



## Town of Marshville Town Council Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Marshville Town Hall

### Special Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Mayor Frank Deese; Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter and Ernestine Staton. Council Member Rowell was absent due to illness. A quorum was present.

**Staff:** Scott Howard, Interim Town Manager; Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief & Acting Public Works Director

#### **Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Deese. The invocation was given by Council Member Carpenter. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

#### **Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed unanimously.

#### **Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY2017-18 Annual Budget, Fee Schedule and Meeting Calendar**

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Council Member Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carpenter and passed by unanimous vote. Interim Town Manager Scott Howard commented that the proposed budget that the council members have before them has been gone over quite thoroughly. He stated that he will be glad to answer any questions. Mayor Deese opened the floor to those individuals desiring to speak regarding the proposed budget.

Fred Burton, 708 E. Union Street, Marshville, NC, commented on the signs in the proposed budget. Mr. Burton stated that he is reluctant to endorse such a capital measure. He explained that these signs are often a distraction to drivers. Mr. Burton added that Wingate's sign promotes the university, not the Town of Wingate. Mr. Burton stated that the sign doesn't generate revenue. It costs the citizens money. Mr. Burton pointed out that the water and sewer systems need repair and he is of the opinion that the town would be better served by other priorities. Mr. Burton acknowledged that the town can't retain good department heads. He stated that money might be better spent making salaries more competitive. Mr. Burton suggested that the signs be purchased at a later date.

Mayor Deese commented that the LED sign is currently outside of what the ordinance allows. The council intends to go through the proper protocol to change the ordinance. Council Member Bivens asked Mr. Burton how long he has resided in Marshville. Mr. Burton stated that he has lived in Marshville between 12 and 13 years. Council Member Carpenter explained that the council's thought process is to use the sign to advertise public information since Marshville no longer has a local newspaper. It will be used to advertise meetings and town events. Council Member Carpenter stated that the town is looking at a lease-purchase option. Mayor Deese added that the Randy Travis signs

were removed without the council's knowledge or consent. There was a public outcry to replace the sign. Mayor Deese stated that the council thinks Marshville will be better served to replace the Randy Travis signs. Council Member Staton remarked that citizens have requested that the signs be replaced. Mr. Burton concluded his remarks by asking the council if other priorities should be addressed first.

Susan Drake, 306 S. Elm Street, Marshville, NC, asked that the council put their most earnest efforts forward to bring the sewer lawsuit to an end. Ms. Drake stated that there is an urgency to bring the lawsuit to a conclusion.

Ms. Drake requested that, going forward, the council and the Planning Board meet jointly on a regular basis. Ms. Drake feels that information should be shared with the Planning Board. She mentioned the southern loop and the corridor study and the need for information to be shared.

Ms. Drake spoke regarding the LED sign. She stated that maybe she over analyzes things, but if the council is already setting aside tax dollars then the council's mind is already made up. Ms. Drake stated that the current ordinance does not allow for LED signs. She commented that some of the ordinances are being reviewed. Ms. Drake asked if the \$.03 tax increase to pay for the sign, park equipment, and additional money to the Beaver Land Volunteer Fire Department will be reduced next fiscal year, after these items are purchased. She asked the council how long the town can sustain legal fees at \$200,000 per year. Ms. Drake commented that the only one's making money are the attorneys. Ms. Drake stated that she is aware that the lawsuit is a tricky situation. She expressed her opinion that the town wouldn't be in the lawsuit if the town had paid its sewer treatment bills. The town should have paid something! Ms. Drake commented that it is her understanding that the county offered to pay something. She expressed that some decisions that were made seem political and/or personal. Ms. Drake concluded her comments by stating that she feels the council is delusional to think the county is going to pay the town millions of dollars.

Mayor Deese agreed that joint meetings between the council and the Planning Board are a good idea. Mayor Deese commented, regarding the southern loop, that a decision was made to remove it from the plan; however, information came to light. Mayor Deese stated that the county called and after some discussion, it was the consensus that the corridor study will be completed before a decision is made to remove the southern loop from the plan.

Mayor Deese made some clarifying remarks concerning the sewer lawsuit. He stated that he was in the meeting with the county and that the county never asked how much they owed the town. Mayor Deese stated that the county was asked to provide records and calculations. He stated that the county offered to pay approximately \$90,000+/- . Mayor Deese agreed that the lawsuit needs to be settled. He stated that the town's attorneys have requested mediation at least three times. The county has only requested mediation once, and they only wanted county staff to be present. Mayor Deese expressed his opinion that he doesn't think the attorney for the county desires mediation. Mayor Deese commented that, on behalf of the entire council, he is working on other avenues to work toward a resolution. Mayor Deese reiterated that he agrees that the lawsuit needs to be settled.

There were no further council comments or questions pertaining to the proposed FY2017-18 Budget, Fee Schedule and Meeting Calendar. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Staton and passed by unanimous vote.

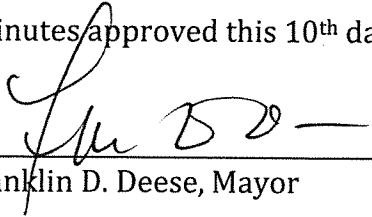
Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan made a motion to accept the budget ordinance, calendar and fee schedule for FY2017-18. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjourn**

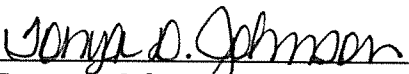
Council Member Staton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Morgan and passed unanimously.

This minutes approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tonya D. Johnson, Town Clerk

## Town of Marshville

## Public Comments Sign-Up Sheet

Public Hearing

Date: June 22, 2017Please **print** your name and contact information for the record.

