

Marshville Town Council
March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting
held at 7:00 P.M.
Marshville Town Hall
201 W. Main Street, Marshville, NC

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, Council Members Ned Beachum, Matthew Jefferson, Dora Bridget and Denise Whitley, Attorney Bobby Griffin, Town Administrator/Manager Radford Thomas, Interim Town Administrator John Munn, Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer Tonya Johnson, Director of Public Works Bivens Steele, Police Chief Mike Gaddy, Lieutenant Matt Tarlton, and Park Director Alan Thifault. Mayor Deese was not present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Council Member Ned Beachum gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem introduced and welcomed Mr. Radford Thomas as the new Town Administrator/Manager.

Adopt Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Approve contract for Town Administrator/Manager

At the request of Mr. John Edmondson, Interim TA Munn gave the highlights of the employment contract. A motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley to approve the contract, as presented, for Town Administrator/Manager, seconded by Council Member Dora Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

Community Outreach Project Forms

Chief Mike Gaddy reviewed the different Outreach Project forms. Council Member Denise Whitley commented that Mr. Radford Thomas' name should be added to several of the forms. Attorney Bobby Griffin stated that the Board needs to be sure the officer has the authority to make call if something happens in the field. Consensus of Council was to add Mr. Thomas' name and approve the forms at the April 5th meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding security monitoring software for town-owned computers

Council Member Denise Whitley conveyed to Council complaints brought to her attention from citizens and employees regarding inappropriate internet use during work time. She suggested looking into security monitoring software. Town Administrator/Manager Radford Thomas commented that he would look into this. He suggested the first step might be implementation of a Computer-Use policy for town employees. Software may be costly and should probably be a last resort.

Comments:

Park Director Alan Thifault gave Council dates and description of park activities including an Easter Egg hunt 4/3/2010 at 5 p.m. Also, the Easter Bunny will be visiting the schools and nursing home. April 10th is opening day for the Marshville Athletic Association. The park will be a check-in point for a motorcycle run for Relay for Life. On May 8th there will be a concert in town. Currently, there is an exercise class and knit/crochet class going on.

The lock system, according to several locksmiths, will be difficult due to the type of doors at the Community Center. Council Member Denise Whitley commented that Town policy says we can rent the small room which houses the exercise equipment. Therefore, the room cannot be an exercise room since it can be rented out. Council Member Ned Beachum commented that Town policy states that the entire building can be rented.

Public Works Director Bivens Steele informed Council of some work zone signs and that DOT is repaving an area of Hwy. 74 in Marshville. Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens asked about cleanup along streets. PWD Bivens Steele commented that inmate crews are no longer available due to budget cuts. Union County jail still handles community service and he will contact someone and look into community service workers.

Police Chief Mike Gaddy commented that the Community Outreach is going well. The town still has some streetlights out. There are approximately 20 to 25 applicants for police officer.

Council Member Matthew Jefferson welcomed Mr. Thomas and is looking forward to a new and good year for the Town of Marshville. He desires to have some good budget planning this year. He wants to look into projects such as sidewalk extensions, park development, land acquisition, a new charter, downtown revitalization, and water/sewer.

Council Member Ned Beachum welcomed Mr. Thomas. He thanked Mr. Boyce and his employees for cleaning up some trash around town.

Council Member Denise Whitley welcomed Mr. Thomas and is looking forward to working together. She shared with Council an opportunity she received to ride aboard an air-to-air refueling plane in Goldsboro on March 23rd. Also, she inquired about status of minutes from previous meetings. Interim TA Munn commented that Shelley is extremely busy with new job and we may have to look into some alternatives if she cannot get them completed in the next few months. Attorney Griffin commented that there is no law stating the Town has to have them. He suggested going ahead and getting them typed up, or the Board can adopt the audio tapes.

Council Member Dora Bridget welcomed Mr. Thomas. She also expressed appreciation and good wishes to Interim TA Munn. Council Member Bridget apologized for missing the last meeting. Her absence was due to God-daughters memorial service.

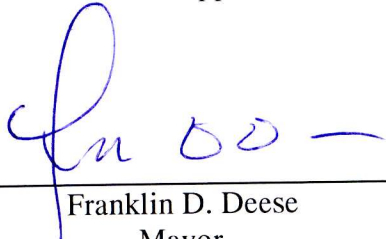
Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens welcomed Mr. Thomas. She thanked Interim TA Munn for his work here.

Interim TA John Munn commented that the citizens feel the Board made a good choice. He discussed a visit he and PWD Steele had with Shannon Schweitzer with the NC Turnpike Authority. Advertising will begin in April and bids will be in December or January. He also commented about a Fire Service meeting he attended at the Ag Center. He indicated there are lots of issues and a study is going to be done.

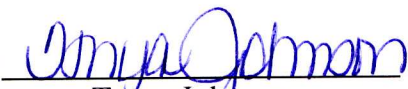
Town Administrator/Manager Radford Thomas commented that he is appreciative of the opportunity to serve. His desires are to line up priorities, get everyone working together, and progress and move forward. He is looking forward to spending time with the department heads and staff. "We'll be a team", he says. He is in search of housing and welcomes any information.

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

These minutes approved this 5th day of April, 2010.



Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: 

Tonya Johnson
Interim Town Clerk