

Town Council Meeting Marshville Town Hall 118 E. Union Street, Marshville, NC Monday, July 1st, 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; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton: Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Deese called the Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda and the item on the consent agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan announced that she had a conflict of interest. Mayor Deese asked if the Council would accept her conflict of interest. Mayor Deese explained that if any Council Member receives any direct fund or monetary value from an item on the consent agenda, then a conflict of interest occurs. All Council Members accepted Mayor Pro Tem Morgan's conflict of interest. Mayor Deese explained that Mayor Pro Tem Morgan is excused from the vote on the consent agenda. Council Member Carpenter seconded to accept the consent agenda. All Ayes from voting Council Members. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion & Action on Appointment of Alternate CRTPO Representative: Council Member Staton volunteered to be the CRTPO alternate.

Discussion of Utilizing More Existing Park Land:

Manager Howard explained that the park strip in question does belong to the town and a land owner has been mowing it. Manager Howard asked if the town wants to sell the plat to the land owner who has been mowing it or keep it. Manager Howards explained that this could prevent future issues with property owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan suggested that the Council Members need to go out there and look at it. Mayor Deese requested a motion to table this item until further notice. Council Member Bivens made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to enter a closed session per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5) for the discussion of possibly purchasing real property for park extension. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Council enters closed session.

Council returns from closed session. Mayor Deese asked for a motion to add the park extension land purchase to the next work session agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Bivens seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Comments:

Manager Howard explained that he contacted Union County Parks regarding ideas for activities at the Marshville Park. Manager Howard also explained that the town is transitioning to a new Planning & Zoning Administrator. There is also a new Planning Board member with Tom Appenzeller being appointed. Manager Howard also discussed that the town has trimmed some hedges & bushes on 74 that were safety concerns, discussed some beautification on Main Street, explained the Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Quality) has been completed and is available online and at Town Hall. The Annual Solid Waste Report has been completed & filed.

Town Clerk Sutton announced that the town will start the new bill due date in July and start the new late fee as well. However, the current bills do not reflect that.

Council Member's Comments:

Council Member Huntley wished everyone a safe & happy 4th of July.

Council Member Carpenter also wished everyone a safe & happy July 4th.

Council Member Bivens discussed the issue of the basketball hoops in the street.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan thanked the maintenance crew for their work at the park.

Council Member Staton wished everyone a happy 4th of July and agreed the park looks good.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to adjourn. Council Member Bivens made a motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Approved this 5% day of $\frac{\text{Quast}}{\text{Quast}}$, 2019.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk