

Marshville Town Council Meeting
7:00 P.M. Monday March 5, 2007
201 West Main Street, Marshville, North Carolina

Present: Mayor Franklin D. Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Dora Bridget, Council Members: Doug High, Jr., Gail Kiker, Margaret Bivens and Ned Beachum. Police Chief Mike Gaddy, DPW Bivens Steele, and Interim Town Clerk / Finance Officer Ron McAdam.

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

Public Comment Section: None

Department Head Comments: DPW Steele had nothing new. Mayor complimented DPW Steele by telling him he is doing a good job.

Police Chief Gaddy reported on a DWI checkpoint that took place on Saturday March 3rd at US 74 and Cuddy Drive from 9:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. They issued 86 charges for various violations. The Highway Patrol, Waxhaw Police, Monroe Police, Stallings Police, and ALE all assisted the Marshville Police Department.

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to adopt the agenda, motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget, Second by Council Member Bivens. Vote: All Ayes.

Mayor Deese then asked Council to accept Consent Agenda. Motion made by Council Member High, Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget. Vote: All Ayes.

Agenda Item No. 7. Melanie Miller from the Girl Scouts of America addressed Council. She wants to use the Community Building on March 17, 2007 and April 4, 2007 at no charge to conduct two Leadership Academies. These Academies are for the Girls Club that has fifteen members from East Union Middle School. These training sessions are too long to be done on a school day. The mobile technology bus will be at the April session to help in designing a web site. Council Member Kiker questioned about where and how to park the bus. DPW Steele said he would cone off an area for the bus as had been done in the past. Mayor Deese called for Motion to allow the Girl Scouts use of the Community Building at no charge especially since they are a non profit organization. Motion made by Council Member Bivens, second by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All Ayes.

Agenda Item No. 8. The ETJ public hearing is set for Monday April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion about the meeting. Mayor was informed that 300 letters were mailed to landowners in the ETJ areas on Friday March 2, 2007. Mayor asked for motion to set date and time for the public hearing on ETJ as April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget, Second by Council Member High. Vote: All Ayes.

Agenda Item No. 9. Mayor Deese discussed the NCDOT agreement he needed to sign for the Church Street sidewalk project. He needs council approval to sign the agreement. At 7:15 p.m. the Mayor called for a five minute recess to locate the document. Meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m. The document is a standard NCDOT agreement saying that the sidewalk will meet all NCDOT requirements. Surveyor brought plans to DPW Steele this morning and took a set of the plans to Attorney Griffin. Motion to allow Mayor Deese to sign the agreement was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget, Second by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All Ayes.

Mayor Deese then allowed JC Rorie to make a public comment, as he was late to the meeting. Mr. Rorie discussed the problems on South Austin Street. He believes there is a meth lab along with other drugs being made and sold on South Austin Street. He said cars are there late at night and playing loud music as they leave the neighborhood. He also stated people are acting crazy, probably due to drug use. Chief Gaddy went to the house in question and nobody was home at the time he went to the house. Mayor Deese then requested Chief Gaddy to have his department increase patrols in the area. Chief Gaddy said his department would keep a close eye on the residence in question.

Comments:

Council Member Beachum reported no new activity on the Marshville Museum. The lettering on the outside has been postponed twice due to rain. He hopes lettering will be done in the next two weeks. Lettering and a black and gold drawing will be put on the windows. The rainbow design is being done to draw attention to the building. Mayor Deese will meet with Council Member Beachum this Thursday to look over the Museum.

Council Member Bivens reported on the Union County Historic Preservation Commission, which she is a member. The Commission requested between \$50, 000.00 and \$ 61,000.00 dollars to refurbish The Historic Courthouse into a museum when it becomes vacant later this year.

Council Member High had no comments.

Council Member Kiker said the committee to interview for the Town Clerk/ Finance Officer would be delayed past March 16th and 17th because it is the busy season for several committee members. She also requested that all Council Members keep the family of Scott Stegall in their prayers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bridget said this past Saturday was busy in conducting seven interviews for the Park Director's position. The list of candidates has been reduced to four. After background checks are finished along with more possible interviews two candidates will be recommended to Council for filling the position.

Mayor Deese informed Council of invitations to the 100th Centennial of Indian Trail on March 10, 2007, a Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Rolling Hills Country Club on March 28th on Biotechnology . The Red Cross thanked the Town of Marshville f or use of the Community Center for its Blood Drive on February 27th. The Mayor also stated that Ed Davis, Superintendent of Union County Schools would inform Council of some alarming things happening in the schools at the next Council Meeting on March 19, 2007.

Mayor Deese adjourned the meeting at 7:40

These minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2007

Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: _____
Ron McAdam
Interim Town Clerk

