

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2012
7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

Present: Mayor Deese, MPT Matthew Jefferson, CM Margaret Bivens, CM Dora Bridget, CM Norma Carpenter, CM Gary Huntley, Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson, Attorney Bobby Griffin, Chief Webber, PD Thifault, DPW Steele. Also present was John Edmondson, editor of *The Home News*. *ITM James Bennett was absent due to a death in his family.

Open/Welcome/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Deese opened the meeting of the Marshville Town Council at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone attending. CM Gary Huntley gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Gail Kiker of 912 Forest Drive, Marshville expressed her sympathy to Mr. Bennett. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Beautification Committee. She addressed council regarding a doublewide mobile home that has been placed in the city limits of Marshville. She wants to know who is allowing this. Mayor Deese commented that he will talk with Diane Dil and look into the matter. Mayor Deese directed Clerk Johnson to provide him with Ms. Dil's number and remind him to call her.

Adopt Agenda

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

Approve minutes of January 17, 2012

A motion was made by CM Margaret Bivens and seconded by CM Norma Carpenter to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion of Citizen Survey Report - Section 4: Town Utilities

Mayor Deese reviewed the result of section four of the citizen survey on town utilities. He commented that it seems the main concern of citizens is water/sewer rates. CM Norma Carpenter commented that the town's rates are not that bad. Mayor Deese added that Marshville does not have a body of water. We have to purchase water and pay to have sewer processed. We only pass our increases on to the customers. Future grant dollars may help to replace old lines. CM Margaret Bivens commented that increasing pipe size may also help. MPT Matthew Jefferson asked DPW Steele about cable lines going through town. DPW Steele replied that Union County is working to link all the schools.

Set advertisement date for delinquent taxes (Staff recommends April 18, 2012)

A motion was made by CM Dora Bridget to set the advertisement date for delinquent taxes for April 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding options pertaining to the ozone air quality nonattainment boundary as it relates to the Town of Marshville

Mayor Deese informed council that we are currently in nonattainment designation. However the air quality in Marshville is okay. Chief Webber, having been a former town administrator, addressed council on this issue. He stated that some years ago the boundaries were based on the county line. At that time there was only one air quality monitor in Union County.

Nonattainment designation allows the town to receive CMAQ funding. Chief Webber conveyed to council that this deserves serious consideration. Remaining in nonattainment may prohibit new businesses with emissions issues from coming to Marshville. However, remaining in nonattainment will allow us to remain eligible for CMAQ funds. CM Jefferson informed council that if we opt out, or change our designation, we cannot switch back. He stated that our decision needs to be made based upon future projects. Mayor Deese asked Chief Webber whether the hybrid car was purchased through a grant from NCDENR. Chief Webber commented that being in a nonattainment area made our grant application for the car look better. Chief Webber commented on the distinction between nonattainment and non-conformity. He stated that we don't ever want to get into non-conformity. CM Margaret Bivens asked if there is a time limit in which this decision must be made. She asked about the possibility of having someone come and explain this in greater detail. MPT Matthew Jefferson commented that he can provide a copy of the presentation. Mayor Deese gave some additional explanation of the pros and cons of attainment and nonattainment. He asked council if they desire to table this issue until the next meeting or until additional information can be obtained. MPT Jefferson provided information that the state of NC will request recommendation by February 29, 2012. Mayor Deese asked council to be thinking on this during the remainder of the meeting.

After discussing some other items council revisited this issue. CM Dora Bridget commented that this is an awful predicament to have to make a decision on tonight as our decision affects our future. Mayor Deese stated that council can choose to table the issue until a future date if they don't feel they have adequate information to make an informed decision. CM Margaret Bivens stated she thinks our only option is to remain in nonattainment. CM Dora Bridget asked MPT Matthew Jefferson his opinion since he attended the meeting. MPT Jefferson commented he is prepared to vote to remain in nonattainment. CM Gary Huntley stated we are going to have to make a decision soon enough. He stated we should go ahead and vote to stay in nonattainment. MPT Matthew Jefferson made a motion to adopt the resolution to remain in the Metrolina ozone air quality nonattainment boundary and to authorize the mayor to sign said resolution. CM Margaret Bivens seconded the motion. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding a request to have Southern Corrosion provide a Bond of Assurance

DPW Bivens Steele commented that Southern Corrosion wants to extend the water tower maintenance contract for one year at the same rate we are paying now. The assurance bond is just for security/protection. The price is estimated to be around \$150. Southern Corrosion will pay ½ and the town will pay ½. A motion to request Southern Corrosion to provide a bond of assurance as we extend the contract for one year and for the bond to be paid for ½ by Southern Corrosion and ½ by the Town of Marshville was made by CM Margaret Bivens. The motion was seconded by CM Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

conference. MPT Jefferson exclaimed the conference was excellent. He expressed that Mr. Bennett really knows a lot of people and the conference was time well spent. He told council that Mr. John Edmondson also attended the conference. MPT Jefferson thanked John for his efforts on behalf of the Town of Marshville. MPT Jefferson said he feels we have an excellent chance of getting into the program. He was also very enthusiastic about the good turnout at the recent meetings at the library. MPT Jefferson mentioned some areas of town with no crosswalk paint. DPW Steele replied that he can get information on someone to speak with. MPT Jefferson thanked council for the opportunity to serve.

