

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday, September 17, 2012, 7:00 PM  
Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Frank Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Matthew Jefferson, Council Members Norma Carpenter, Dora Bridget and Margaret Bivens. Council Member Gary Huntley was absent due to medical reasons.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Amanda Reid; Town Attorney, Bobby Griffin; Chief of Police, Carl Webber

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Deese. The invocation was offered by Mayor Deese. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by all in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Council Member Bridget, seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Janine Rushing, 611 Elizabeth Avenue, stated that her previous utility bill was exceptionally high and her neighbors had expressed similar concern. Town Hall staff had conveyed to her that the following month's bill would reflect high consumption as well. She asked that something be done to rectify the problem and relieve citizens from high bills. Mayor Deese commented that the Town Manager would follow up on her concerns and some investigation had been done regarding radio read meters.

**Adoption of the Consent Agenda for the Meeting**

- September 4, 2012 Town Council Minutes
- Budget Report as of August 31, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Bridget to adopt the consent agenda as presented with the items thereon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

**Approve Proclamation to Establish September 17-23 as Constitution Week**

Mayor Deese read into the minutes the Proclamation to Establish September 17-23 as Constitution Week. A motion to approve the proclamation and to authorize the Mayor to sign said proclamation was made by Council Member Carpenter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed by unanimous vote.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Municipal Agreement with NC DOT for the Austin Grove Church Road Water Main Project**

The Town Manager reported that the surveying had been completed and easements would be filed with the register of deeds this week. The Municipal Agreement with NC DOT was presented and she requested that the council authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract for construction and the municipal agreement. A motion authorizing the Town Manager to execute the contract for construction and the municipal agreement for the water main relocation project on Austin Grove Church Road was made by Council Member Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bridget and passed by unanimous vote.

**Town Manager's Report – Ms. Amanda Reid**

*Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Tonya Johnson* – The Town Manager reported that Ms. Johnson hopes to return to work this week and is feeling much better. She asked the council to keep her and her family in their thoughts.



*Connect CTY* – The Town Manager reported that the service is up and running. Currently, citizen contact information is being verified and updated. Staff will need to attend training to utilize the system.

*Solar Ordinances* – The Town Manager reported she will be attending a Solar Workshop in Charlotte on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>. The workshop is free of charge.

*NCLM Annual Conference* – The Town Manager informed the council that the League conference will be in Charlotte on October 21-23. She has completed registration for those planning to attend and made the necessary reservations at the Charlotte Hilton.

*Crosswalk Update* – The Town Manager stated staff is currently working on the quotes necessary to complete the crosswalk list for the downtown area. She will bring these to the next council meeting.

*Boll Weevil Festival* – The Town Manager commended the Marshville Chamber of Commerce and town staff for a successful festival. She stated it was her first time attending and she was impressed with the attendance and event.

*ASULGAA Conference* – The Town Manager reported that she had attended a conference the previous week that included sessions on water rates, social media and website development.

*MUMPO MOU Subcommittee Meeting* – The Town Manager stated she will be attending a MOU Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday in Charlotte. These meetings are important as the town transitions from the RPO to the MPO. Among the top priorities are amending bylaws to allow municipalities under 5,000 in population to have a vote in the organization.

### **Comments**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jefferson encouraged the Town Council to focus on the goals established in the Small Town Main Street (STMS) Application. Crosswalks should remain a priority to improve connectivity and walkability. Pavers have been installed at the police memorial leaving only landscaping to be completed. The STMS Committee had a dunking booth at the Boll Weevil Festival and raised the funds to complete this. Mayor Pro-Tem Jefferson also commented that pedestrians had no way to access the park by sidewalk. The park is utilized on a daily basis and without sidewalks he has concerns about safety. Mayor Deese commented that a pedestrian plan has been completed and the challenge to installing the sidewalk was in obtaining easements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jefferson also stated he would like to plan a Veteran's Day event in a downtown location. He stated the attendance for the event was between 300 and 500 last year. Additionally, he feels a water and sewer infrastructure plan needs to be completed and put in place. The Austin Grove Church Road water line was a start and the town should continue to focus on infrastructure improvements. Lastly Mayor Pro-Tem Jefferson stated he would not be attending the NC League of Municipalities Conference this year.

Council Member Carpenter commented that the Boll Weevil Festival was well attended this year and she enjoyed it. She also stated that many people went through the museum and positive feedback was expressed.

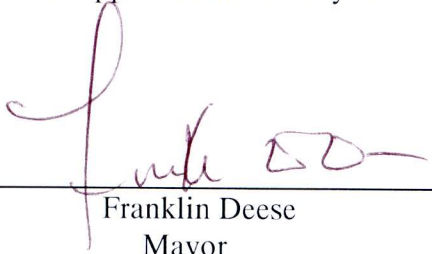
Council Member Bivens commended the Marshville Chamber of Commerce for their work on the Boll Weevil festival. She also stated she was concerned with utility billing issues. She assured the community members that it would be followed up on.

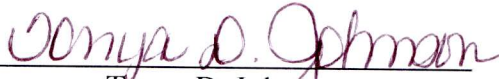
Council Member Bridget stated she had had an opportunity to visit with Council Member Huntley and he was improving each time. She commented that he thanked the town and Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson for the flowers and he hoped to be back soon.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bivens. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bridget and passed by unanimous vote. There being no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

These minutes approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012.

By:   
Franklin Deese  
Mayor

Attest:   
Tonya D. Johnson  
Town Clerk