

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 7, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Marshville Community Center – 118 E. Union St.**

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese, Council Members Ned Beachum, Dora Bridget, Matthew Jefferson, and Denise Whitley, Attorney Joe McCollum, Town Administrator/Manager Radford Thomas, Interim Town Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson, Chief of Police Mike Gaddy, Director of Public Works Bivens Steele, and Park Director Alan Thifault. Reporters present were John Edmondson of The Home News, and Lacy Hampton of The Enquirer Journal. Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Council Member Beachum gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Queen Redfearn – 809 Hasty Road, Marshville – Mrs. Redfearn spoke on the matter of a leash law in town for dogs. She has a problem with stray dogs in her yard. She spoke with Chief Gaddy and was instructed to call the pound. The Dog Pound came out but did nothing. Mayor Deese and Council Member Whitley commented that Marshville doesn't have a leash law. We depend on the county for animal control services. It was suggested she speak with Michelle Tucker, supervisor with Union Co. Animal Control. Chief Gaddy stated if she could find out who owns the dogs he will talk to them about the situation.

Adopt Agenda

Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Ned Beachum. Vote: All ayes

Consent Agenda Items

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

Presentation from Turning Point, Inc. – Jeannie Langston

Jeannie Langston with Turning Point Inc. gave a brief presentation of the services Turning Point provides. It is a domestic violence service provider in Union County. Its focus is on child victims in an effort to break the cycle of domestic violence. Last year, Turning Point served 644 women and children as victims of domestic violence. Of the 644 women and children

served, 365 were children. Turning Point, Inc. was established in 1985. It can house up to 42 women and children. On behalf of Turning Point Inc., Ms. Langston requested they be considered in the Town's budget.

Presentation from Red Cross – *Shelia Crunkleton*

Sheila Crunkleton, Director of Development with the American Red Cross gave a brief presentation of the services provided. She stated they serve Anson & Union counties. The Red Cross is partially funded by United Way. Last year they has a \$700,000.00 operating budget and were forced to make cuts. Last year the Red Cross touched 19,000 people/families. They served three Marshville families who were victim to house fires. The Red Cross provides disaster relief, health & safety training services, hosts blood drives, and serve armed forces and veterans. On behalf of the Red Cross, Ms. Crunkleton requested they be considered in the Town's budget.

Adopt Ordinance to change one-way direction of Washington Street

At the May 3rd meeting a motion was made by Council Member Whitley to change the one-way direction on Washington Street, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Council Member Ned Beachum to adopt the ordinance to make the street direction change official. The motion was seconded by Council Member Denise Whitley. Vote: All ayes.

Set time and date for Public Hearing for FY10-11 Proposed Budget

TA Thomas presented the budget message to Council. He requested they call for a public hearing regarding the proposed budget on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Town Hall. He also questioned if Council felt it necessary to have another budget work session. If so, he suggested it be scheduled Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. TA Thomas commented that the budget can be adopted after the public hearing even with noted changes, if applicable.

A motion was made by Council Member Dora Bridget to set the time and date for the Public Hearing for the FY10-11 Proposed Budget for Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Denise Whitley. Vote: All ayes.

A motion was also made by Council Member Dora Bridget to schedule a special meeting for a Budget Work Session on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Denise Whitley. Vote: All ayes.

Approve street closing from corner of Elm & E. Union St. to Cross St. –
PD Thifault

PD Thifault commented that he has a concert scheduled for June 25, 2010 and requested Council approve the street closing from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. It was determined that this is a state maintained road, therefore, if approved, Chief Gaddy will have to make a request to the state. A motion was made

by Council Member Denise Whitley to approve the street closing for the concert pending approval from the state. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Comments

PD Thifault commented that he would be visiting the schools giving out information about the upcoming Sports Clinics and the concert.

Chief Gaddy commented on the Police Cleanup Day held last Saturday. Officers volunteered and cleaned three yards. The project went well and another cleanup day will be scheduled. Also, he and TA Thomas are looking into a potential employee for the police dept. job vacancy.

Council Member Whitley commented that she would like to encourage people to attend the budget meeting and work session. She asked John Edmondson to put that into print in the paper.

Council Member Beachum commended TA Thomas for all his work on the budget. He also commended Chief Gaddy and the police dept. for their efforts in the cleanup day. He conveyed he had heard good reports.

Council Member Jefferson commended the police dept. for having the cleanup day. Also, he is pleased with the budget work so far. He appreciates staffs hard work. He encouraged the public to attend the budget meetings.

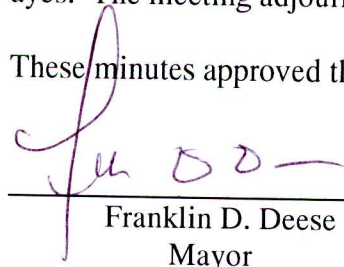
TA Thomas gave the Council several handouts in the way of providing information. The sale of two surplus vehicles on June 5, 2010 netted the Town \$3,315. There was also a handout describing the Union County Comprehensive Water & Wastewater Master Plan. Council member also received a copy of the final copy of the approved Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. TA Thomas invited council members to hear Dr. Ed Davis, Superintendent of Union Co. Schools, on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Marshville Community Center, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He also made mention of House Bill 1956, which is to change the form of government for the Town of Marshville. It has been introduced and is scheduled to be heard in committee on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. This process is moving along. The June 21, 2010 meeting will include approving changes to the site plan for the Habitat Subdivision. Requirements provided by the Planning Board have been met. Lastly, TA Thomas shared information that the General Assembly is looking into the regulation of Internet Sweepstakes Cafes.

TA Thomas commented, regarding the police dept. cleanup day, that he appreciates the job they're doing.

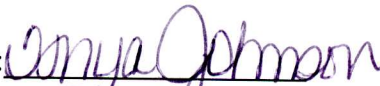
Mayor Deese expressed his appreciation to everyone.

There being no further comments, Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

These minutes approved this 21th day of June, 2010.



Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: 

Tonya Johnson
Interim Town Clerk

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

An ORDINANCE to amend an ORDINANCE

Changing the one-way direction of travel on Washington Street.

WHEREAS, The Town of Marshville has ordinances that regulate the direction of travel on certain streets and,

WHEREAS, Washington Street has a one-way direction of travel from South Carelock Drive easterly to South Elizabeth Street and,

WHEREAS, it has been made to appear reasonably necessary to the Marshville Town Council to amend such ordinance for safety reasons, now,

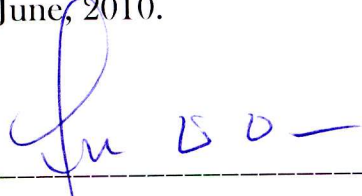
THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Marshville Town Council that Chapter F, Article IX, Section 2 of the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. ONE WAY STREETS. The following streets shall have the direction of travel limited to one way as indicated:

- (i) Park Drive - from Olive Branch Rd. southeasterly to E. Union Street
- (ii) Washington Street - from South Elizabeth Street westerly to South Carelock Drive

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective June 7, 2010.

Adopted on a motion by Council Member Denise Whitley, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, and approved by unanimous vote on this the 7th day of June, 2010.



Franklin D. Deese

Mayor

ATTEST:



Tonya Johnson

Interim Town Clerk



