



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting
May 01, 2023 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street - Marshville, NC 28103**

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Gary Huntley, Paulette Blakeney, Monaca Marshall

Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Adoption of Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

Consent Agenda: A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

Recognizing Marshville Police Officer:

Manager Deese recognized Officer Jamie Bennett for going above and beyond the call of duty to respond to a call and giving CPR and care until emergency services arrived. Mayor Smith presented him with a certificate and took pictures with the council and fellow police officers.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Member Blakeney—all ayes.

Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(4): To discuss matters relating to the expansion of business in the area served by the public body

A motion to end the closed session was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

No action was taken.

Discussion/Action n Engineering On Call List:

Manager Deese said the town was rewarded \$4 million in ARPA funds for sewer. APRA funds have certain criteria to be met. RFQs must be done to get engineering funds and meet a certain standard. He decided to have On Call RFQs for easier access for requesting proposals. RFQ was sent out a month ago, and four firms have responded that the Town Manager recommends. The four firms are Colliers Engineering & Design, LKC Engineering, Withers Ravenel, and Wooten.

A motion to approve the On-Call list was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

Manager's Comments:

Manager Deese realized he had misspoken about the meter tampering policy. He had the town clerk look through the minutes. The council approved the meter tampering policy on November 11, 2022. He said he would inform the public by sending the policy out with the next water bill. He suggested enforcing the policy on July 1, 2023.

Council Comments:

Monaca Marshall: The Parks and Rec. April meeting was canceled. She asked who would handle the code enforcement of meter tampering. Manager Deese said public works would handle it.

Gary Huntley: He wished everyone to stay safe and looking forward to next month.

Paulette Blakeney: She wished everyone a blessed week and to stay safe.

Margaret Bivens: She said her rental property had issues in the past. Mayor Smith said if the utilities are in the renter's name, then renters are responsible.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Smith reminded the council of the Inaugural Sprint Fest on May 20th. The council had received an invitation to attend the James Recreational Camp Track Meet on May 6th and their banquet on May 26th.

Mayor Smith asked Manager Deese about the progress of the proposed budget. Manager Deese said he would email the proposed budget by Thursday. He also reminded the council about the work session on May 15th. Manager Deese hopes to have the public hearing for the budget around June 1st. He believes any water and sewer increase will be minimal but would have a modest tax increase.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(6): Personnel Matter

A motion to end the closed session was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

No action was taken

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

Approved this ____ day of June 2023.

Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST

Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk