



**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**January 02, 2024, 7 PM**  
**Marshville Town Hall**  
**118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103**



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

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

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order. Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Manager Deese suggested a reordering of the agenda: move items 8 and 9 to items 5 and 6, audit presentation to item 7, discussion of audit to item 8, and pavement presentation to item 9. The motion to amend the agenda was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Passarelli—all ayes.

### **Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** The motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

### **Christmas Storefront Winner Presentation:**

Lakeysha Medlin and the Community Strong Team presented awards to the 2023 Best Christmas-Themed Storefront winner, Pink Dahlia.

### **Christmas Tree Winner Presentation:**

Lakeysha Medlin and the Community Strong Team presented awards to the winners of the following:

- 2023 Best Overall Tree: Camelia Room
- 2023 Most Creative Tree: Christ Bible Teaching Center Childcare
- 2023 Most Unique: Candle Factory

### **2023 Audit Presentation:**

Eddie Carrick gave a presentation about the 2023 Audit. Hard copies of the audit will be mailed to the Finance Office Richard Dixon and distributed to the council members later. A PDF version is available. There was a brief discussion of having a special meeting to adopt the audit to allow time for the council to look over the audit. The proposed date is January 16<sup>th</sup> before the work session.

### **Pavement Condition Survey Presentation:**

Steve Lander from WithersRavanel gave the council a presentation on their completed pavement condition survey. The council discussed the results of the survey. Member Passarelli suggested looking for possible funding to help with repairs. Manager Deese was directed to bring the top ten worst roads to the next meeting to discuss. Mayor Pro-tem Staton suggested setting a date for a visionary meeting.

### **Manager's Comments:**

- City Vision Conference: A reminder to the council member about the upcoming event and who is interested in attending.
- NC Turnpike Study: a revenue impact study will be done for the possible expansion of the bypass.
- Econ Dev Study Kickoff Meeting on Thursday

### **Council Comments:**

- Paulette Blakeney: Happy to see everyone and hopes everyone has a great year.
- Gary Huntley: Happy to see everyone and looks forward to 2024.
- Stephen Passarelli: He congratulated the winners of the awards presented. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Downtown Christmas trees.
- Monaca Marshall: New year, new idea. Be positive.
- Ernestine Staton: Happy to see people getting involved. A reminder for MLK Parade is coming up. Manager Deese said he would reach out and get information.

### **Mayor's Comments:**

- Tuesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and Work Session
- Encourage council members to propose topics for the agendas.
- Planning Board agenda to be sent to council members.

### **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2024.

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Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

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Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk