



**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Regular Meeting and  
Public Hearing  
March 06, 2023 7 pm  
Marshville Town Hall  
118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103**

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

**Staff Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Town Attorney Bobby Griffin, Interim Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order. Gary Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Hearing Minutes**

Margaret Bivens made a motion to go into a public hearing, seconded by Ernestine Staton. All Ayes.

Open Public Hearings for Map Corrections

- RZA-22-05: Recommended classification – Agriculture (AG)
  - No input or questions from the public or council.
- RZA-22-06: Recommended classification – Single Family Residence (SFR-3)
  - Public Input: Alberta Bivens – supports the rezoning of parcel #02318018 and thanks Mr. Wells and the planning board for their hard work.
  - No questions from the council.
- RZA-22-07: Recommended classification – Single Family Residence (SFR-1)
  - No input or questions from the public or council.

Ernestine Staton motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Gary Huntley. All Ayes

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Public Comments:** No public comments

**Adoption of Regular Meeting Agenda:** A motion to adopt the regular meeting agenda was made by Gary Huntley and seconded by Paulette Blakeney. All Ayes

**Adoption of Consent Agenda:** A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Ernestine Staton, seconded by Gary Huntley. All Ayes

**Discussion/Action resulting from previous Public Hearings:**

**RZA-22-05 Map Amendment - Agriculture**

- A. Consistency Statement A: “The proposed Map Amendment is considered consistent with the *Marshville Town Plan 2035* by continuing to meet the Objective of the Plan ‘To improve the quality of life of the citizens of Marshville by encouraging responsible growth management decisions, protecting the small Town character, developing an attractive community, preserving natural areas and historical assets, and ensuring a healthy local economy’, and to align with the adopted Goals of Sec. 6 (General Development Strategies) to ‘Ensure that Marshville’s development policies are conducive to the long-term vision for the future and adequately control the location and appearance of future development.’. The proposed Map Amendment is also considered consistent with the Future Land Use Map contained in the *Marshville Town Plan 2035*.”

A motion to approve consistency statement A for RZA-22-05 was made by Ernestine Staton and seconded by Gary Huntley. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**RZA-22-06 Map Amendment – SFR-3**

- A. Consistency Statement A: “The proposed Map Amendment is considered consistent with the *Marshville Town Plan 2035* by continuing to meet the Objective of the Plan ‘To improve the quality of life of the citizens of Marshville by encouraging responsible growth management decisions, protecting the small Town character, developing an attractive community, preserving natural areas and historical assets, and ensuring a healthy local economy’, and to align with the adopted Goals of Sec. 6 (General Development Strategies) to ‘Ensure that Marshville’s development policies are conducive to the long-term vision for the future and adequately control the location and appearance of future development.’. The proposed Map Amendment is also considered consistent with the Future Land Use Map contained in the *Marshville Town Plan 2035*.”

A motion to approve consistency statement A for RZA-22-06 was made by Ernestine Staton and seconded by Gary Huntley. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**RZA-22-07 Map Amendment – SFR-1**

- A. Consistency Statement A: “The proposed Map Amendment is considered consistent with the *Marshville Town Plan 2035* by continuing to meet the Objective of the Plan ‘To improve the quality of life of the citizens of Marshville by encouraging responsible growth management decisions, protecting the small Town character, developing an attractive community, preserving natural areas and historical assets, and ensuring a healthy local economy’, and to align with the adopted Goals of Sec. 6 (General Development Strategies) to ‘Ensure that Marshville’s development policies are conducive to the long-term vision for the future and adequately control the location and appearance of future development.’. The proposed Map Amendment is also considered consistent with the Future Land Use Map contained in the *Marshville Town Plan 2035*.”

A motion to approve consistency statement A for RZA-22-07 was made by Ernestine Staton and seconded by Gary Huntley. All Ayes. Motion passed.

### **Discussion/Action concerning CRTPO membership**

Town Manager Deese said that Marshville is currently a part of CRPTO. After the 2020 Census, the town is no longer considered urban. The concern from the previous meeting was whether staying or leaving the organization would affect their ability to receive grants. The membership does not affect the matter, but what division they are a part of does. Currently in Division 10 with Union, Anson, Mecklenburg, and Cabarrus County. Manager Deese recommends staying in the organization. Ernestine Staton said she agreed. Mayor Smith said no action would be taken and to keep with their current membership.

### **Information concerning the AIM Program (NC Museum of Art)**

Town Manager Deese said he had information about the AIM program. The program is a partnership between the NC Museum of Art and the Town of Marshville for 12 middle school-aged students. It is a six-week afterschool program to be held two days a week starting in April. Supplies, snacks, and transportation to the site will be provided. Final art projects will be put on display at the Juneteenth event. Mayor Smith thanked the museum for hosting the program and looking forward to the art.

### **Manager's Comments**

The new town clerk, Ashlie Vincent, was introduced to the town council. Everyone warmly welcomed her. Manager Deese said he and Allen would be meeting with bidders for grading for the lake. One of the earliest bids could be March 20<sup>th</sup>. Once the land is graded, we can start building on the lake property. Monaca Marshall said she wanted to attend the meeting with the mayor. There was concern about too many council members being present at the meeting. Mayor Smith said they could return to that discussion when the time came.

### **Council Comments**

Margaret Bivens said they have classes at the museum. Wants reimplement of the beautification committee.

Paulette Blakeney is happy to see everyone and hopes everyone has a blessed week.

Gary Huntley apologized for missing the work session and was happy to see everyone.

Monaca Marshall said the park and recreation meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> was canceled. This a reminder that the deadline for Adult Softball is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The street light on Ross Street and East Union Street is still out.

Ernestine Staton said the reading event went well. Three of the parents asked if the event would happen again. She was hoping to talk with Lakeysha to work on another reading event. The council should start discussing dates for the budget. Town Manager Deese said he would have dates at the next meeting.

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Smith asked for the agenda to be more complete and ensure all the documents needed for the meeting were available. Mayor Smith had questions about some of the out-of-norm taxes on the budget versus the actual report. First, regarding the projection showing earnings of \$331,000. Second, regarding the tax penalties and interest charged. Thirdly, regarding sewage service. Town Clerk Sutton explained it could be coming from a combination of public service taxes in October and other discoveries and leases. Regarding the penalties and interest, she would double-check to ensure there were no errors. Manager Deese explained that the improvements made from the suggestions of the AIA helped with the I&I. Some of these improvements included: sealing maintenance holes, fixing storm water run-offs, and fixing the issue of water bought from Anson County going directly into the sewers.

Mayor Smith asked about the current plan for the park. Manager Deese said that in the budget for next year, money would be set aside for park development. Mayor Smith clarified regarding the stakeholder meeting that he hoped to make it the least cumbersome possible and open to suggestions.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Margaret Bivens and seconded by Ernestine Staton. All Ayes