

Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2015, 7:00 pm
Marshville Town Hall – 201 West Main St.

Special Meeting – Reconvened from June 15, 2015

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 reconvened at 7:00 pm by Mayor Deese. Mayor Deese reminded council members that this meeting is a continuation of the Special Meeting called for June 15, 2015. The invocation was offered by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone in attendance.

Town Manager Shubert pointed out that a revised FY2015-16 Meeting Calendar includes a date for a budget work session in February 2016. Also, the proposed FY2015-16 Budget has been revised, as directed, to include the first year's cost for body cameras for the Police Department.

Mayor Deese stated that he had requested to know what a revenue-neutral tax rate would be and that the manager feels confident that the town is going to end up with a surplus.

The manager reported that the Planning Department has informed her of several new houses that have been approved.

Mayor Deese addressed concerns raised at the June 15, 2015 meeting concerning paying back money borrowed by the town. Mayor Deese stated that the loans will assist the town in dealing with inflow and infiltration from rainwater going into the sewer system. Council Member Rowell pointed out that the town pays for more gallons of water than it sells due to water loss/leaks. Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan asked if loan payback is in the budget. The manager stated that debt service is not in the proposed FY2015-16 Budget. Council Member Carpenter asked how much funding the town will receive from the emergency loan. The manager stated that the loan amount is approximately \$600,000.

Council Member Rowell asked about the booster pump project and fire hydrants in the current budget and whether or not all the hydrants have been installed. Bivens Steele, Public Works Director, stated that his department is working on them but not all have been installed.

Council Member Huntley asked when the emergency money will be distributed. The manager commented that she thinks the funding works on reimbursement but is not absolutely certain. Some discussion ensued regarding the documentation and accounting for the funds.

Mayor Deese stated he is not opposed to salary increases but would like to have discussion. Council Member Rowell clarified that salary information is public information but personnel discussions should take place in closed session. Council Member Carpenter commented that the town does not have a utilities department but has a director of utilities. She feels that this position should be under Public Works or Town Clerk. The manager stated that there are two components of public works, 1) administration of the utilities, and 2) billing.

At 7:29 pm a motion to go into closed session per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6), was made by Council Member Rowell. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously. The manager was invited to remain for the closed session portion of the meeting.

Closed Session

Open Session (8:30 pm)

Action from Closed Session

As a result of the closed session, Staff was directed to input into the proposed FY2015-16 Budget an additional \$1,250 in additional wages to the Public Works Director and to bring the revised budget back to council for approval.

Council Member Rowell made a motion to recess the meeting to Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed unanimously. There being no further comments the meeting recessed at 8:36 pm.

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

By: _____

Frank Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk