



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018, 7:00PM
MARSHVILLE TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Norma Carpenter, Ernestine Staton, and Gary Huntley, (Mayor Frank Deese was absent)

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk/Finance Officer; Matt Tarlton, Police Chief; Emily McCallum, Parks Director

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan. The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone.

Adoption of the Agenda for Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan asked if there were any changes to the agenda; none were made. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Council Member Ernestine Staton and seconded by Council Member Margaret Bivens. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda Approval

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member Staton and seconded with all approving unanimously.

Public Comments

Diane Admunson would like to have the Town Manager's Report given during the regular meeting or in a handout available to the public. She would like to know be able to know what is going on.

Presentation on Tobacco Control by Mrs. Carleen Crawford

Mrs. Crawford gave a presentation on tobacco use. She would like for the town to adopt a policy for Tobacco Free Living. She wanted the town to promote the Quit Line 1-800-quitnow and other prevention programs. She reminded us that smoking is the number 1 preventable cause of death. Smokeless tobacco is not harmless; it has about 28 chemical compounds in it. There is no safe level of second hand smoke. The Town can regulate smoking in public areas if we adopt a policy for these areas. The policy could include

enclosed areas and parks. Union County can adopt a policy and the Town could approve a resolution to follow that policy. The Town Council can prepare its own policy. There are many ways the Town can address the tobacco use issue.

Please refer to attachments. Reference guides at Union County Public Health and Region 4 resources available. 1-800-quitnow.

Mayor Pro-tem asked if there were any questions after Mrs. Crawford's presentation. Council Member Carpenter commented that "it shocks me when I see a young person smoking". Mrs. Crawford said that we don't see as many young people smoking cigarettes these days due to the vapor cigarettes. More young people smoke vapor cigarettes because they are flavored.

Mrs. Crawford was thanked for her presentation. She could send us a policy templates if the Council Members would like. All agreed that a template would be helpful.

Council Member Staton said that people are smoking in the skate park area. When approached, the smokers questioned where the sign was that said "no smoking". Town Manager said there is a no smoking sign at the park. Council Member Staton said that we needed more "no smoking" signs in the park. Mrs. Crawford said that signs may be something that she could help with.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan thanked Mrs. Crawford again. We have a Work Session in a couple of weeks that we can discuss the policy and any need for more signs in the park.

Town Manager Comments

Town Manager Howard questioned the Council concerning the presentation of the Manager's Report. He has had one or two members say that they like having his report put in their boxes. That is something to be considered, whether the commissioners want a written or oral Manager's Report.

Council Member Comments

Council Member Bivens did not have a comment.

Council Member Huntley said that the band at the Marshville Music Festival was good. Hopefully, he would like to have the Town Clean-up the week before the music festival. Council Member Bivens agreed that we need to keep the town clean. Clean-up day will be scheduled for September 8, 2018.

Council Member Ernestine Staton asked Parks Director McCallum if we could have pickle ball lines draw on the tennis courts. Emily said that it could be done. Council Member Staton's grandson played in Orlando this past weekend. He was interviewed and gave Marshville recognition as being his home town. Council Member Staton added

he told the interviewer his training is in Charlotte, but he lives in Marshville, NC. He is trying to put Marshville on the map.

Council Member Norma Carpenter thanked Town Manager Howard for moving the pole beside the back door at the Marshville Museum. That pole could have been a problem for those disabled who needed to leave the building through the back door. Town Manager Howard asked if the internet was still working well. Council Member Carpenter said that it was working as far as she knew, but we will find out tomorrow when the museum opens. Margaret Bivens said that Frances Miller noticed that there was a leak in the ceiling at the museum. Council Member Carpenter asked if it was near the chimney or the paint spot on the ceiling. Council Member Bivens said it was the discoloration of a spot on the ceiling. That was a onetime event at the chimney commented Council Member Carpenter. She stated that the museum is trying to discover who painted the ceiling. She thinks Gary Phifer may have painted it, but she is not sure. She can't find where anybody was paid to paint it. The ceiling was painted about two years ago. Council Member Carpenter thinks Gary Phifer might have done it as a donation. Council Member Carpenter went to CRTPO. She did notice in the paper that the transponders for the Monroe Expressway are being sold in Monroe. They are less than \$10.

Mayor Pro-tem asked if either Ann Sutton or Emily McCallum had any comments. They both declined.

Chief Matt Tarlton mentioned that National Night Out will be August 8, 2018. There will be gift cards, personal pan pizza cards and many other items for give away. Officer David Dobbins has been working diligently to gather items. The time for the event will be from 6pm until 9pm. Chief Tarlton is not sure what the churches will bring. Hot dogs, pizza, beans, and coleslaw will be served.

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan said the staff was doing a real good job. She thanked the staff.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-tem Morgan asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Carpenter and seconded by Council Member Staton. Motion was approved unanimously.

By: _____
Mayor Franklin Deese

Attest: _____
Town Clerk