

**Town of Marshville
Town Council Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Marshville Community Center – 118 E. Union St.**

REGULAR MEETING

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, Council Members Ned Beachum, Dora Bridget, Matthew Jefferson, and Denise Whitley, Attorney Bobby Griffin, 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. Also present was Reuben Crummy, NCDOT – TPB.

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.

No Public Comments

Adopt Agenda

Town Administrator/Manager Radford Thomas requested to have added to the agenda as Item #13 a letter from Marshville United Methodist Church requesting a street closing for a Community Block Party & Dedication of Hope House. Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to add to the agenda Item #13 – Street Closing for Block Party & Dedication of Hope House, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Council Member Whitley made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item #13 – Street Closing for Block Party & Dedication of Hope House. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All ayes

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens to accept the consent agenda as received, seconded by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All ayes

Parking Lot Closing on Elm Street

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to close the parking lot on Elm Street (behind HeBrews Coffee Shop) on May 8, 2010 from 1p.m. to 8 p.m., for a concert. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Comprehensive Transportation Plan Adoption/Approval

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to adopt the CTP plan as presented at the April 19th meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Budget Amendment for Sewer Rehab Project

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to approve the budget amendment for the Sewer Rehab Project (Fund 62), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Changes regarding Summer Camp

Park Director Alan Thifault recommended to the Council changing the set up of summer day camp into multiple sports clinics. PD Thifault has spoken to several coaches at East Union, Forest Hills, and Wingate University. The idea is to hold a different camp each week. PD Thifault stated that with approximately 20 participants in each weekly camp, the program would pay for itself. Council Member Whitley asked if the freeze on spending will affect the program. She also stated that summer camp has been a nightmare in the past. TA Thomas commented that no programs would be affected by the spending freeze. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens stated that people don't play tennis because the courts are kept locked. She questioned the use in having tennis courts if they are locked up and unable to be used by visitors to the park. PD Thifault stated that keys to the tennis courts can be obtained from Town Hall for a \$5 fee. Council Member Bridget commented that vandalism was the reason the tennis courts had to be locked. Council Member Whitley commented that the tennis courts are a part of the park and should be unlocked. TA Thomas recommended keeping the tennis courts unlocked during the day when PD Thifault is on the job. They can be locked in the evening, and arrangements made to get a key for weekend use. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens asked if bicycles were allowed in the park. PD Thifault commented that bicycles are allowed in the park, but not on the sidewalks.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridget for PD Thifault to run summer sports clinics as described in his handout to council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Beachum. Vote: All ayes

Surplus Vehicles

Chief Gaddy presented to council two vehicles, a Crown Victoria and Ford Explorer, to be declared surplus. Mayor Deese recommended that TA Thomas be directed to set date and time to advertise and auction surplus vehicles. A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to declare vehicles as surplus, and a time and date be set for auction. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Computer Use Policy

TA Thomas addressed expectations and appropriate use of the Town computers. Council was presented a draft of a Computer Use Policy for the Town of Marshville. Council Member Bridget questioned if this policy would apply to every employee. TA Thomas stated that a Computer Use Policy would be read and signed by every employee and it would become part of the Personnel Policy and kept on file. A motion to adopt the Computer Use Policy for the Town of Marshville was made by Council Member Bridget, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Change in the One-Way Street Direction of Washington Street

TA Thomas commented that the street currently runs one way from west to east. The street is too narrow for two-way traffic. John Edmondson of The Home News questioned changing the street direction. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens commented that cars drive the wrong direction on that street all the time. Council Member Beachum asked if all that was necessary is to change the street signs. Chief Gaddy commented that the school system and residents need to be notified in advance. Attorney Bobby Griffin commented that it is a good idea to give delayed notice to prepare residents of the change. TA Thomas recommended a June 1st effective date. A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to change the one-way direction on Washington Street, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

Change from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager form of Government

TA Thomas gave a handout to council of G.S 160A-101 and G.S. 160A-102 for their review. He commented that a change in the form of government can be done by an amendment of ordinance. TA Thomas recommended initiating this process at the next May meeting. Council Member Whitley commented that council should proceed with this action as soon as possible. TA Thomas commented that this does reflect changing the Town Charter. Mayor Deese suggested looking over the handout and being prepared at the next meeting of May 17th to put together a Resolution of Intent to move this process along. Attorney Bobby Griffin commended council for moving in

this direction. He hopes council will contemplate an entirely new charter because town needs a new charter. Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens feels council should contact the NC League of Municipalities for direction in this matter. TA Thomas stated that he plans to present to council in the budget a price for code recodification. Attorney Griffin commented that the change of government and new charter should be done at the same time. Mayor Deese recommended that TA Thomas check with the appropriate agencies to help move forward on this issue.

Marshville United Methodist Church Request for Street Closing

A motion was made by Council Member Bridget to close a section of Church Street for a Community Block Party & Dedication of Hope House on Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens. Vote: All ayes

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens to go into closed session per *G.S. 143.318.11.(a)(3)*. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bridget. Vote: All ayes

Mayor Deese called for a two minute recess at approximately 7:45 p.m. At this time department heads were dismissed.

CLOSED SESSION

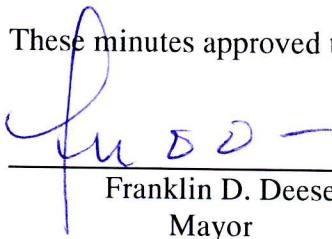
OPEN SESSION

No action from Closed Session.

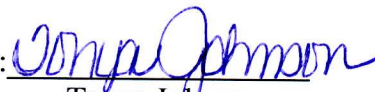
In open session, Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

There being no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

These minutes approved this 17th day of May, 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.*

Town of Marshville

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After further discussion and review, upon a motion by Council Member Whitley seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens and, upon being put to a vote, was carried unanimously, the Marshville Town Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 04-10

Adopting a Comprehensive Transportation Plan For Marshville, North Carolina

WHEREAS, the Town of Marshville and the Transportation Planning Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation actively worked to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the Town of Marshville; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Department of Transportation are directed by North Carolina General Statutes 136-66.2 to reach agreement for a transportation system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of traffic in the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through the Town of Marshville is a highly desirable element of the comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the Town; and

WHEREAS, after full study of the plan, and following a public hearing, the Marshville Town Council feels it to be in the best interest of the Town of Marshville to adopt a plan pursuant to General Statutes 136-66.2;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Marshville Comprehensive Transportation Plan as shown on the maps dated March 26, 2010, be approved and adopted as a guide in the development of the transportation system in the Town of Marshville and the same is hereby recommended to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for its subsequent adoption.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of May 2010.

I, Franklin D. Deese, Mayor of Marshville, North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted in an adjourned meeting of said municipality held on May 3rd, 2010. WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Marshville this the 27th day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:

Tonya D. Johnson
Tonya D. Johnson, Town Clerk



Franklin D. Deese, Mayor

