



Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, August 5th, 2019 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Regular Minutes

In attendance: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Gary Huntley, and Ernesting Station

Staff Members in attendance: Lieutenant Jeff Carrier, Interim Town Manager Franklin Deese, and Town Clerk Ann Sutton; Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-tem Morgan

Invocation: Rev. Shine

Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Public Comments:

Roger Braswell 520 S. Elm Street, Marshville. Mr. Braswell said that the minutes on the website were behind. He also read from the minutes of March 4, 2019, concerning the town LED sign. The minutes stated that Marshville would take the Welcome to Marshville sign off the top of the LED sign and put ABC Spirits in its place. Mr. Braswell said that Attorney Griffin said we need to be careful of what type of information we add to our sign. Mr. Braswell wondered why the sign could not be rented out to businesses since it is leased to the ABC Spirits Store. Town businesses should be allowed to rent the sign also. (Two minutes were up)

James Shepard of 518 Kathy Lane. In his neighborhood, crime is up. He has had three bikes and a grill stolen from his front yard. His neighbors were robbed last week of a tv and engagement ring. Tires have been slashed in his driveway. He grew up in Marshville with nothing to do which got him in trouble. Several people have worried about this. The kids need something to do. If kids have nothing to do, crime increases. We need to find more revenue to get more police officers.

Jennifer Moore loves Marshville. However, there is not a need for council specific parking spaces. What she sees in our community is that it is becoming more about "me." She wants Marshville to change by thinking more about others than themselves. She wants to see Marshville grow. Non-profits need to come to our community to offer activities. She is concerned with the house on Elm Street with all the trash and no water. What is being done?

Bob Morgan of Marshville said that most folks in Marshville wanted to have an ABC store. It was voted on and approved. That should be understood. The ABC Store gives the town \$24,000 a year in rent. Within the four years, we hope to put \$100,000 back into the town. The ABC Spirits Store will hopefully add more money to the town for more police officers and other needed items.

Rusty Johnson 115 Shady Lane in Marshville. Wanted a public apology for being accused of being a racist from Council Members Margaret Bivens and Virginia Morgan. He was only questioning the reasons why meetings were planned the way they were. He wants this apology in the public record because the accusations were made at the Town Hall.

Barbara Simpson, email addresses for the Council Members, the citizens need to be able to contact you about concerns. All council members need an email that is accessible. So many people do not know what is going on. Recommend the agenda on the back of the water bill. We need a vision for Marshville. The citizens need to know what that vision is and what the Council plans are to reach that vision.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan thanked all the public speakers.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan asked if anyone had anything to add to the agenda. Interim Town Manager Deese would like to add a discussion/action of a Water/Sewer Inventory Grant. This was added as item #6 with a motion to approve the addition made by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said yes to the motion. Interim Town Manager Deese would also like to add a discussion/action of a resolution presented by Wesley Chapel concerning a Union County rezoning. This will be item #7. Motion to approve agenda addition made by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All agreed to the addition to the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Huntley to approve the agenda and was seconded by Council Member Carpenter. All said yes.

Consent Agenda Approval:

Council Member Staton made a motion to remove from the Consent Agenda 2019.05.25 Special Meeting #2 due to an error. This was seconded by Council Member Bivens and agreed to by all. The 2019.05.25 Special Meeting #2 was moved to before the Manager's Report.

- a. Resolution to Request Union County's Approval of ETJ Planning Board Appointment
- b. Randy Travis Music Festival Street Closure Approval
- c. Approval of Minutes
 - i. 2018.11.13 Special Called Meeting
 - ii. 2018.11.15 Reconvene Special Called Meeting
 - iii. 2019.05.25 Special Budget Meeting
 - iv. 2019.06.03 Regular Meeting
 - v. 2019.06.17 Special Meeting and Public Hearing
 - vi. 2019.07.01 Regular Meeting

Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Huntley seconded. All said yea.

Discussion/Action Concerning Designated Parking Spaces for Mayor and Council during Town Meetings:

A Council Member asked this item be added. Interim Town Manager Deese has heard from citizens that the town is not large enough to have designated parking. We only have one handicapped parking. Interim Town Manager Deese has also heard that Council Members are required to be here and should not be late. Those are the two things he has heard, so it is up to the Council to discuss. Council Member Staton said she was the one who asked for it to be on the agenda. She had to be late for a meeting. She said she works in Charlotte. It takes time to make it here. If all parking places are taken, Council Member Staton will be late. Could we just put up designated signs for meetings and then take them down after town meetings? Norma is glad to see the people at the meetings. We need to move the two town cars from the parking lot to the Public Works to make room. Council Member Bivens had to walk across the street. It is fine. Interim Town Manager Deese will look into the temporary sign covers.

Discussion/Action Concerning a Monthly Park and Equipment Inspection:

Should we have an inspection each month? Council Member Staton said due to the fact we do not have a Parks & Rec person, and we need to make sure our park is safe. We need to make sure the bolts are down, and the mulch is fluffed up. Surfaces need to be checked once a month for cracks. Council Member Staton had a sample checklist form for Park Inspections. She asked for all to look over the inspection form. Interim Town Manager Deese will look for Park Inspection Training and find someone who can take the training and do the inspections. Council Member Staton said that we need to add the ball fields to the inspection list to make sure our park is safe. A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to continue looking into the park inspection training and monthly inspections checklist. This was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said yes!

Discussion/Action of a Water/Sewer Inventory Grant:

Town Manager spoke with a gentleman about a grant from the Federal Clean Water Act Amendment that would help pay to inventory our entire water and sewer system. One grant is for water and one is for sewer. Each grant is for \$150,000 with a 20% match. The match would be \$30,000 for each grant. Interim Town Manager Deese shared this information with Union County. Brian Matthews of Union County was interested in getting on with the grant. Is the Council interested in the grant if Union County can help us with a match? If Union County cannot help us, we cannot move forward. A motion was made for the Interim Town Manager to continue investigating the grant and to file applications for the two grants based on the condition that Union County would pay for the match. A motion was made by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All said yes.

Wesley Chapel Resolution for Support:

Wesley Chapel is asking for support. Union County wants to change the zoning around Wesley Chapel from R40 to R8. Wesley Chapel does not want the rezoning. Wesley Chapel needs Marshville to support them in their opposition to Union County's desire for

higher density zoning. Council Member Carpenter said we support Wesley Chapel. Motion to support the Wesley Chapel Resolution against new zoning being pushed by Union County was made by Council Member Carpenter. Council Member Staton seconded. All said yes. Interim Town Manager Deese was instructed to draft a resolution showing Town of Marshville's support.

May 25th Special Meeting #2:

Council Member Station wanted the wording changed on page two concerning her recommendation for an Administrative Form of Government. Motion made to approve May 25th minutes with changes by Council Member Bivens. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Bivens. All said yes.

Manager's Report:

People have come by the Town Hall to talk to Interim Town Manager Deese about having several committees reactivated such as the Beautification Committee, an Advisory Committee for Parks and Rec, and the Small Town Main Street Committee. Interim Town Manager asked Kathryn Davis about the SMTS Committee. She said that all members had moved off the committee. She said that a dedicated employee needs to be in place to steer the committee. It is hard for citizens to take part. A volunteer does not have time. We need to have someone to spearhead this. We are leaving money on the table by not being involved in this. Interim Town Manager will talk with Mrs. Davis on Thursday after lunch.

A lady came in to say the direction signs are too small. The signs are hard to read. Interim Town Manager said that the signs were bought through STMS. So, he will look into seeing how much they cost, and if changing the signs was doable. They also thought there should be more "Welcome to Marshville" flags on Highway 74.

Peggs Recreation did send a warranty for park equipment. It is a general contract. The Interim Town Manager will look at the warranty to see what our warranty covers.

Tomorrow night is National Night Out. It is at 6 pm and sponsored by our Police Department. The location will be the Marshville Park. We have decided to have a moment of silence for all the shootings and the lighting of candles. Please join us to show your support.

Interim Town Manager spoke of the park area and a culvert that needed repair. He showed pictures of the area before and after repair. It did look so much better. Public Works Director Stephen Mull took charge of the project.

Interim Town Manager Deese is looking into changing the "State Champion" signs at the entrances to Town of Marshville. This sign will support all our school champions equally. Interim Town Manager Deese showed Council a picture of what he would like to see. The top will have FHHS State Champions with slots below to indicate the winners. Interim Town Manager Deese will pay for the new sign.

Interim Town Manager Deese has a meeting scheduled with Roger Miller from Monroe concerning the natural gas project. He also has a meeting with the CRTPO program

manager. There are new criteria to receive grant funds. He will check with Mr. Burke to see if we qualify for any funding. Project requests open August 19th and continue to October 31st. Interim Town Manager got all this information from the TCC meeting that he went to with Curtis Bridges. Interim Town Manager is looking for grants to fulfill the Pedestrian Bike Plan. Council needs to come by and look at the plan to see what priorities they would like to address. The Pedestrian and Bike Plan also needs to be adopted before any grant funding can take place.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan and Planning Board Chair Susan Drake will be going to the Planning Retreat sponsored by Union County on August 28th. Interim Town Manager Deese will be making a presentation. He needs Council input for what we see as future needs for Marshville.

Interim Town Manager Deese had a nice meeting with Union County. They need to perform some water sampling. Union County could not find some easements, but they have their lawyer working on the papers to get that taken care of. We have a third loan that Union County was not aware of. We have three loans, and that information has been sent to Union County. Union County will be responsible for those loans. Interim Town Manager has some questions about the CDBG Grant. He will have some discussions with Union County concerning that. There are some concerns about the land under the pump stations. Union County wants the land under the pump stations. Interim Town Manager Deese would like that land to revert back to Marshville if the pump stations become obsolete. So, he will have that discussion with Union County.

Interim Town Manager Deese spoke with Mr. Gary Hall to see how Phase 3 of the sidewalk project was going. For some reason the cost of this Phase did not get into the 2019-2020 Budget, so we will need to see what action will be necessary to keep that going.

Code enforcement issues are being addressed and continue to move forward.

It is time to renew the ABC Commission contract for leasing the building

Judge Irving sent an email asking if we needed any help.

Interim Town Manager Deese passed out a map of the land at the park that is for sale. He also had the taxable value available. Asking price and acreage was also given to the Council. Interim Town Manager said we tried to buy that property before, but the owner wanted to lease it. So, at that time, we had drawings done. There was a plan for this land to be utilized. To get the land now may be our only chance. Negotiations and strategies need to be discussed in Closed Session. Council Member Bivens asked if any grant money was available to acquire this land. Nanci Mandeville said to contact Union County and speak with Mr. Chapin. Interim Town Manager Deese has contacted two companies who can help us find money for park development. Valerie Greene found the drawings for the plan for the park.

Council Members' Comments:

Council Member Margaret Bivens had no comments. Council Member Norma Carpenter said she called Town Hall Friday to say their recycling was not picked up. She was told to call Waste Pro. They did and the recycling was still not picked up.

Council Member Huntley reminded all to remember those who lost loved ones this past weekend. Council Member Staton wanted to clarify that the Town of Marshville does have a facebook page. But, there is "What's Up Marshville" that is not part of the town. Council Member Staton thanked everyone for your letters, phone calls, and emails to NCDOT. The lanes coming off Monroe Express are much better. Council Member Staton also reiterated the track team is a non-profit organization. Most of the children in the picture we received are from Marshville. We did get a budget sheet from James Recreation camp to show where the money came from. Until we get somethings in place to give our children something to do, this works and is a wonderful program. Council Member Staton thanked Marshville Public Works for doing a great job! Mayor Pro-tem Morgan thanked all the citizens for coming. Mayor Pro-tem Morgan thanked Interim Town Manager Deese for working so hard in the past couple of weeks.

Motion to go Into Closed Session:

Motion made by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said yes. Approx. 8:10 pm

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.


Adjournment:

Motion made by Council Member Huntley to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carpenter. All said yes.



Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan

ATTEST



Ann Sutton, Town Clerk