

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 21, 2011  
Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.  
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens, Council Members Jefferson, Beachum, and Bridget, Town Mgr. Radford Thomas, Clerk Tonya Johnson, Police Chief Matthew Tarlton, Attorney Bobby Griffin. Also present were John Edmondson of *The Home News*, and Wes Carter with Hobbs, Upchurch. DPW Steele and PD Thifault were absent due to illness.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending. MPT Bivens gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Limited to 2 minutes per person, 10 minutes total, if any

There were no public comments.

Adopt Agenda

TM Thomas commented that a proclamation for Rotary International needs to be added as an additional agenda item. Also, the closed session portion of the meeting needs also to include G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(3).

A motion was made by CM Beachum to add as agenda item #11 a Rotary International Proclamation proclaiming February 23<sup>rd</sup> as Rotary Day in Marshville. The motion was seconded by MPT Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

A motion to extend the closed session to include G.S. 143-318.11(3) was made by MPT Bivens, and seconded by CM Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was made by CM Bridget, and seconded by MPT Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Approve February 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting was made by MPT Bivens, and seconded by CM Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Set advertisement date for delinquent taxes

A motion to set the date of April 13, 2011 as the date to advertise for delinquent taxes, as recommend by Tax Collector Morton, was made by MPT Bivens. The motion was seconded by CM Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Approve contract to audit accounts for FY2010-2011 from J.B. Watson & Co., P.L.L.C.

TM Thomas reviewed with council the price for the audit procedure for FY ending 6/30/2011. Clerk Tonya Johnson commented that the proposed audit fee is the same amount as last year. A motion to approve the audit contract for FY2010-2011 from J. B. Watson & Co., P.L.L.C. per the cost as provided in the contract included in the agenda packet was made by MPT Bivens. The motion was seconded by CM Jefferson. Vote: All ayes.

Call for a special meeting to conduct a Council Planning Retreat on February 24, 2011 beginning at 8:30 am at the Marshville Community Center

A motion was made by CM Bridget and seconded by MPT Bivens to call for a special meeting of the Marshville Town Council on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 8:30 am at the Marshville Community Center for the purpose of a council planning retreat. Vote: All ayes.

Consideration and approval of a water line replacement project on Hwy. 74 E. – Wes Carter, Hobbs & Upchurch

TM Thomas informed council of a water line problem on Hwy. 74 near Food Lion. The water line is only approximately 5” to 6” underground. It is an old 3” asbestos concrete line. Hobbs, Upchurch & Associates has been working on plans and specifications to replace this line.

Wes Carter, with Hobbs, Upchurch, & Assoc., informed council that the water line runs from Unarco Road to Stegall Road along Hwy. 74. The plans involve going from a 3” line to an 8” line. He stated that values are still an issue. As this time financial assistance is not available. Mr. Carter stated that this is a good environment for bidding due to the economy. The project is designed and fully permitted. Two estimates are provided. The estimated cost for a total scope is \$222,385.63. The estimated cost for a reduced scope of work is \$203,755.20. Mr. Carter commented that the project can be bid in different ways. Mr. Carter asked if council desires to appropriate funds for a total scope of work or a reduced scope work. TM Thomas conveyed that he recommends funding for the total scope. He



added that we're going to get better water volume by replacing with a larger line. Mayor Deese asked if the total scope included going across the railroad to Traywick Road. Mr. Carter replied that is correct. CM Beachum asked what size lines would be installed to which Mr. Carter answered 6" and 8" lines. Mayor Deese asked the reason for installing 6" instead of 8" lines to Traywick Road. He thinks 8" might be more advantageous in terms of future growth and development. Mr. Carter responded that 8" lines are not needed there and could be problematic. TM Thomas commented he will come back at the March meeting with a budget amendment. He stated that there are adequate funds in the water/sewer fund to cover the project cost. MPT Bivens inquired about grant money, and referenced a project in which Mary Beck, with Hobbs, Upchurch & Assoc., helped the TOM obtain grant funding. Mayor Deese commented that he recalled that was a deal with CSX Railroad to close a railroad crossing. Mr. Carter stated that grant money is almost only obtained for projects involving job creation (economic development). Assistance for infrastructure is almost impossible to obtain at the present time. Mayor Deese commented that this could help us in the future with economic development opportunities as we will already have our part in place.

