

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday January 8, 2007  
7:00 P.M. 201 West Main Street Marshville, NC**

Present: Mayor Franklin D. Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Dora Bridget, Council Members: Doug High, Jr., Gail Kiker, Margaret Bivens, and Ned Beachum. Town Administrator Carl Webber, Police Chief Mike Gaddy, DPW Bivens Steele, Attorney Bobby Griffin, and Finance Officer / Town Clerk Scott Howard.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Council Member Bivens gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: J.C. Rorie complained of drug users on South Austin Street. He said there are four drug dealers on that street, as well as the illegal selling of alcoholic beverages there.

Department Head Comments: DPW Steele stated that public works is repairing cracked sidewalks in the downtown area. Mayor Deese complimented his department on the Christmas decorations around town.

Police Chief Gaddy stated that his department is working on a grant to equip more patrol cars with cameras. In regards to J.C. Rorie's complaint, he said that was the first he has heard of it and he will increase patrols in that area. Council Member Bivens thanked the police department for guarding her property as she traveled over the holidays.

Mayor Deese asked council to add a discussion regarding a letter from a local baseball commissioner to the agenda. This would be item 4 on the agenda. Council Member High made a motion to add this. Council Member Bivens gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

Council Member Bivens made a motion to add code enforcement to the agenda. She said she wanted more code enforcement on Bost Street. Council Member Kiker gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes. This will be agenda item 15.

Council Member High made a motion to adopt the agenda (see att.1813a) with the above additions. Council Member Beachum gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

Council Member Beachum made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with changing the minutes to read that Administrator Webber will *not* be on the

Park Director nominating committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

Mike Reece with Habitat for Humanity addressed council. He asked council to waive the tap fees. He said that his organization would pay to bring the road up to NCDOT standards, off Allen Circle. Administrator Webber was directed to get Monroe's policy on this matter of tap fees. Mayor Deese told Mr. Reece that council should have an answer for him in about one month.

Susan Rackliffe asked council to waive the community room rental fees for her. She wants to host a health/weight loss class from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (sometimes later) on Monday nights for six months. She wants the large room. She stated at this meeting that she intended to offer items for sale. This was not mentioned in her first addressing of council. Finance Officer Howard mentioned to Mayor Deese that the current written policy forbids any solicitation. She asked if she could place a sign in the community room when these classes were being held. Mayor Deese gave permission to her for this.

Approving Centralina Council of Government's proposal for work with Marshville's extra-territorial jurisdiction was discussed. The estimated cost is \$4383. Council Member Bivens made a motion to accept the offer (see att.1813b-b4). Council Member High gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

CATS (Charlotte Area Transportation System) amended operational cost for a highway 74 bus extensions was discussed. This is part of the CMAQ grant. Marshville's proposed cost has almost tripled with the amended cost. Administrator Webber stated that no action was needed at this time.

After discussion, a resolution to declare certain items as surplus property to be sold was approved (see att.1813c). The time, date and terms of the public auction was discussed as well. Council Member Bivens made the motion. Council Member Beachum gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

A discussion on filling the Park & Recreation Director was discussed. Chair of the committee to suggest applicants, Council Member Bridget named some of the members of the committee; Gary Huntley, Virginia Morgan, Dr. Tom Appenzeller, Denise Whitley and Matt Mills. Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, at the community center will be the first meeting. Administrator Webber was told the post it to the public. It was agreed upon by council that applications would be taken until the position was filled.

Council discussed the Union County Community Recreation Grant application. Applying to refurbish a concession stand was offered. Mayor Deese asked about more parking. Mayor Deese reminded everyone that the grant had to be in by February 15.

Council Member Bivens suggested a basketball court be pursued. Mayor Deese stated that such elaborate plans could not be made on such short notice. Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget offered the idea of a miniature park. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Deese asked Council Member Beachum and Administrator Webber to work on the idea of a movable fence for the park grant application that would increase the usefulness of one of the ball fields at the park. Mayor Deese also asked Council Member High and Beachum to work on the idea of refurbishing a concession stand and repairing the batting cage as a grant application. These ideas will be presented at the next meeting.

Phil Helms, the baseball commissioner for the local middle school, wrote a letter to council. He wants to use a field at the park for the middle school and high school. DPW Steele is to check on when irrigation construction is planned for the field in question. Council Member High made a motion to allow access for Forest Hills High School and East Union Middle School. Council Member Bivens gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: All Ayes.

Council Member Bivens stated that she wanted code enforcement on some property across from East Union Middle School. She wants the land cleaned. She also stated that property beside the billiard room, across from East Union School, the Allen property, be cleaned up. She mentioned property at 200 South Carelock Street and garbage on Bost Street. She said she wanted the Town of Marshville to make someone clean it up.

Administrator Webber said some of the property she mentioned was already in the code enforcement process. He said a community service worker could possibly clean Bost Street. Council Member Bivens stated that she wanted the vegetation to be cut down. He also said that property owners have cleaned up somewhat. In response to Council Member Bivens' request to cut down vegetation, Administrator Webber said that the town could only mow.

Council Comments: Council Member Beachum stated that museum renovations were proceeding. He believes the town should set up a board of directors for the museum. Council Member Kiker said that the town should either use the land it acquired behind Community Medical Center or sale it. Administrator Webber is to contact town Attorney Griffin regarding the liability of the town for children that have been utilizing that land to play football.

Finance Officer Howard reported to council that their 1099's were ready and their W2's would be ready Friday. Administrator Webber reviewed letters and opportunities for council. He also reviewed statistics showing increased traffic violations since the red-flex system was not being utilized.

There was a consensus to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved this \_\_\_ day of January 2007.

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Franklin D. Deese  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Howard  
Town Clerk