

**Marshville Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Monday, October 20, 2008  
Marshville Town Hall  
201 West Main St., Marshville, NC**

Present: Mayor Franklin D. Deese, Council Members Ned Beachum, Margaret Bivens, Dora Bridget and Denise Whitley, Attorney Bobby Griffin, Town Administrator Carl Webber, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Shelley Maness. Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Kiker was absent.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Council Member Bivens gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Ernest Lee, 214 W. Union Street, appeared before Council to request the use of the Community Center to offer tutoring services on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mr. Lee reminded Council that he had made the same request in August but had not received a response regarding the matter. He explained that this was a grassroots effort by volunteers to address homework issues in math, science and English. He said that he would like to have a four-week trial period to determine attendance. Mayor Deese asked Mr. Lee about the involvement of the faculty at East Union Middle School. Mr. Lee responded that they would be involved every step of the way and noted that several faculty members had already volunteered their services. Council Member Whitley said that she would like to see it added to the next agenda and asked that Mr. Lee bring some of the other supporters and volunteers to the meeting. Council Member Bivens asked how soon he would like to get started. Mr. Lee responded, "As soon as possible." Mayor Deese said that he would like to talk with East Union's principal, Mr. Plue, to get his input on the matter. Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Lee for his efforts.

Adopt Agenda:

Council Member Whitley made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion and possible action regarding a request for a speed hump on Hambrick Street, seconded by Council Member Bridget. Vote: All Ayes. (Added as Item #9)

Council Member Bridget made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included only the approval of the minutes from the October 6, 2008 Regular Meeting. Council Member Whitley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Set date of Special Meeting with Wingate Town Council to hear Joint Economic Development report for Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Laverne Hall at Wingate University.

Council Member Whitley made a motion to set the date for a special meeting in conjunction with

the Wingate Town Council for Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Laverne Hall at Wingate University for the purpose of hearing a Joint Economic Development report, seconded by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All Ayes.

Set Date for Town Christmas Party for Friday, December 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union County Agricultural Center. Mayor Deese reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> was the only Friday that the Ag Center would be available in December. Council Member Bridget made a motion to set the date for the Town Christmas Party for Friday, December 5, 2008 to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Union County Ag Center, seconded by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All Ayes.

Select Consultant to develop Pedestrian Plan. TA Webber said that he had received three responses to the Request for Proposals on the development of a Pedestrian Plan. Centralina COG, Greenways Inc., and URS Corporation each submitted proposals. TA Webber reported that all three companies had done work in the area and all bids were at or just below \$25,000, although Centralina COG's proposal also required the use of 30 member hours. Council Member Whitley felt that 30 member hours was excessive. TA Webber noted that Albemarle had used URS Corporation and were very happy with their work. Council Member Whitley made a motion to use URS Corporation as the consultant to develop a comprehensive pedestrian plan for the Town of Marshville, seconded by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All Ayes.

Consider agreement with Southern Defense Agency related to development of Identity Theft Prevention Program. TA Webber reminded Council that the Town must comply with an FTC requirement to develop an Identity Theft Prevention Program. He noted that a consultant group, Southern Defense Agency, was onsite at an identity theft seminar that he and C/FO Maness attended. Southern Defense Agency had made an offer to provide templates at no cost to use in the development of the Identity Theft Prevention Program in exchange for an opportunity to offer identity theft protection services to Town employees. TA Webber explained that the templates would substantially reduce the workload on staff to develop the program. He also noted that the templates, developed by a law firm out of Washington, D.C., are supposed to meet all the requirements of the FTC. TA Webber recommended pursuing the opportunity since Southern Defense will provide the templates whether or not any employee enrolls in their plan. TA Webber said that Wingate had purchased a similar product for approximately \$300. Council Member Whitley thought it sounded like a good idea. Council Member Bivens made a motion to direct the Administrator to get an agreement from Southern Defense Agency, have the Town Attorney review the agreement and, if approved, authorize the Mayor to execute the document, seconded by Council Member Bridget. Vote: All Ayes. Council Member Bivens asked to have a copy of the agreement placed in Councils' boxes.

Consider Speed Hump on Hambrick Street. Mayor Deese referred to a petition signed by six of seven residents requesting that the Town install a speed hump on Hambrick Street. Mayor Deese noted that the petition met qualifications and said that a traffic study is the next step. Council Member Whitley made a motion to have TA Webber request a traffic study on Hambrick Street and to bring the results back to Council, seconded by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All Ayes.

### Comments

Council Member Beachum said that he would like for Council to consider going back to having one work session and one regular meeting each month. TA Webber agreed to include the issue on the next agenda.

Council Member Bivens thanked the Town for allowing her to attend the NCLM Annual Conference. She said that it was very informative. She also noted that the house in front of the church on the corner of Ross Street needed to be looked at for code enforcement.

Council Member Whitley concurred with Council Member Bivens regarding the conference. She said it was a great networking opportunity.

Council Member Bridget also enjoyed the conference and found it enlightening to discover that many towns smaller than Marshville (with populations less than 1,000) have accomplished great things.

C/FO Maness said that she was working with the auditors to finalize the FY 2008 audit. She said that property tax revenues are coming in and everything was going well.

TA Webber said that, in light of the current economic conditions, he and C/FO Maness had taken time to carefully review the Town's current financial situation and the stability and security of the Town's funds. He said that they are confident that the Town's finances are safe and secure as a result of investment diversity and the State's requirement for collateralization of public funds.

TA Webber said that he had received a response from NCDOT regarding the Town's request to name a portion of Highway 74 in memory of Carroll Edwards. The letter stated that a person must be deceased for at least one year before a road would be named in memory of someone. NCDOT asked that the Town make the request again in one year.

TA Webber reminded Council that a Public Input Workshop regarding the Town of Marshville's Comprehensive Transportation Plan would be held at Town Hall on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He also noted that the Annual Marshville Christmas Parade would be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in downtown Marshville. TA Webber said that he would let the Marshville Chamber of Commerce know that the Town would have two entries in the parade.

Mayor Deese concurred that the conference was good.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Franklin D. Deese  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley H. Maness  
Town Clerk