A motion to proceed with the water line replacement project on Hwy. 74 East was made by MPT Bivens, and seconded by CM Jefferson. Vote: All ayes.

Authorization to advertise for bids for the Hwy. 74 E. water line replacement project

TM Thomas presented a tentative time line for completing the Hwy. 74 East water line project. He suggests advertising for the project in early March, awarding the project by the end of April, with council's approval, and startup to be underway by the end of May. A motion to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the Hwy. 74 E. water line replacement project was made by MPT Bivens. The motion was seconded by CM Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Approve resolution to authorize Rep. Pryor Gibson to introduce a local bill revising the Town's Charter

Mayor Deese commented to council that this is something that has been talked about for some time. TM Thomas has been diligent in getting things done. Revising the Town Charter has to be accomplished at a legislative level. A motion to approve a resolution authorizing Rep. Pryor Gibson to introduce a local bill revising the Town's Charter was made by CM Jefferson, and seconded by CM Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

TM Thomas thanked Attorney Griffin for his assistance.

### Rotary International Proclamation

TM Thomas read the proclamation for the record. John Edmondson informed council that the Marshville Rotary is thirty-five years old. A motion to approve the proclamation for Rotary International proclaiming February 23<sup>rd</sup> as Rotary Day in Marshville was made by CM Bridget, and seconded by MPT Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

CM Bridget asked is this would be an annual recognition. Mayor Deese commented that he thought February 23<sup>rd</sup> of each year would be Rotary Day.

*Call for a Closed Session - per G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee ..., and per G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(3), to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege...*

Mayor Deese commented that council does not expect any action from closed session. Therefore, at the request of Mayor Deese, it was the consensus of council to move comments prior to closed session.

### Comments

CM Jefferson shared with council that he's looked at several small towns, Wadesboro, Waxhaw, and Locust. He's anxious to share with council about the things he learned about each town regarding economic development and downtown revitalization. CM Jefferson volunteered to work on the program for Veterans' Day. He feels the program need to be improved. CM Jefferson urged each council member to be prepared for the upcoming retreat.

MPT Bivens stated that she's received calls from citizens interested in cleaning up our town. She suggested the possibility of having a cleanup day in Marshville. She also commented on citizen complaints about high water bills.

Police Chief Tarlton conveyed information about an upcoming food drive on April 23, 2011 that the Police Dept. will be involved in along with Good Steward Ministries. Chief Tarlton commented that Good Steward Ministries is a non-profit thrift store here in Marshville. MPT Bivens asked if the food that is donated will be for purchase or given away. Chief Tarlton replied that all food collected will be given away to those in need.



TM Thomas reminded council members to do their homework for the retreat on Thursday.

There were no further comments. At 7:53 p.m. department heads were dismissed and Mayor Deese called for a two minute recess.

At 8:01 p.m., a motion was made by MPT Bivens, and seconded by CM Jefferson, to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(6) and G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(3). Vote: All ayes.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

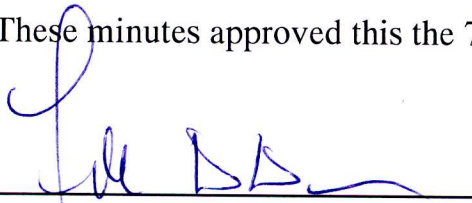
### **Open Session**

There was no action taken from the closed session.

### **Adjourn**

At 8:23 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by CM Bridget, and seconded by MPT Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

These minutes approved this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
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Frank Deese

Mayor

Attest:   
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Tonya Johnson

Town Clerk

*\*A brief recess may be called every 45-60 minutes, as desired by council.*

