

Town of Marshville Town Council Regular Meeting November 06, 2023, 7 PM Marshville Town Hall 118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103



**In Attendance**: Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton; Council Members Margaret Bivens, Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, Monaca Marshall

**Staff Attendance**: Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Attorney Bobby Griffin, Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent

# **Regular Meeting Minutes**

# Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **Public Comments**:

No Public Comments

# **Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion: To adopt the agenda was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

# **Consent Agenda**: <u>Motion</u>: To adopt the consent agenda was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

**Discussion/Action regarding a resolution to approve municipal accounting services**: Manager Deese introduced Charles Hines from NCLM to get a brief presentation to the council about municipal accounting services.

<u>Motion</u>: To adopt the resolution to approve a municipal accounting services, cybersecurity, and technical assistance memorandum of agreement made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Blakeney—all ayes.

# Discussion/Action concerning Offer and Acceptance Documents for ARPA Funds and Resolution to receive APRA Funds for DEQ:

Manager Deese stated the resolutions are for the first 4 million the state allotted to the town. Mayor Smith asked how the money was disbursed. Manager Deese said the money was reimbursed. The work needs to be paid for, and then receipts would be sent in for reimbursement. Mayor Smith asked about the timeframe. Manager Deese said the funds have to be committed by December of 2024. The hope is to be done by late 2025. Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked what happens if the town doesn't have the means to pay for the project. Manager Deese replied that he is speaking with financial firms for such instances.

**Motion**: To approve the offer and acceptance documents and resolution to receive APRA funds from DEQ was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

# Discussion/Action concerning the Engineer's Task Order for the sewer turnaround project, Grant Project Ordinance, and Resolution to accept funds:

The council member had a brief discussion about the sewer turnaround project.

<u>Motion</u>: To adopt the Engineer's task order, ordinance, and resolution to accept funds and authorize the town manager to sign the task order made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Huntly—all ayes.

# Manager's Comments:

- Signed a contract with Colliers for the sidewalk project. Adjustment to budget to adjust for the grant.
- Anson County has paperwork for agreements for increasing water to 2 million gallons and sewer to 1 million gallons. Waiting for the county to have their meeting.
- Awarded DFI for the Economic Development Study RFQ.
- Meeting with code enforcement consultant. A couple of tweaks need to be made; hope to have it finished by the end of next week. Member Marshall asked if this would be a full-time or part-time position. Manager Deese replied it would be a part-time position, ideally a retired military or police officer.
- He will meet with Colliers' finance group to determine available funding.
- Waiting on permit for the pier at the lake.
- Septic System contract has been awarded. The first part of the year is estimated for the work to start.
- Waiting to hear from LKC about running water under the highway to the lake.
- Sending out 100 door hangers at a time to get people to sign up for the water app.

#### **Council Comments**:

- Margaret Bivens: Yard cleanup campaign.
- Paulette Blakeney: No comments.
- Gary Huntley: Get out and vote.
- Monaca Marshall: Thanked the public for coming out. Go out and vote.
- Ernestine Staton: Big trucks are driving and speeding down Hambrick Street. Manager Deese said because it's a town street. We might be able to put up a sign for the big trucks. He will look into it. She mentioned that we blew through the consent agenda. A reminder of the parade on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

#### Mayor's Comments:

- Mayor Smith encouraged everyone to go out and vote.
- He reminded everyone about the veteran's memorial event at 11 am and the Marshville Parade at 5 pm.
- Mayor Smith asked about the Festival of Lights event. Manager Deese replied that it was an event done by the Community Strong Team and that he would double-check with Lakeysha.
- Mayor Smith asked about the plan for stormwater at the schools. Manager Deese said they would install temporary meters for a study and gather numbers before meeting with the schools to work on a solution. Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked why we aren't working with the schools before bringing them numbers. She said a person wants to talk and work on a solution. Manager Deese said he would sit down and speak with him if he could get the name and number.

# Adjournment:

<u>Motion</u>: To adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2023.

Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

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Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk