

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Deese; Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens; CM Dora Bridget; CM Ned Beachum; CM Matthew Jefferson; TM Radford Thomas; Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson; DWP Bivens Steele; Chief Matt Tarlton; PD Alan Thifault. Others present include John Edmondson, *The Home News.*

Open/Welcome/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Frank Deese opened the meeting of the Marshville Town Council at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. The invocation was given by MPT Margaret Bivens. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No public comments.

Adopt Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by MPT Margaret Bivens, and seconded by CM Ned Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Consent Agenda

- a. Receive Budget Report as of 03/31//2011
- b. Approve Minutes of April 4, 2011 meeting

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by CM Ned Beachum, and seconded by CM Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Update on new Planning Board Officers

TM Thomas informed the council of the newly elected officers of the Marshville Planning Board, as elected at their meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2011. They are:

Rusty Johnson – Chair, Planning Board; Norma Carpenter – Vice Chair, Planning Board

Norma Carpenter – Chair, Board of Adjustment; Brian Weber, Vice Chair, Board of Adjustment

Budget Preparation Calendar

TM Thomas reviewed a Budget Preparation Calendar for FY2011-2012 with council members. He stated that council needs to schedule a budget review session during the week of May 9 – May 12. Also, a second review needs to be scheduled during the week of May 23 – May 26.

Set dates for Budget Work Session(s)

As a result of some discussion among council, Tuesday, May 17th and Tuesday, May 24th were the dates set for budget work sessions. The work sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Town Hall. TM Radford Thomas stated that he would like for council to call for a public hearing on the FY2011-2012 Budget at the May 16th meeting to be held on June 6, 2011.

Report on the North Carolina Small Town Main Street Program workshop (CM Matthew Jefferson & TM Radford Thomas)

CM Matthew Jefferson gave a report to council regarding the Small Town Main Street Program workshop that he and TM Radford Thomas attended in Wilkesboro. He stated that much was learned about the program, but he also learned we're not quite ready. He conveyed his sentiments that it would be a very worthwhile program for Marshville. The requirements to apply to become a Small Town Main Street Town are great and Marshville has a lot of work to do. CM Jefferson commented that one of the biggest things Marshville lacks is community involvement. CM Jefferson mentioned the Town of Waxhaw and their involvement in the program.

TM Radford Thomas added that only six communities are selected each year. It's quite competitive. He stated that we're not ready right now, but we learned through the workshop what the target of the program is. It's a lot about the community taking ownership. We need to spend the next year getting things in place to adequately and sufficiently complete the application standards. TM Thomas commented that the potential of our downtown is huge.

CM Jefferson added that Wilkesboro already has the things in place that we've only been talking about. They have a downtown master plan. He feels we need to continue to pursue a downtown master plan for Marshville.

MPT Bivens commented that we need to keep our old historic buildings.

Mayor Deese stated that he and Carl Webber have applied to be in this program in previous years. He commented that we need to act as if we're applying this year and get things in place. It may be a good idea to begin setting aside some budget money for this program. CM Jefferson has taken a first step with his economic development committee. TM Radford Thomas added that we can get on the phone with these folks and get needed information. Mayor Deese suggested we request a copy of the power point presentation that was shown at the workshop. TM Thomas also commented on inviting the Chamber of Commerce and property owners to be a part of this process. Mayor Deese commented that this should be near the top of council's list of priorities.

Comments

PD Alan Thifault commented that the Easter egg hunt was postponed due to the weather. It will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. He also informed council that on Friday, April 15th Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny visited the local elementary schools.

DPW Bivens Steele informed council that the Hwy. 74 water line project has commenced and is going along well. The storm on Saturday caused a tree to fall onto E. Main Street. No other storm damage was noted. DPW Steele also reported that there were two water line breaks last week.

Chief Tarlton reminded council of the police department food drive this coming Saturday, April 23rd. Plans are to begin distributing food donations at 12:00 p.m. They also plan to feed folks lunch, and have some activities. This will take place in the parking lot of SunTrust Bank. Chief Tarlton commented that he hopes lots of families will be helped through this effort.

CM Dora Bridget asked DPW Bivens Steele about trucks hanging up at the railroad crossing on Elizabeth Avenue. DPW Bivens Steele replied that this has been looked at and there's nothing that can be done about the slope because it's an intersection.

CM Matthew Jefferson commended the police department. He stated that our police department is basically our government, as they are most often the ones seen by the public.

He inquired about when "Yard of the Month" would begin, and if the signs have been found.

CM Jefferson informed council that he's working on the Veterans' Day Memorial service. He recently attended a meeting at the American Legion. He hopes to obtain a list of Veterans from Marshville. He shared the idea of placing stars in our Veterans' Memorial to bring it to life. CM Jefferson also informed council that the member from the American Legion could help make it possible to get a fly-over or have military equipment on-site for the day of the memorial service. They can also assist in getting a speaker for the service.

CM Ned Beachum commented that the streetlight issue is a big improvement. He commented that we need to stay abreast of the Thomas St. property as pertains to code enforcement issues. CM Beachum asked about the sidewalk situation (CMAQ grant). TM Radford Thomas replied that the issue is a reluctance of property owners to provide the town with necessary easements.

MPT Margaret Bivens expressed her pleasure that the town is getting a dog ordinance. She commented that the Beautification Committee plans to meet this week to get moving with "Yard of the Month". MPT Bivens expressed her concerns that more drains and curb/guttering is needed in some sections of town for drainage issues. She also inquired about the sidewalk project.

