
TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, July 2, 2018, 7:00 PM MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton and Gary Huntley.

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily Huneycutt, Park & Recreation Director; Bobby Griffin, Town Attorney

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem asked if there are items that need to be added to the agenda. Council member Margaret Bivens requested a discussion of paving sidewalks. Motion made to adopt agenda by Norma Carpenter and seconded by Gary Huntley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Charging of Tax Collector

Charge to Paula Beachum to collect the 2018 Property Taxes for the Town of Marshville. Motion to charge Tax Collector to collect Town of Marshville property taxes made by Council Member Carpenter. Second by Council Member Bivens. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Town Clean-up Day

Manager Howard researched a date prior to the Randy Travis Festival. The earliest we can get the bags, gloves, and reflective vests free from the county would be September 14th. We could do this before that date, but we would need to buy our own bags and gloves. We will have the extra street sweeping immediately before and after the festival. Council Member Huntley discussed a date before the Randy Travis festival for Clean-Up Day. He thought before the festival would be appropriate so we could show a clean town. But, Council

Member Huntley also thought that after the festival would make more sense. Member Huntley said that he would speak with local pastors to see if the churches would like to take on the cleanup task. Attorney Griffin said that it would be a good idea to provide safety vests for all cleaning participants. Council Member Carpenter had a church member request that the Town adopt a portion of Hwy 74 as a cleanup project. No consensus was made.

Sidewalk Paving

Council Member Bivens would like to see new sidewalks created instead of paving the older sidewalks. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan reminded the Council that Small Town Main Street recommended the downtown sidewalks be repaved first to give the downtown a good look. Also, many citizens are not willing to give up the right-of-way for new sidewalks. Council Member Bivens stated that children in the Carelock area need sidewalks to walk to and from school. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan stated when there was road construction on Carelock Street, many people in the Carelock area would not give up their right-of-way. This would have been an opportunity to give them the sidewalks. Council Member Carpenter asked what would need to be done to get new sidewalks. Manager Howard suggested discussions with neighbors. Council Member Carpenter suggested a signed petition. She commented that we have a new generation that would like sidewalks. Attorney Griffin stated that the Town would need to adopt a plan. This plan would affect the budget. The next fiscal year budget would be the time to address this issue.

Manager Comments

Scott Howard advised the council he would email his Manager's Report tomorrow.

Council & Mayor Comments

Council Member Carpenter noted the need for a drop box at the new Town Hall. Manager Howard was looking into several ideas at this time. One suggestion was to get a heavy duty box to bolt to the sidewalk. The Manager will continue to research a cost effective solution. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan agreed that a drop box was needed.

Council Member Carpenter stated that the sign at the old Town Hall needed to show the address of the new Town Hall. She also noted that the Rowan County has quit praying at meetings. Attorney Griffin said that we can continue to pray, but must make this decision correctly due to State law.

Council Member Carpenter said that the Anderson property was closed yesterday. Town Manager Howard reminded Council that money there is money to pay any penalty. He has not heard anything to indicate that a fine payment will be due. The fine is based on the State Agreement signed stating that a certain number of people would be employed by the facility.

Council Member Carpenter commented on the fact that Wadesboro received a state grant for an industrial park. Wadesboro is in a Tier 1 or 2 county. Marshville is in a Tier 3 county which takes Marshville out of the running for these grants.

Council Member Huntley stated that none of his neighbors wanted sidewalks. He wished all a safe holiday.

Comments from Staff

Chief of Police Matt Tarlton was invited to meet with the Anderson Health staff on Monday. He felt it was their intention for the facility to stay open. He will know more on Monday and discuss the outcome with the Manager Howard. Chief Tarlton also heard that if the facility did shut down, another company in that same type of business may offer to buy it. This is due to the infrastructure of a nursing home type facility is in place. The infrastructure is the biggest cost. The Anderson property is the only property of this type the owner has.

Chief Tarlton also mentioned that everyone pays a little to have garbage services. But, some business are taking advantage of bulk pickup. The Thrift Store has had a number of bulk pickups during the year. This has become a burden on staff. Chief Tarlton has suggested the Town Manager research the policy and see if we can remedy the issue.

Chief Tarlton stated that Manager Howard did a great job on the renovation of the New Town Hall. Manager Howard stayed overtime to make sure all was completed on time. The police and public works were valuable in accomplishing the task. Manager Howard stated that Vann Dale, the IT person we contract with, was invaluable throughout the change. The Town was able to stay open with no interruption of service. Chief Tarlton said thank you for all the Town Manager was able to accomplish.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Staton. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously at 7:37pm.

These minutes approved this 4th day of September , 2018.

By: _____

Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

Attest: _____

Town Clerk