



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022 at 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

MINUTES FROM July 5, 2022 MEETING

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith, Council Members Monaca Marshall, Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, and Margaret Bivens. Mayor Pro-tern Ernestine Staton was late.

Staff in Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, and Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

1. **Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the pledge.
2. **Public Comments** - No public comments
3. **Adoption Regular Meeting Agenda:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Council Member Bivens with a second by Council Member Huntley. All ayes
4. **Adoption of Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Resolution Ratifying Centralina's Updated Chmier
 - b. May 15, 2022, Work Session Minutes
 - c. June 6, 2022, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes
 - d. 2021-2022 Budget Amendments

Council Member Huntley motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Council Member Blakeney seconded this. All ayes.

5. **ARPA Funds Information from Centralina Regional Council:** Zsuzsi Kadar from Centralina Regional Council gave a presentation on how ARPA Funds can be spent. You can spend all your ARPA funds on salaries and benefits. Or you can spend the funds on either small purchases or large purchases. Revenue replacement for wages and benefits is the easiest to document. Projects such as water and sewer are more challenging to report.

Ms. Kadar recommended following a path of least resistance. She said to use the ARPA funds to supplant the budget to pay salaries over the next two fiscal years. This will free up General Funds for completing other projects.

Council agreed that Town Manager Deese should move forward to put policies in place to fund salaries and benefits with ARPA funds to free up General Fund dollars for other projects. Town

Manager Deese will contact Zsuzsi Kadar to set up a time to ensure the town gets all policies in place for this to happen.



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6. **Planning Presentation Transit Study (Mr. Bjorn Hanson):** Bjorn Hanson is with the Planning Department for Union County and Union County Transportation. Mr. Hanson reminded all that Union County provides satellite transportation services throughout Union County. Union County also partners with Charlotte Transit for Express Bus Service from Monroe and Indian Trail to Charlotte and back. Ridership has gone down quite a bit since COVID. Now Charlotte has recalculated the costs for the Express Bus Service. After the recalculation, Union County now has to pay for administration costs as well as gas and maintenance. Mr. Hanson would like to know what transportation services Marshville would like in the future.
7. **Fee Schedule Amendment to Address Solid Waste, Meter Tampering:** The Solid Waste cost was not figured into the Fee Schedule that was approved for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Town Manager Deese gave us a breakdown of what the various solid waste companies would charge for services. The solid waste base is for leaf pickup. Our new service with Waste Connections will start in August. Town Manager Deese met with Waste Pro and, Waste Pro will pick up garbage for one month at a new rate until Waste Connections comes on board. We will not change the garbage rates for one month during the transition. Recycling will be picked up one more time. July 15 is the last day for recycling pickup. At that point the recycling carts will be picked up. Town Manager Deese is waiting for the one-month contract from Waste Pro.

Mayor Smith asked for options for those who would like recycling. Town Manager Deese said recycling would become a private service for each citizen.

The contract with Waste Connections will be for three years. The town has not received the contract yet. But, the new rates are based on the RFP we received. A motion was made to adopt the revised 2022-2023 Fee Schedule by Mayor Pro-tern Staton, and Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. As a result, \$13.58 will be the monthly cost of Solid waste collection. All ayes and motion passes.

The 2022-2023 Fee Schedule was reviewed. There is no meter tampering fee included because that is not illegal. However, the meter tampering policy is being rewritten. If a meter is tampered with, it will be pulled out. The customer will be charged the cost of the meter and the cost of putting the meter back in.

Town Manager Deese said the meter replacement project would be started on July 11. It will take approximately six months to replace all the meters. The software is installed.



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6. **Manager's Comments:** Town Manager Deese sees an increase in people buying cemetery plots, and many of the people are from out of town. Residents of Marshville are buying several plots. However, not all the plots are for town residents. Town Manager Deese suggested finding a middle ground for cost per plot. This would allow anyone to be buried at the cemetery for one price.

Council Member Huntley wanted to know what was happening at the lake property. Town Manager Deese said that some grass had been planted. He also said that we had received a \$350,000 grant to help with the lake development.

6. **Council Comments:**

- a. Council Member Bivens met with Marshville Museum Board. The museum needs some work done. Security cameras are being installed at the museum.
- b. Council Member Blakeney enjoyed the fireworks in the park. She is looking forward to the Movie in the Park.
- c. Council Member Gary Huntley liked the fireworks at the Pre-Forth celebration, but his dog did not. Staff members did a great job at the Pre-Forth celebration.
- d. Council Member Marshall had a great time at the July 4th pre-celebration.
- e. Council Member Staton enjoyed the band and fireworks at the Pre-Forth celebration. She asked that we please pray for Highland Park. Maybe we need to start talking to one another and the police to find out what we need to do to keep our town safe.

7. **Mayor's Comments:** Enjoyed the fireworks. He thinks we need to continue to find activities to engage the community. He said that we need to get some feedback from citizens to improve on the activities we are offering.

8. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Council Member Gary Huntley and seconded by Council Member Marshall. All ayes. 8:45 pm

Approved this 3rd day of October 2022.

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Clerk

Larry Smith, Mayor