	PRINT NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	PHYSICAL ADDRESS (if different)	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Fred Burton	708 E. Union ST		704 684 3507	Yardmaster_28112@yahoo
2	James Harrison	6112 018 Paseland-Mudwell Rd.		704 430-9647	rhannicn43@yahoo
3	Jessal Drake	300 SE 1st ST		704 624 3568	
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**Town of Marshville, North Carolina**  
**Annual Budget for FY 2017 – 2018**

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**Budget Ordinance**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Marshville, North Carolina that the following anticipated fund revenues and departmental expenditures, together with certain fees and schedules, and with certain restrictions and authorizations, are hereby appropriated and approved for the operation of the Town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

**Summary**

	Estimated Revenues	Fund Balance Appropriations	Appropriation
General Fund	\$1,728,625	\$270,655	\$1,999,280
Enterprise Fund	\$1,544,676	\$8,274	\$1,552,950
Total:	\$3,273,301	\$278,929	\$3,552,230

**Section 1: General Fund**

The following list of approved revenues and authorized expenditures listed in this ordinance are hereby appropriated for the operation and activity of the General Fund for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in accordance with the chart of accounts for the Town of Marshville.

**General Fund Revenues**

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$871,129
Tax Penalties & Interest	\$5,000
Privilege Licenses	\$0
Interest On Investment	\$5,000
NCDOT Mowing	\$3,348
Police Calendar Sales	\$280
Police Event Services	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
Sale Of Fixed Assets	\$0
Franchise Taxes	\$200,000
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$1,550
Powell Bill Allocation	\$68,000
Sales Tax & Hold Harmless	\$254,468
Beer & Wine Tax Distribution	\$11,000
Planning/Zoning Fees	\$2,000
Court Costs Fees & Charges	\$1,500
Refuse Collection Fees	\$223,100
Cemetery - Sale of Lot	\$29,250
Recreation Activity Fee	\$1,000
Recreational Facilities Rental	\$3,000
Property Leases	\$47,000
Encumbered Fund Balance Reserve	\$118,100
Encumbered Fund Balance	\$152,555
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,999,280</b>

### General Fund Expenditures

Governing Body	\$75,270
General Government	\$301,530
Community Development	\$152,170
Public Buildings*	\$35,540
Police	\$755,300
Streets	\$182,320
Powell Bill	\$116,500
Sanitation	\$234,080
Parks & Recreation	\$136,570
Non Departmental	\$10,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,999,280</b>

### Section 2: Enterprise Fund

The following list of approved revenues and authorized expenditures listed in this ordinance are hereby appropriated for the operation and activity of the Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in accordance with the chart of accounts for the Town of Marshville.

### Enterprise Fund Revenues

Interest On Investment	\$2,500
Charges Utilities Water	\$673,000
Charges Utilities Sewer	\$791,600
Delinquent Fees	\$20,400
Late Fee	\$34,800
Returned Check Fee	\$0
Service Initiation Fee	\$3,500
Tap Fees - Water	\$2,400
Tap Fees - Sewer	\$7,000
Bad Debts	\$0
Capacity Fees - Water	\$2,882
Capacity Fees - Sewer	\$6,594
Encumbered Fund Balance	\$8,274
<b>Total Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,552,950</b>

### Enterprise Fund Expenditures

Water Operations	\$631,950
Sewer Operations	\$916,000
Non Departmental	\$5,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,552,950</b>

### Section 3: Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty-one cents (\$0.51) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed Ad Valorem Taxes 2017-2018 in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of property for purposes of taxation of \$172,947,564 (real and personal property of \$155,883,278 and motor vehicles of \$17,064,286) and an estimated rate of collection of 97.5% and 99% respectively.

#### Section 4: Fees & Charges

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There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, various fees and charges as contained in Section 3 of this document.

#### Section 5: Special Authorization of the Budget Officer

- a) The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required.
- b) The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute transfers for contingency appropriations, not to exceed \$5,000. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.
- c) The transfer of funds from one department to another department, excluding contingency appropriations, shall be accomplished only with prior authorization of the Town Council.

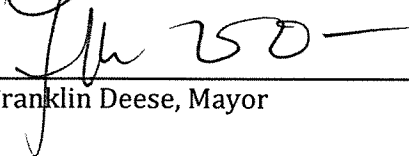
#### Section 6: Utilization of the Budget Ordinance

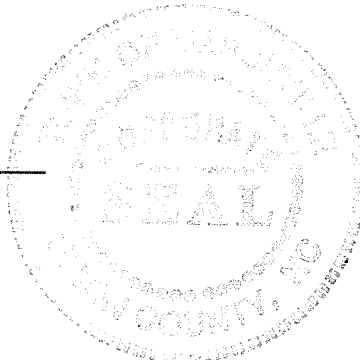
This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of Marshville municipal government during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and ensure the staff and elected officials are provided with guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

#### Section 7. Copies of this Budget Ordinance

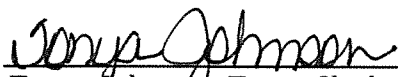
Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer and Department Heads to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 22 day of June, 2017.

  
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Franklin Deese, Mayor



Attest:

  
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Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk



## **Town of Marshville Special Meeting**

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### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting**
- 3. Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2017-18 Annual Budget, Fee Schedule and Meeting Calendar**
  - Motion to Open Public Hearing
  - Presentation of Information from Staff
  - Public Comment
  - Town Council Questions and Comments
  - Motion to Close Public Hearing
  - Town Council action
- 4. Adjourn**