

**Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 22nd, 2019 7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall**

Special Session

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

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comments:

Barbara Simpson, 6911 Austin Grove Church Rd, stated her concern about what the Council was looking for in a town manager and if the town has received any applications, and questioned if discussing applicants should be discussed in closed session.

Mayor Deese explained the statute that requires discussion in closed session.

Council Member Carpenter explained that no votes could be made in closed session.

Tracey Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Rd, thanked Scott Howard for everything he has done for the town. Ms. Stancill requested that the Council consider the qualifications of each applicant and that we take our time in choosing a town manager, and one that will help the town grow.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion, and Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Vote to Accept Scott Howard's Resignation:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to accept Scott Howard's resignation. Council Member Staton made the motion, Council Member Bivens seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6). Council Member Bivens made a motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Council moves into closed session at 7:15 pm.

Return to Open Session:

The Council comes back into Open Session at 7:43 pm.

Council Member Staton makes a motion that upon Mayor Deese's resignation, that he be appointed Interim Town Manager. Council Member Huntley seconded. All agreed except for Council Member Carpenter. Motion passes.

The Council was directed to create a contract for Mr. Deese. Also, the Council was asked to begin the search for a new Town Manager.

Manager's Report:

Manager Howard gave his report, saying that Monroe was looking at gas line placement. He wants to discuss with the Town Attorney about the possibility of obtaining a Quit Claim Deed for the strip of land near the park that the town owns.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Bivens stated that she will miss Manager Howard and appreciates all he's done.

Council Member Carpenter stated that she will miss Manager Howard and she wishes him luck in his future endeavors.

Council Member Huntley thanked the public for coming out and thanked Manager Howard for his service.

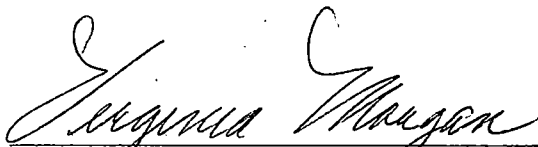
Council Member Staton stated that she enjoyed working with Manager Howard and that she learned a lot.

Mayor Pro tem Morgan wished Manager Howard luck.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Approved this 2nd th day of December by:



Virginia Morgan - Mayor Pro-tem

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk