

Town of Marshville

Town Council Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Marshville Community Center – 118 E. Union St.

Present: Mayor Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, Council Members Matthew Jefferson, Ned Beachum, Dora Bridget, and Denise Whitley, TM Radford Thomas, Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson, PD Alan Thifault, DPW Bivens Steele, and Acting Police Chief Matt Tarlton.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed all those in attendance. The invocation was given by Council Member Ned Beachum. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Omar Jimenez – 406 Perry Lane, Marshville. Mr. Jimenez addressed the Mayor and Town Council regarding animal control issues with his neighbor. He commented that his neighbor owned chicken and rabbits. He stated that the animal carcasses in the garbage are causing odor and flies. Mr. Jimenez stated that he has complained to the police and animal control services but they say they can do nothing. Mr. Jimenez stated that when his neighbor had complaints about his dog, he gave his dog away to satisfy his neighbor. He desires to have a solution to this problem. Council Member Denise Whitley commented that there have been other complaints from citizens. TM Thomas stated that he and Lt. Matt Tarlton would look into what can be done in this situation.

Patricia Rorie – 2117 Pleasant Knoll Lane, Monroe. Ms. Rorie addressed the Mayor and Town Council regarding her mother's property. She explained that the will had been lost but was recently discovered. She is in the process of getting the property into her name so she can obtain a loan to make some improvements to the property. Mayor Deese recommended that Ms. Rorie get in contact with Mr. James Luster, who handles code enforcement for the Town.

Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley to adopt the agenda as received. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ned Beachum. Vote: All ayes

Approve Minutes of September 20, 2010 Meeting

Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson brought to council's attention a typographical error in the draft minutes to be approved. The heading of the minutes should read Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St. Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction regarding the place of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes

Consider Resolution to Approve the Town of Marshville Water Shortage Response Plan

TM Thomas explained that units of local government are required to prepare and submit to the Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, a Water Shortage

Response Plan. The resolution is just to change the name to reflect the new Town Manager. A motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens, to approve the resolution for the Water Shortage Response Plan. Vote: All ayes

Comments

PD Alan Thifault commented that the teacher for the GED class has quit. He is trying to get a new teacher from South Piedmont Community College.

DPW Bivens Steele commented that he had met with Mike Reese, with Habitat for Humanity, for a pre-construction meeting. He also informed council of paving on Hwy. 205 scheduled for this week and next week. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens asked DPW Steele about a water quality advertisement and whether the water is safe. DPW Steele commented that the substance is a by-product of chlorine and chances of contamination are rare. He stated that the water is safe.

Lt. Matt Tarlton, Acting Police Chief, commented that a DWI checkpoint was held on September 25, 2010 resulting in 78 total charges. He informed council that there would be a meeting the first of next month with the Women's Club to work on some Community Programs. He is also interested in meeting with the local school administrators to see if officers, on their day off, can go into the schools and read with students.

Council Member Matthew Jefferson commented that Mike Gaddy's retirement reception was very nice and complimented the Town Hall Staff. TM Thomas stated that Debbie Morton and Debra Leigh deserve the credit and did a great job. CM Jefferson volunteered to work on economic development. He asked for input from the council. He commented that he met with Dryw Blanchard at the Town of Wingate. Mr. Blanchard shared with CM Jefferson that Wingate had obtained some grants and funding. CM Jefferson feels that Marshville needs to work on obtaining money to work on economic development. He would be interested in sharing Wingate's plan with council at the next work session.

Council Member Ned Beachum commented that Mike Gaddy's retirement party was nice. He stated that Roger Davis, owner of Integrity Sweeping, was doing a good job with the sidewalk sweeping. TM Thomas commented that he met with Roger last week and he's gotten a newer sweeping machine.

Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens commented that, regarding Wingate's Master Plan, she would like to see TM Thomas work on that for council. She also stated that we need to look into animal control issues, and would like to see that on an agenda. TM Thomas stated that he will check with the company re-doing the codes to see if they have a model ordinance for animal control. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens commented that there needs to be a speed hump on Elizabeth Avenue, between Elizabeth Avenue and Old 74. Mayor Deese commented that the protocol is to get a petition from the residents living along the street and perform a traffic study.

Council Member Dora Bridget suggested getting in touch with business owners to encourage them to decorate their store fronts during the holidays. She commented on the good job that the Public Works Dept. does, but she would like to see the business owners get involved.

TM Radford Thomas commented that he had received a complaint about traffic-related problems on Allen Drive (between East Union and Unarco). He's been asked about a speed hump. It appears Allen Drive has become a cut through for larger trucks. He feels we need to look at how the stop signs are arranged.

TM Thomas commented that the October 18, 2010 meeting will include a Public Hearing. At that meeting he hopes to have an update on code enforcement issues from Mr. James Luster. He told council that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for November 20th.

Mayor Deese commented that the holidays are fast approaching. He urged council members to be thinking about a Christmas Party. TM Thomas commented that the agricultural center has a date penciled in for the Town of Marshville, but he doesn't know who requested the date. He also suggested bringing ideas to the next meeting.

At 7:37 p.m., motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, and seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget to go into closed session, per *G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an . . . employee . . .*). Vote: All ayes.

LT At 7:37 p.m. all department heads were excused, and TM Thomas was asked to step out of the room.

T **Closed Session, per *G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)***

Open Session

At approximately 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ned Beachum. Vote: All ayes

TM Radford Thomas was asked to return to the meeting room.

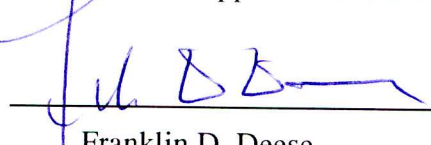
A motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, to increase TM Radford Thomas's base salary by \$2,500 annually (from \$62,500 annually to \$65,000 annually) effective immediately. Vote: All ayes

Adjourn

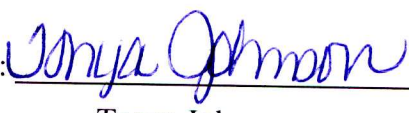
At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Denise Whitley. Vote: All ayes

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes approved this the 18th day of October, 2010.



Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: 

Tonya Johnson
Clerk/Finance Officer

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