TM Radford Thomas commented that, as far as the sidewalk project, there has been talk of scaling down the project. The CMAQ sidewalk project was about connecting the sidewalks. The grant folks are open to our scaling the project back. Without easements we can't connect the project the way it is designed. We've talked about budgeting some money and our staff doing the sidewalks. Discussion ensued clarifying where the proposed sidewalks would be located (along which streets). MPT Bivens discussed at great length curb guttering and drainage issues along Elizabeth Street. After some discussion, it was determined that two separate issues were being confused. DPW Bivens Steele and TM Radford Thomas informed MPT Bivens and council that estimates to alleviate the drainage issues on Elizabeth Street are being obtained to be considered in the budget.

TM Radford Thomas informed council of the break-ins at the old meter storage building. An estimated \$9,900 in inventory/supplies was taken, plus approximately \$850 in property damage. There were two separate incidences. An insurance claim has been filed. The insurance pays per incidence, therefore, the deductible comes into play for each incidence. We've contacted several scrap yards to be on the lookout.

TM Radford Thomas informed council that the community-wide survey should go out in the mail either this Thursday or Friday. He would like to discuss with John Edmondson the possibility of an advertisement letting the residents know what the survey is about. Mayor Deese asked is we can put the survey in the paper, and what it would cost. TM Thomas stated that he would need to check on a copyright.

TM Thomas reminded council of Town Hall day in Raleigh on May 4, 2011. He has everyone registered to attend. We'll just need to work out the transportation arrangements for that day.

He gave council an update on the revised Town Charter stating that it has passed the first House reading and moved to committee. Town Hall day would be a good opportunity to thank our legislators for their efforts in helping us accomplish this goal.

TM Radford Thomas stated that he plans to have an update on the Police Chief search at the May 2nd meeting.

He also brought to council's attention changing the meeting location for all council meetings back to Town Hall. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the council to move all meeting of the council back to Town Hall. Mayor Deese commented that a motion and vote were necessary to change the meeting venue.

CM Matthew Jefferson made a motion to move all meetings of the Marshville Town Council back to Town Hall. The motion was seconded by MPT Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

MPT Margaret Bivens commented that the Union Co. Transportation Advisory Board changed their meeting to Thursday, April 21, at 6 p.m. She cannot attend and requested an alternate attend in her absence. TM Thomas agreed to attend the meeting.

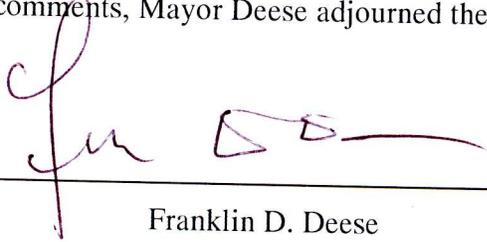
Mayor Deese asked Chief Tarlton if, as we search for the "visitors" to the public works building, we can attach fees in the form of restitution. Chief Tarlton replied that we can.

Mayor Deese asked if council would like to make a motion and vote on authorizing TM Radford Thomas to investigate the legalities and cost feasibility of putting the survey in the newspaper, either as an ad or an insert, and to make a decision based upon his findings and per his judgment.

MPT Margaret Bivens made the motion, as stated above, seconded by CM Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by MPT Margaret Bivens at 8:32 p.m. There being no further comments, Mayor Deese adjourned the meeting.



Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: 

Tonya Johnson
Town Clerk

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

4/11/2011

Budget vs Actual

TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

Ending Date: 03/31/2011

Description	Budget	MTD	YTD	Variance	Percent
Total Revenues for Fund	1,743,565	105,476.66	1,234,281.33	(509,283.67)	70%
<u>Expenditures</u>					
4100 ELECTED	86,865	8,147.00	67,843.82	19,021.18	78%
4200 ADMINIST	103,860	7,653.11	70,267.15	33,592.85	67%
4210 ANNEXATI	500	0.00	0.00	500.00	
4220 TOWN	103,605	7,183.26	69,132.25	34,472.75	66%
4300 ELECTION	500	0.00	374.50	125.50	74%
4600 TAX	2,350	0.00	998.47	1,351.53	42%
4700 LEGAL	8,000	600.00	4,800.00	3,200.00	60%
5000 PUBLIC	120,455	3,230.05	43,190.53	77,264.47	35%
5100 POLICE	712,140	31,964.50	428,520.24	283,619.76	60%
5300 FIRE	15,000	0.00	651.70	14,348.30	4%
5310 SAFETY	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5600 STREETS	137,155	7,765.49	66,190.62	70,964.38	48%
5700 POWELL	116,800	4,832.32	44,762.85	72,037.15	38%
5800 SANITATIO	188,935	16,005.86	131,943.22	56,991.78	69%
6200 PARK	103,150	7,345.20	63,255.05	39,894.95	61%
6300 COMMUNI	9,950	673.47	5,643.97	4,306.03	56%
6400 CEMETER	14,300	595.00	3,820.00	10,480.00	26%
6600 CONTINGE	20,000	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	
7000 TRANSFER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
9840	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Expenses for Fund	1,743,565	95,995.26	1,001,394.37	742,170.63	57%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses:	10	9,481.40	232,886.96		
<u>Revenues</u>					
Total Revenues for Fund	30	1,313,325	157,456.69	750,523.53	57%
<u>Expenditures</u>					
5310 SAFETY	500	0.00	38.01	461.99	7%
6601 CONTINGE	20,000	0.00	0.00	20,000	
7000 TRANSFER	0	0.00	0.00	0	
8280 WATER	735,930	35,100.11	314,929.70	421,000.30	42%
8290 SEWER	556,895	37,016.21	242,440.74	314,454.26	43%
Total Expenses for Fund	30	1,313,325	72,116.32	557,408.45	42%
Revenues Over/(Under) Expenses:	30	85,340.37	193,115.08		

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