

Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015, 7:00 pm
Marshville Town Hall – 201 West Main St.

Special Meeting

Present: Mayor Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan, Council Members Rowell, Carpenter, Bivens and Huntley.

Staff Present: Town Manager Shubert, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Johnson, Chief of Police, Matt Tarlton, Public Works Director, Bivens Steele, Utilities Director, Alicia Melton, Community Development Director, Alan Thifault, Asst. Clerk/Tax Collector, Debbie Morton

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Deese. The invocation was offered by Council Member Bivens. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

A motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting was made by Council Member Rowell, seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 75: Traffic Schedules

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan, seconded by Council Member Rowell and passed unanimously.

Town Manager Shubert reviewed the proposed revision to the Town of Marshville's Code of Ordinances related to traffic schedules stating that the revision is a simple addition of streets to the existing ordinance. The proposed amendment corrects a typo and adds W. Union Street and Main Street (to the east and west). The purpose is to restrict through trucks.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Council Member Rowell. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan and passed unanimously.

Council Member Rowell made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 75: Traffic Schedules, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing to receive public input on the proposed FY2015-2016 Budget Ordinance, Fee Schedule and Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Council Member Rowell to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously.

The manager stated that the salary proposals reflect discussions had at the budget retreat to attempt to retain a professional staff and good employees. The manager reported that things have been accomplished this year that have not been done before. She added that no raises were given

last year because she did not know the staff well enough and was not aware of their abilities. The manager commented that she has been pleasantly surprised.

At this time Mayor Deese opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Ernestine Staton of 913 N. Austin Street, Marshville, NC, addressed the council concerning cuts in the Parks and Recreation budget. She stated that the park needs some work and beautification to ensure safety. Ms. Staton also pointed out the need for children's activities. In the past the town has offered more activities. Mr. Ron McAdam of 412 Norma Street, Marshville, stated that Marshville is a small town. The town has borrowed money that will have to be repaid. Mr. McAdam stated that the proposed raises are outrageous. Marshville doesn't have the tax base to cover the proposed budget. Mr. McAdam stated that the town has positions he doesn't agree with. He added that if the tax rate continues to go up people will not live in Marshville.

Council Member Rowell made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed unanimously.

Mayor Deese stated that he hopes the council does not adopt the budget tonight. He feels there should be further discussion. The manager agreed with Mayor Deese. The council needs to make certain this budget is what they want.

Council Member Carpenter reported that she receives a lot of complaints about no activities at the park. Council Member Bivens and Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan each stated they also have received similar complaints. The manager stated that going forward the Community Development Director will be reporting to the council and, with the new organizational chart, will be provided an assistant. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan asked if there would be more activities for children.

Council Member Rowell asked the manager and the clerk about going ahead and adopting the proposed Fee Schedule and Organizational Chart. Both the manager and the clerk responded that they would prefer to adopt all proposed budget documents at once at a later meeting.

Mayor Deese commented that he does not like to appropriate fund balance. He stated that the valuation of town property decreased and by not looking at a tax increase the council is basically giving a tax reduction. Mayor Deese stated that the proposed raises are excessive and that salary increases affect other personnel costs. Mayor Deese encouraged the members of council to be fiscally responsible. Mayor Deese requested information for a revenue-neutral tax rate. He added that raising taxes is not popular but asked council to carefully consider the possibility. The manager stated that just because fund balance is appropriated doesn't mean it will be spent.

Council Member Rowell stated that the budget is an operating guide. He thanked staff for helping the manager prepare the budget. Council Member Rowell stated that the proposed budget reflects pay increases in an effort to retain knowledgeable staff. He commented that the manager and staff have done a good job managing the budget. Council Member Rowell stated that it is the council's job and one of their greatest responsibilities to adopt a good budget for the town.

Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan commented that she has taught quantitative methods for twenty years. She stated that she checked the salaries of other areas and that the salaries of the Town Hall staff are exceeding. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan pointed out a \$.90/hour pay difference between the beginning Town Hall staff and a police officer. She stated that police officers put their lives on the line. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan stated that unless Town Hall staff obtains training and certifications they should not receive a pay increase. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan suggested proposing a basic raise

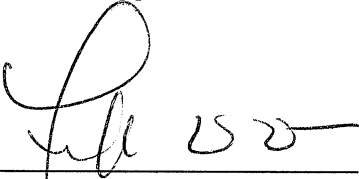
and as training is obtained the employees can receive pay increases. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan commented that she is looking at positions and not people. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan asked if police body cameras are included in the proposed budget. Chief Tarlton stated they are not. Discussion ensued regarding police body cameras. It was the consensus of the council to put cameras back into the budget. Mr. Bob Morgan requested to comment stating that the body cameras would be beneficial.

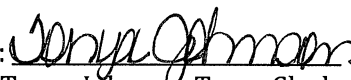
Mayor Deese and Council Member Rowell agreed that the budget process began too late and would like to see the process begin earlier next year.

Mayor Deese asked the manager how the current recycling program works. The manager stated that currently a customer pays for recycling whether or not they have a recycling container. Mayor Deese asked if the town plans to sell recyclable goods. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan stated that the intent is to sell recyclables. Council Member Bivens stated that the town is cleaner now with the recycling program. Discussion ensued.

There being no further comments Council Member Rowell made a motion to recess the meeting to reconvene on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously.

These minutes approved this 13th day of July, 2015.

By: 
Frank Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MARSHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE TOWN OF MARSHVILLE
CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE VII TRAFFIC CODE,
CHAPTER 75. TRAFFIC SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE I. TRUCKS PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-300 authorizes a city, by ordinance, to prohibit, regulate, divert, control, and limit pedestrian or vehicular traffic upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and bridges of the city and,

WHEREAS, The Marshville Town Council has previously adopted an ordinance establishing the streets, or portions thereof, from which all trucks and trailers of more than two axles are prohibited and,

WHEREAS, The Marshville Town Council now desires to amend said ordinance which requires adoption of a new ordinance and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been duly called and the proper notice given as set forth in North Carolina General Statute 160A-364,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Marshville Town Council that Title VII: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 75: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, SCHEDULE I. TRUCKS PROHIBITED, of the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances shall be amended and rewritten as described in Exhibit B which is hereby attached.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 15th day of June, 2015.

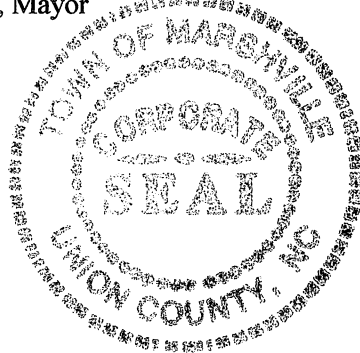
Adopted: June 15, 2015



Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: Tonya D. Johnson

Tonya D. Johnson, Town Clerk



CHAPTER 75: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES

Schedule

- I. Trucks prohibited
- II. Speed limits; school zone
- III. Maximum speed limits
- IV. One-way streets

SCHEDULE I. TRUCKS PROHIBITED.

All trucks and trailers of more than two axles are prohibited from the parts of streets as follows.

<i>Street</i>	<i>Portion of Restriction</i>
College Street	From the intersection of North Elm Street eastward to the intersection of Ross Street
College Street	From the intersection of Ross Street eastward to the intersection of Hasty Street
College Street	From the intersection of Hasty Street eastward to the intersection of Olive Branch Road
East Phifer Street	From the intersection of North Elm Street eastward to the intersection of Ross Street
East Phifer Street	From the intersection of Ross Street eastward to the intersection of Hasty Street
East Phifer Street	From the intersection of Hasty Street eastward to the intersection of Olive Branch Road
Elizabeth Avenue	Between East West Union Street and West Main Street, no tractor-trailer semi-trucks
West Union St.	From the intersection of Elm Street westward to the end of the street
West Main Street	From the intersection of Marshville Blvd. North eastward to the intersection of Elm Street
Main Street	From the intersection of Elm Street eastward to U.S. Highway 74

(Prior Code, Ch. F, Art. VII, § 3) (Ord. passed 6-6-2005) Penalty, see § 70.99

Town of Marshville Public Comments Sign-Up Sheet

Public Hearing Date: 06-15-2015

Please **print** your name and contact information for the record.

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