



Town of Marshville
Town Council Work Session Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2022 · 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton, Council Members Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, and Monaca Marshall

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

Work Session Minutes

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith at 7 pm. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. Everyone shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Adoption Work Session Agenda: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton to approve the agenda. Council Member Marshall seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.

Presentation by UCPS of \$134,405,000 Bond Package: Several Union County Board of Education members came to discuss the upcoming bond that will be on the ballot in the upcoming November 8, 2022, elections. Reverend John J. Kirkpatrick, William Moore, and Reverend Jimmy Bention were present for the discussions to encourage everyone to vote for this bond that includes new school buildings for both East Elementary School and Forest Hills High School. Mr. Moore stated that the main drive of this bond is to address aging facilities. Mr. Moore said that if the bonds do not pass, other money will have to be found to make these improvements. These bonds will increase Union County taxes by approximately \$17.00 per \$100,000.00 of property value.

Council Member Staton asked if this bond project does not pass, will other projects be moved up to pass by these projects? Mr. Moore said no. The projects mentioned are priority projects and will not be passed over. The money for the projects will have to be found somewhere else.

Mayor Larry Smith asked what the timeline for the building projects would be. Mr. Moore said that Union County gave the money for the designs for this project. Once the bonds pass, the bidding process will take place for construction. It will take until the fall of 2025 for Forest Hills High School to open.

The plan is for East Union Middle School to move to a renovated old Forest Hills High School once the bond projects are completed. The East Union Middle School projects will happen with new bond money after the new Forest Hills High School is completed.

The men were thanked for their presentation of the 2022 School Bonds.

Discussion Concerning Real Property Exchange: All reviewed Town Manager Deese's resolutions concerning the exchange of real property. There are two resolutions. These resolutions will be publicized for ten days. Council will have an October 3, 2022, vote on these resolutions.

There was a discussion about the blue building across from East Union School. Town Manager Deese also went back to Mrs. Shubert to ask for that property. Mrs. Fern Shubert said she now has someone interested in the property, so the property cannot be included in the exchange.

Council Member Staton asked if a citizen came in and gave a good reason why this exchange should not take place, what would we do then. Town Manager Deese said that Council will be voting on these resolutions on October 3, 2022, and could say yes or no to the resolutions at that time.

All agreed to publicize the resolutions.

Manager's Comments: Town Manager Deese has been looking for a branding company. Creative Haven offered their services for \$20,015.62. Town Manager Deese said that Creative Haven will come to speak with Council for their input. They will also work to meet with the community to get their input for this project.

Council Member Huntley asked Town Manager Deese if there was any movement on the lake property. Town Manager Deese said we did get a PARTF Grant for \$500,000.00. He reminded everyone that we must spend \$1,000,000.00 to get the \$500,000.00. The PARTF Grant application was for renovating the existing shelter and adding two more shelters, playground equipment, parking, and bathrooms.

Mayor Smith asked for Park Director Allen Jackson to come to a meeting to refresh everyone's memory on the lake property's plans.

Town Manager Deese is looking for someone else to design the pier. The firm he originally planned this with has not had the time to work on the design.

Council Member Staton asked what she should do if dogs are in the park. She was told that there were dogs at the Randy Travis Festival. Town Manager Deese is looking to see if there is a written policy concerning dogs at events. If one cannot be found, there will be one written.

Council Comments:

Council Member Blakeney asked for all to stay safe.

Council Member Huntley enjoyed the Randy Travis Festival.

Council Member Marshall has no comments.

Council Member Staton mentioned that September 26, 2022, County CARPO meeting is coming up, and she will try to be there. She wanted to know if anyone had questions for them.

Council Member Bivens said folks were filling cans with water using the museum water hose. Now the water hose is missing.

Mayor Comments: Thank staff for cleaning up the old Baptist Church property.

The Mayor agreed that Randy Travis Festival was good. The Rotary Club has asked the Mayor to speak to them.

Mayor Smith asked whether we ever got any information about the water meter at the VFD. Tim Vickory sent pictures of the meter to keep track of readings. Town Manager said the water issue with the VFD has cooled off a bit.

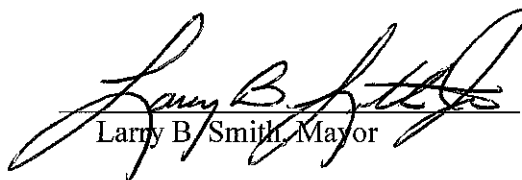
Mayor Smith asked when we would continue the town tour. Council Member Staton says the man with the van has been sick.

Mayor Smith asked all to think about Christmas plans.

Mayor Smith said happy birthday to Mr. Deese. Chief Matt Tarlton had a birthday on Sunday.

Adjourn the meeting: A motion was made by Council Member Bivens to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Council Member Staton. 8:10 pm

Approved this 7th day of November 2022.


Larry B. Smith, Mayor

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Ann Sutton, Town Clerk