



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting
April 03, 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 Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, Margaret Bivens, Monaca Marshall

Staff Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent, Town Attorney Bobby Griffin

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Gary Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Adopt of Regular Agenda: A motion to adopt the regular agenda was made by Ernestine Staton and seconded by Monaca Marshall—all Ayes.

Adoption of Consent Agenda: A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Margaret Bivens and seconded by Gary Huntley—all Ayes.

Discussion/Action to appoint a new Board Member to the ABC Board

Currently, there is one vacancy on the ABC board. Town Manager Deese presented the council with a resume for William Prince to be appointed to the ABC board. The council looked over the resume.

A motion to appoint William A. Prince to the ABC board for a 3-year term backdated to January 2023, expiring January 2026, was made by Ernestine Staton and seconded by Margaret Bivens—all Ayes.

Discussion for Fiscal Budget 2023-2024

A handout of the budget vs. actual was given to the council to review and discuss. Town Manager Deese anticipates setting the date of June 5th to have the public hearing for the fiscal budget 2023-2024. The council agreed to have the budget retreat at the Town Hall on a Saturday. Discussion of the budget retreat date and time resulted on April 22nd at 9 am.

Manager's Comments: Manager Deese handed out the final copy of the CPA Audit report to the council. The official denial letter for the grant money for the playground equipment came in. Manager Deese is continuing to work with Anson County on the interlocal agreement.

Council Comments:

Margaret Bivens expressed that there needs to be a better way to be informed about the meetings. She preferred to have a physical agenda packet given to her.

Paulette Blakeney thanked the visitors for coming to the meeting, and the community event on Thursday and Friday seemed fun. She wished everyone a blessed week.

Gary Huntley said he was happy to see the public at the meeting. He wished everyone a happy Passover and Holy Week. Also thankful for everyone's safety.

Monaca Marshall said T-Ball registration is still open, and interest is low with the public, with only 20 kids signed up. There will be a price increase for sign-up next year. She mentioned that the Adult T-Ball sign-up deadline is April 7th. The 3 on 3 basketball tournament was rescheduled for April 15th. Parks and Recreation Board is looking for a new board member to fill a vacancy.

Ernestine Staton informed the council that the CRPTO meeting was canceled. She said parents expressed their interest in having an Easter egg hunt as part of the community activities in the future. She reminded the council of the Town Manager's evaluation. We need a date for the groundbreaking for the lake. Regarding the town clean-up, there seems to be little need because most of the areas are on private property. The basketball courts are being used, and happy to see them.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Smith asked about the status of the town logo. Manager Deese said there is a meeting on Wednesday and will discuss the unveiling at the Spring Fest. Mayor Smith asked if the audit would be placed on the town website. Manager Deese said it would be available on the site in digital form. Forest Drive – complaints about a house running a business during the early morning hours. He will speak to Jonathan Wells about the situation to see what the ordinance and general statutes say. Mayor Smith asked what the special meeting on the 17th was for. Manager Deese said it would be for the public hearing for text changes to Article 15 Special Events and Temporary Structures.

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