CM Norma Carpenter commented that the Museum Committee is very active and the attendance has been good. She, along with MPT Jefferson, is encouraged by the turnout at the recent meetings at the library. CM Carpenter expressed her sympathy to Mr. Bennett.

CM Margaret Bivens commented that the Beautification Committee recently met and had a good meeting. They will be working closely with the Revitalization Committee. CM Bivens thanked Chief Webber for allowing an officer to come to school and educate the children.

Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson shared some information with council regarding the recently attended 2012 Annual Clerk's Academy and Institute. She stated that topics covered included a session on the National Incident Management System, a writing workshop, a session on quasi judicial hearings, the purpose of boards and committees, a session on diversity in the workplace and the likenesses and differences between municipal and county clerks. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend. Clerk/FO Johnson reminded council of the upcoming retirement reception for Mr. Maurice Ewing on Thursday, February 9 from 5 until 6:30 pm at the Rolling Hills Country Club. Lastly, Clerk/FO Johnson reported that tax collections through today are at \$606,701.93 (92%).

Mayor Deese asked council if they want to purchase a table for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. There was some discussion among council members as to whether they would purchase the tickets or the town. A motion to purchase a table for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on February 17, 2012 was made by CM Dora Bridget and seconded by CM Norma Carpenter. Vote: All ayes.

Mayor Deese commented that he is happy to see the enthusiasm of the committee members around this table. He stated that Marshville is the diamond of Union County. Mayor Deese announced his first book signing to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm.

Closed Session (per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6))

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to go into closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee . . . The motion was made by CM Dora Bridget and seconded by CM Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Discussion and possible action regarding a request from Mike Reese with Habitat for Humanity to reduce the bond for the Gulf Bay Estates project to \$36,750

Mike Reese introduced himself as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. He informed council that lots 8 & 9 have just been completed and construction on lots 10 & 12 is ready to begin. He informed council that during March there will be one hundred college volunteers working on the project. Habitat for Humanity has also partnered with a large church group to build four houses to 80% complete in ten day during June. Gulf Bay Estates is on schedule to be finished by the end of September. Mr. Reese informed council that the cost to complete the project is \$25,000. They have funding in hand to complete the project. Mr. Reese requested to reduce the bond amount to \$36,750. This will protect the town and ensure all the work is done. CM Margaret Bivens commented on how good the development looks. Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Reese for coming and for doing a great service for the community. Mayor Deese stated that Mr. Reese is asking for a new bond in the amount of \$36,750. This will free up capital for them and still provide protection for the Town of Marshville. CM Margaret Bivens made a motion to reduce the bond for the remainder of the Gulf Bay Estates project to \$36,750. The motion was seconded by CM Gary Huntley. Vote: All ayes.

Mr. Mike Reese added that the old bond is for \$150,000. It will automatically void at the end of February and the new bond will then be in effect.

Comments

CM Gary Huntley thanked the department heads for the jobs they do. He congratulated Mayor Deese on his Citizen of the Year award. He expressed his sympathy to Mr. Bennett on the passing of his father. CM Huntley told CM Bridget he was glad to see her back and feeling better. CM Huntley commented that this council is a good team and is respectful of one another.

Mayor Deese was reminded on another item to be discussed pertaining to his recent award. He excused himself from the meeting at 8:00 pm. MPT Jefferson presided and brought to council's attention that Mayor Deese has been selected as Citizen of the Year by the organization A Few Good Men. He will be honored at a banquet at the Laverne Banquet Hall at Wingate University on March 31, 2012 at 7:00 pm. He is requesting that council approve the purchase of a table to attend the event honoring Mayor Deese. CM Margaret Bivens suggested that each council member purchase their own ticket and not ask taxpayers. Attorney Griffin commended council. He agreed with CM Bivens since this is an individual award and not a municipal award. CM Dora Bridget asked if each council member would obtain tickets on their own, or if the clerk should be instructed to purchase a table and each attendee reimburse the clerk for their ticket. It was the consensus of the council to instruct Clerk Johnson to purchase tickets and each attendee will reimburse the town for their ticket. Mayor Deese returned to the meeting at 8:06 pm.

CM Dora Bridget commented she is happy to be back. She thanked folks for the calls and visits while she was sick. CM Bridget complimented DPW Bivens Steele for the great job he does. She also thanked Chief Webber and PD Alan Thifault.

MPT Matthew Jefferson commented that he is glad to be representing the town in a lot of areas. He shared information with council regarding the recently attended Small Town Main Street

At 8: 35 pm Mayor Deese called for a two minute recess before going into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

There was no action as a result of the closed session.

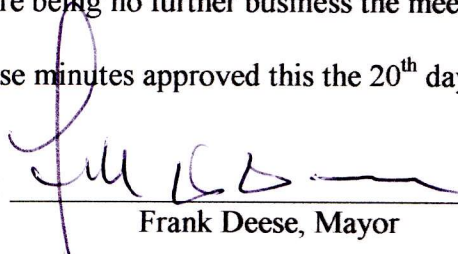
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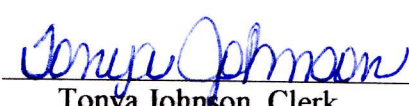
A motion to adjourn was made by CM Dora Bridget and seconded by CM Norma Carpenter.

Vote: All ayes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

These minutes approved this the 20th day of February, 2012.

BY: _____
Frank Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tonya Johnson, Clerk

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

