

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2012
7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

Present: Mayor Deese, MPT Matthew Jefferson, CM Norma Carpenter, CM Dora Bridget, CM Margaret Bivens, CM Gary Huntley, ITM James Bennett, Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson and Attorney Bobby Griffin. Also present were John Edmondson with *The Home News* and Lacy Hampton with *The Enquirer Journal*.

Open/Welcome/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank Deese at 7:01 pm. Mayor Deese welcomed all those in attendance. A moment of silence was observed. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

John Edmondson – 2000 Block High Ridge Church Road, Marshville. Mr. Edmondson addressed the Council regarding Sunshine Week and the importance of open government. He encouraged the Town of Marshville to practice transparency in government.

Adopt Agenda

CM Norma Carpenter made a motion to adopt the agenda as received. The motion was seconded by CM Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Approve minutes of February 20, 2012

CM Dora Bridget made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2012 as received. The motion was seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

Approve Sunshine Week 2012 Proclamation

Mayor Deese read the Sunshine Week Proclamation. He asked for a motion to approve the Sunshine Week Proclamation and, further, to authorize the mayor to sign said proclamation. The motion to approve the Sunshine Week Proclamation and to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation was made by CM Margaret Bivens and seconded by CM Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Review Council Retreat agenda

ITM James Bennett reviewed the agenda for the retreat scheduled for March 7 & 8. The facilitators have been confirmed. Plans are to begin at 8:00 am with lunch each day from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. ITM Bennett expressed his desire for this to be engaging therefore questions have been developed to serve as a guide to engage dialogue with the facilitators.

Discussion of Citizen Survey Report – Section 2: Garbage and Yard Waste Collection

Mayor Deese reviewed with council section 2 of the survey. ITM James Bennett commented that we have some impressive numbers on our garbage pickup renewal contract.

Discussion and possible action regarding the approval/adoption of an Equipment and Property Use Policy for the Town of Marshville

ITM James Bennett informed council that he used the listserv to poll other towns regarding this type of policy. He also sent this policy to Attorney Griffin for his review. He asked council to consider adopting this as a policy for the Town of Marshville. Mayor Deese gave an opportunity for questions and /or discussion from council members. CM Dora Bridget made a motion to adopt the proposed “Town of Marshville Equipment and Property Use Policy”. The motion was seconded by MPT Matthew Jefferson. Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Deese commented this will be incorporated into the TOM policy. Chief Webber asked if this policy will supersede or replace language in an existing policy. ITM James Bennett commented this policy will supersede any existing equipment/property use policy. Mayor Deese asked for a motion that this Town of Marshville Equipment and Property Use Policy supersede any existing policy. A motion to that effect was made by CM Margaret Bivens and seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding update on Zoning Permit/Ordinance Issues

ITM James Bennett referenced a memo from Diane Dil. The two properties in question meet the criteria of being a modular unit. Modular versus manufactured house depends on the building code. Modular structures are governed by NC Building Code and manufactured houses are governed by HUD. According to Diane Dil Union Co. issued a permit for a modular construction. Diane Dil did not see any visible HUD labels on the unit. Mayor Deese stated that if the structure meets the standards of the state building code it adheres to policy, regardless of how it looks. He recommended sending a recommendation to the Planning Board to look into ways to tighten up the policy. CM Carpenter asked if the Planning Board could make the council aware before permits are issued. Attorney Griffin interjected that council’s goal is to set policy and ordinances. There are various ways to address this. ITM James Bennett asked if Mayor Deese meant to tighten up policy on both modular and mobile homes to which Mayor Deese replied yes. Susan Drake, Planning Board member stated that the Planning Board will be reviewing this policy/ordinance at an upcoming meeting and council can expect recommendations to follow.

Discussion and possible action regarding a review of the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances

ITM James Bennett commented that the review of the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances has been a collective effort of staff/dept. heads. ITM Bennett reviewed with council all of the proposed changes. CM Dora Bridget requested to see a clean copy of the revised ordinances before approving. Mayor Deese asked ITM James Bennett to provide a revised copy in order for council to review the changes. He asked that the changes be made in blue. Chief Webber made note of a change to Section 31.02 in which the word “one” be revised to “none”. Mayor Deese commented that this is important and it needs to be correct.

Comments

CM Margaret Bivens commented that the classes attended last week were good and very informative. She informed council that the Beautification Committee meets tomorrow.

CM Norma Carpenter informed council that the next Museum Committee meets this coming Monday. She also commented that the classes were very informative.

MPT Matthew Jefferson gave an update on the Main Street program progress. Officers have been elected and Mark Traywick is the committee chairman. He commented on crosswalks in town that need to be clearly identified with paint.

CM Gary Huntley thanked dept. heads/staff. He stated he learned a lot from the recently attended meetings. He would like to see more public communication and participation.

CM Dora Bridget commented that the recently attended sessions were very informative.

Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson informed council that the recently approved audit contract from J.B. Watson & Co. has been approved by the LGC.

ITM James Bennett thanked Chief Webber and his staff for their work in finding the two runaway girls. Council applauded Chief Webber and the police dept. ITM Bennett also recognized PD Alan Thifault for his positive results in working on nuisance abatement. Council applauded PD Alan Thifault. ITM Bennett asked council to purchase an ad for the Union County Chamber of Commerce map at a cost of \$369.00. Mayor Deese commented that this will require action from the council. CM Margaret Bivens made a motion to approve the ad and allow the manager to expend \$369.00 to place the ad in the Union Co. Chamber of Commerce map.

The motion was suspended to allow for clarification.

Mayor Deese asked council if they desire to participate in purchasing an advertisement. CM Margaret Bivens made a motion to participate and purchase an ad on the Union Co. Chamber of Commerce map and, further, to authorize the manager to spend \$369.00 for the advertisement. The motion was seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

MPT Jefferson stated he feels this is where our town logo belongs. Mayor Deese asked (James) when the ad is due. ITM Bennett replied that it must be submitted by Wednesday. Mayor Deese asked if council desires to use an interim logo for the ad and add words. CM Gary Huntley interjected that the logo is not approved we shouldn't use it yet. CM Carpenter asked if the logo can be approved for this one ad. MPT Jefferson commented that without anything to catch the eye we shouldn't spend the \$369.00. The ad should be a marketing piece. He suggested we use the town seal to resolve this. Mayor Deese concluded that we use the town seal and Mr. Bennett's language for the advertisement.

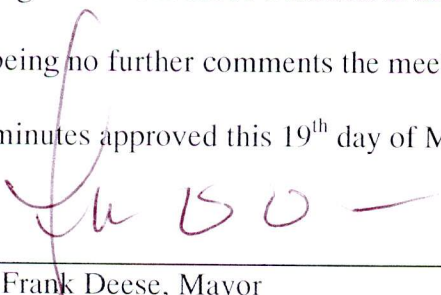
Mayor Deese shared with council a thank you card from the family of Katherine Helms. Mayor Deese referenced a calendar for the month of March to remind everyone of meetings/events. Mayor Deese thanked Chief Webber and the police dept. He also thanked council and staff.

Adjourn

CM Margaret Bivens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes

There being no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

These minutes approved this 19th day of March, 2012.

BY: 
Frank Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk

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