



**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**September 6, 2022 7 PM**  
**Marshville Town Hall**  
**118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

**In Attendance:** Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton; Council Members Gary Huntley, Monaca Marshall, Paulette Blakeney, and Margaret Bivens. Mayor Larry Smith not in attendance.

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Pro-tem called the meeting to order. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Adoption Agenda:** Town Manager Deese would like to add the Resolution Establishing a System Development Fee and a Resolution to Support Economic Development in Union County. Also, the Council needs to approve the Rules and Procedures for the Board of Adjustments. A motion was made to adopt the agenda with the additions by Council Member Blakeney and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All ayes.

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Letter declining CDBG funds for 2021
- B. Letter thanking State Representatives
- C. Minutes for Approval:
  - i. April 18, 2022, Work Session Minutes
  - ii. May 2, 2022, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes
  - iii. June 21, 2022, Regular Meeting and Special Called Meeting
- D. Resolution to Seek Funding for Water AIA Study
- E. Resolution to Seek Funding for a Stormwater Study
- F. Resolution Recognizing Constitution Week

Council Member Bivens made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All ayes.

**CERRI Report:** Jeff Emory from the North Carolina Department of Commerce came to discuss the CERRI Program results for the Town of Marshville. CERRI stands for Community

Economic Recovery and Resilience Initiative. Mr. Emory would like the Council to approve the Economic Recovery Strategies he is presenting.

Mr. Emory applauded the workgroup, which included Council Member Blakeney, Lakeshia Medlin, Town Manager Deese, and all the staff and community who helped with this endeavor. This plan is a guide and will be helpful to the town. All the ideas came from the workgroup then Mr. Emory developed the plan based on what the workgroup said.

The main thoughts from the CERRI study were 1) to improve Marshville's infrastructure and take actions to improve the business climate and 2) to continue to build the desired quality of life for Marshville's citizens.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton, Council Members Blakeney, and Council Member Bivens thanked Mr. Emory for working on this plan for Marshville. Mr. Emory said that other people in his office could help with strategies to help find new businesses such as grocery stores and restaurants.

A motion was made by Council Member Blakeney to adopt the CERRI Workplan and to adopt the CERRI Final Plan. A second to this motion was made by Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

**Adoption of Resolution Supporting Continues Development of County and Municipal Infrastructure to Sustain Economic Investment, Workforce Development, and a Preferred Quality of Life in Union County.** A motion was made to adopt the stated Resolution by Council Member Bivens and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. All ayes.

**Adoption of Ordinance to Adopt System Development Fees for the Water and Sewer System as Authorized by Article 8 of Chapter 162A of the NC General Statutes.** A motion was made by Council Member Huntley and seconded by Council Member Blakeney. Council Member Bivens voted no. She asked if her water bill would go up. Town Manager Deese explained the fee again. Council Member Bivens withdrew her negative vote. Another motion was made to adopt the above ordinance by Council Member Blakeney and seconded by Council Member Bivens. All ayes.

**Board of Adjustment Rules and Procedures:** A motion was made by Council Member Blakeney to approve the Rules and Procedures for the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Manager's Comments:** The family of Charles Harvey sent a thank you note for the flowers sent when he passed away.

Town Manager Deese told Council the town received a PARTF Grant for \$500,000.00. He reminded them that the town would have to spend \$500,000.00 to receive the \$500,000.00.

Town Manager Deese said that most of the water meters are installed. However, there are a few issues that we are working on. Town Manager Deese has called the meter company to ask for additional training.

The Utility Clerk has been sick with COVID. Three other people in the Town Hall have been ill. As a result, we may want to rethink our COVID policy. Council Member Blakeney asked if the Town Hall was sanitized after the COVID outbreak. Town Manager Deese said the Town Hall had been sanitized twice.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked about the laptops. Town Manager Deese said the IT person was still working on getting all the software on them.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked about the van and the town tour. Town Manager Deese said that he has contacted a few people but has not gotten anything to work yet.

**Council Comments:**

Council Member Huntley asked when the Randy Travis Festival was (September 17). He also asked all to remember 9-11.

Council Member Blakeney thought the "Dancing in the Street" event was successful. However, she asked all to stay safe.

Council Member Bivens said they had two new volunteers at the Marshville Museum.

Council Member Marshall said she met with the Parks and Recreation Board. The by-laws were approved. Mr. Jake Thomas is the Chair of the board. Council Member Marshall felt there was a great group of people on the Parks and Rec Board.

**Mayor Pro-tem's Comments:** Mayor Pro-tem Staton said that the NAACP has a Freedom Banquet on October 15. This is going to be at Marvin AME Zion Church. She wanted to see if anyone would like to buy a table for the event. You can also purchase individual seats.

Grandparents day is September 11.

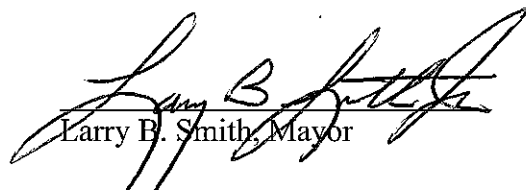
A citizen requested that we have another Vision Board to see what people thought about the lake property development. Town Manager Deese said we have specific things for the east side of the lake. The east side is what the town based the PARTF Grant application on. There may be a chance to look at the west side of the lake's development in the future.

**Adjournment:** Council Member Bivens made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All ayes. 8:00 pm

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

ATTEST

  
Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

  
Larry B. Smith, Mayor