion. She asked Council to consider installing a speed hump.

Susan Drake (306 S. Elm Street) asked about the designated \$5,500 for Small Town Main Street line item with no designated use. She asked if these funds can be used for Christmas lights or benches at gazebo. She also asked about \$93,000 for paving new sidewalks instead of repaving sidewalks that are already in pretty good shape. The 3-cent tax rate increase is not just "found money" to be thrown somewhere. Please look at \$45,000 surplus should go to the LED sign. Some may see this as double dipping into tax payers' pockets. Otherwise, it should be applied to hiring an additional officer. She is discouraged to see hundreds of thousands going to the lawyers for the county sewer law suit. This is old news but sewer bills should still be paid at rate you estimate owing.

ABC Commission

Bob Morgan III updated Town Council on the ABC Board happenings. They are advertising for a store manager with expectation of opening the store in October. They will soon be meeting with security, shelving and computers vendors. Their goal is to return maximum amount to the tax payers. They ask the Board to consider allocating distributions to police, parks and recreation, sidewalks and Crisis Assistance Ministry. Quarterly distributions will start the second year.

Budget Discussions

- Donations: Council Member Carpenter reminded everyone that Waste Pro agreed to donate \$8,000 annually for community projects. She would like to see these funds go to the Music Guild and track program. Attorney Griffin advised staff to get with the track program to find out what they are looking for from the Town before making any commitments. There is some confusion of whether they want cash donation or if they want the Town to manage the track program. Emily will clarify this with the non-profit.
- Beaver Lane Fire Chief Lee presented his request for additional funding. He asked the Board to consider funding them \$43,000 for a new employee which include salary, insurance and gear. They receive \$250,000 from the district fire fees and Union County subsidies in the amount of \$408,000 with a total budget of approximately \$685,000. This year, their budget was cut by \$85,000. They work as a team and do not request funds from other agencies. They have mutual aid agreements to share resources when needed. Monroe, Wesley Chapel. Stallings and Hemby Bridge are the only ones that have a ladder truck. Last year, 67% of their calls were in the Town limits.
- The Board was in consensus to consider removing \$5,500 from the Main Street line item.
- Sidewalks: Council Member Bivens said that she has a problem with repaving sidewalks when we have so many areas without sidewalks like around Carelock Drive. Council Member Staton asked staff to check on sidewalks to East Union. If the kids do not have opportunity to ride the bus this is a safety concern. Police Chief Tarleton reminded we have previous issues getting easements from property owners. There was also a discussion of adding sidewalks to Food Lion and Pilgrim's Pride.
- Mayor Deese announced that he contacted the School of Government to confirm the encumbered park tax money can be reallocated to a different line item. There were excess funds because of anonymous donation for park equipment. We are putting extra funds in budget for implementing a master plan.

Set Date for Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Council Member Morgan to call for a FY 18-19 budget public hearing on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved.

Town Manager Report

Manager Howard announced that he is continuing to pursue extension of natural gas lines further into town. Representative Brody said there is possibility of some state funds available; however, the Town will have to put some skin in the game.

Mayor and Council Comments

Council Member Morgan thanked Scott for the budget message.

Council Member Staton thanked department heads for the smooth budget process.

Council Member Huntley invited everyone to the Friends and Family event on Father's Day at his church on Olive Branch.

Council Member Carpenter announced her appreciation for everyone's help with the budget and also Mrs. Wingo's interim clerk assistance.

Council Member Bivens agreed with all of the above and wants everyone to remember that she is passionate about the sidewalks.

Adjourn

Being no further business, Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bivens. Second by Council Member Staton and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Franklin. Deese, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Wingo, Interim Clerk