

Town Council Meeting
Friday, July 26th, 2019 3:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Special Session

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

Staff Present: Frank Deese, Interim Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to add public comments to the agenda and to adopt the agenda. Council Member Carpenter made a motion, Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

Marlene Griffin, 317 N. Elm Street, stated that she saw in the newspaper that the town was changing the form of government and that Scott Howard had left and wanted to know more about the situation. She also asked why the town wasn't accepting applications.

Mayor Pro tem Morgan explained the two different forms of governments.

Frank Deese explained that this meeting does not have anything to do about the form of government. Mr. Deese also told that an advertisement for the Town Manager Position has already been posted.

Tracy Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Rd, stated that Council Member Huntley does not have an email address posted online and that each of the Council Members need to have their emails posted online and they need to be checking them.

Frank Deese explained that Scott Howard resigned while Mr. Howard was out of town and sent his resignation letter to a person in Town Hall.

Ms. Stancill stated that Scott could have stayed on longer to help out the town before fully taking his job in Norwood.

Gail Kiker, 905 Forest Drive, explained that she is upset with Scott Howard for sending an email and not a resignation letter, and found it disrespectful.

Susan Drake, 306 S. Elm Street, stated that her question had already been answered. She did state that she found Scott Howard very helpful to herself and the Planning Board. Ms. Drake

stated that the previous Town Managers didn't just walk off; the Council just didn't renew their contracts.

Barbara Simpson, 6911 Austin Grove Church Rd, expressed qualifications for what a good manager should possess, and that the manager will help make the town grow and not beat around the bush. She also stated that the town needs to have a manager.

Frank Deese explained that change comes over time, not overnight and said that the Council will be looking for someone qualified. Mr. Deese said he hopes that everyone that signed up to speak will step up to help.

Gail Kiker stated that there are no good lease rates in this town.

Before entering Closed Session, Council Member Huntley stated that he does not want to see what he saw last Monday, that we all need to respect one another.

Closed Session:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Staton made a motion. All Ayes. Motion passes. The council moves into a closed session at 3:36 pm.

The Council returns from closed session at 4:10 pm.

Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the contract for Frank Deese as Interim Town Manager upon approval from Town Attorney.


Frank Deese requested to add to the motion to authorize the Mayor Pro-tem to execute the contract.


Council Member requested a motion to approve the contract for Frank Deese as Interim Town Manager and for authorization for the Mayor-Pro tem to execute the contract. Council Member Bivens seconded. Council Members Staton, Bivens, Huntley, and Mayor Pro tem Morgan voted aye, Council Member Carpenter voted nay. Motion passes 4 to 1.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Approved this 2nd day of December


Virginia Morgan, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST 
Ann Sutton, Town Clerk