

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Meeting  
Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:00 PM  
Marshville Town Hall – 201 West Main St.**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Franklin Deese, Mayor Pro-Tempore Matthew Jefferson, Council Members Norma Carpenter, Margaret Bivens, Gary Huntley and Dora Bridget.

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Amanda Reid; Town Clerk/Finance Officer, Tonya Johnson; Town Attorney, Bobby Griffin; Police Chief, Carl Webber; Lieutenant, Matt Tarlton; Director of Public Works, Bivens Steele and Park Director, Alan Thifault.

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Deese called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The invocation was offered by Town Attorney, Bobby Griffin. The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by all in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting**

A motion to adopt the agenda as received was made by Council Member Bridget, seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Donna Franklin of 511 Cindy Street, Marshville, addressed the Town Council stating a complaint that she and her son had received discourteous treatment by Marshville police officers during an attempt to break up an altercation near her home. Mayor Deese explained that personnel matters cannot be discussed in open session and recommended that Ms. Franklin make an appointment with the Town Manager.

Ms. Mary Harrell of 6109 W. Marshville Blvd., Marshville, addressed the Town Council with a complaint regarding excessive noise coming from the Marshville Apartments.

Ms. Waverly Cash of Flake St., Apt. 23, Marshville, addressed the Town Council stating a complaint of harassment by a Town of Marshville police officer. Mayor Deese explained that personnel matters cannot be discussed in open session and recommended that Ms. Cash take the matter to the Police Chief or makes an appointment with the Town Manager.

**Consent Agenda**

- May 20, 2013 Town Council Minutes – Special Meeting
- May 20, 2013 Town Council Minutes – Regular Meeting
- Town of Marshville North Carolina Domestic Violence Proclamation 100 Day

A motion to accept the consent agenda and approve the items thereon was made by Council Member Bridget, seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed unanimously.

**Discussion & possible action regarding NC DOT Speed Limit Ordinance Requests**

The Town Manager referenced the Speed Limit Concurrence Ordinances received from the Department of Transportation and stated she has no issue with three of the requests. The Town Manager did, however, have concerns with two of the ordinances. One ordinance proposes to change the speed limit from to 45 mph along Marshville Blvd. (US 74) from White Street to Unarco Road, part of which is currently 35 mph and the other proposes to change the speed limit to 55 mph from Forest Hills High School Road to Cuddy Drive, part of which is currently 45 mph. The Town Manager was directed to discuss these two requests

with the Department of Transportation and bring information back to the Town Council. It was recommended that the other ordinances be approved once council received the information.

### **Discussion of the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget**

The Town Manager reviewed the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget in its entirety. She stated that the revenue neutral tax rate for the Town of Marshville is \$0.50 and the proposed tax rate is \$0.455. The Town Manager commented that Marshville is one of the few full service municipalities in Union County and stressed the need to transition towards revenues matching expenditures for future viability of the Town. The Town Manager reviewed significant budget highlights of each fund and each department within the fund.

Beaver Lane Volunteer Fire Department requested \$20,000.00 for FY 2013-2014 an increase from \$15,000.00 in prior years. The Town Manager stated that the fire department had seen substantial reduction in funding from Union County. Her budget proposal included \$18,000.00 to be allocated to the fire department. Mayor Deese suggested that the Town Council meet the fire department's request for the full \$20,000.00. It was the consensus of the Town Council to budget the full request of the fire department.

The Town Manager stated that per the Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances pertaining to Public Works, every resident and business must pay for garbage disposal service. The Town will begin enforcement of this ordinance in FY 2013-2014. In the future, the Town Manager desires to have the garbage fee included on the tax bills.

The cost of the Christmas lights was discussed after review of the budget. Mayor Deese stated that over \$10,000.00 is too much money to spend on Christmas lights and the associated costs such as equipment rental and utilities for the Highway 74 corridor. Council Member Carpenter was in agreement. After some discussion the consensus of the council was to reduce lights on Hwy. 74 and add more Christmas lights in the downtown area.

The Town of Marshville purchases water from Anson County and sends wastewater to both Anson and Union counties. The Town has received notification of increases in rates from Anson County and Union County for water and wastewater. There are plans for North Carolina Rural Water Association to perform a comprehensive rate structure study within FY2013-14. Discussion ensued regarding sending more wastewater to Anson County which would require both the Town and Anson County to upgrade infrastructure. The importance of capital reserve funds was discussed. Mayor Deese requested that the Town Manager research the process of levying an additional sales tax for a specific purpose and bring back information.

Mayor Deese called for a brief recess at 8:45 pm and reconvened the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Budget presentation and discussion resumed. The Town Manager was directed to explore the costs of a new leaf truck for public works, online bill pay options and credit card agreements. She was also directed to provide documentation comparing what is currently budgeted for public works employees and a salary increase of 5% for public works. Mayor Deese requested documentation showing projections of an incremental tax increase until the point of revenue neutral.

### **Call for Public Hearing for the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget, Fee Schedule and Amendments to the Code of Ordinances**

Attorney Griffin outlined the budget procedures. A motion to call for a public hearing to be held Monday, June 17, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at Town Hall to receive public input for the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget, Fee Schedule, (a copy of which has been placed with the Town Clerk) and Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, and to authorize the Town Manager to advertise such was made by Council Member Huntley, seconded by Council Member Bivens and passed unanimously.

### **Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager stated the proposed budget is very comprehensive and she appreciated the work and patience of the staff and Town Council during this budget process. The Small Town Main Street application has been submitted and received by the Department of Commerce. Notifications of designations are planned for mid-July. Work on the CIP/Asset Management Plan is scheduled to begin in July once the grant agreement has been received. The auditors will begin preliminary work in mid-June. The Town Manager also reported attendance at a meeting with Union County last Friday to discuss sewer rates and increases in costs. Additionally, each council member should have received a revised meeting schedule reflecting the transition to one meeting per month beginning at the start of the new fiscal year.

### **Mayor and Town Council Member Comments**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Jefferson commented on the well prepared budget. He also informed the Council of a reported ammonia leak/explosion at a poultry plant in China with fatalities and reminded everyone how lucky the Town was during the Pilgrim's Pride incident.

Council Member Carpenter expressed her appreciation at the hard work that went into this budget. Council Member Bivens agreed.

Mayor Deese stated this Council needs to do what is necessary for the Town to move forward and expressed his appreciation to everyone for their hard work.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bivens, seconded by Council Member Huntley and passed unanimously. There being no further comments the meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

These minutes approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Franklin Deese  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tonya D. Johnson  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MARSHVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
PROCLAMATION 100 DAY**

Att. 2581a

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Marshville is concerned about the issues of domestic and teen dating violence in the state of North Carolina, and,

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that on average, 3 women are murdered by their intimate partners every day, and,

**WHEREAS**, 95% – 97% of severe domestic violence occurs against women of all ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status, and,

**WHEREAS**, battering is the leading cause of injury or hospitalization for women, and

**WHEREAS**, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that more than 9 times as many women are murdered by a man they know than are killed by strangers, and,

**WHEREAS**, statistics show that our youth are enduring dating violence as early as age 13 and show that half of reported date rapes occur among teenagers, and,

**WHEREAS**, surveys show that only 33% of teenagers who are in an abusive relationship ever tells anyone, and,

**WHEREAS**, there were 63 domestic violence homicides in the state of North Carolina in the year 2012 and there has been 10 domestic violence homicides in North Carolina in 2013 as of March 15, 2013, and,

**WHEREAS**, sexual abuse is also a form of domestic violence, and,

**WHEREAS**, we believe that educating our communities on the issues of domestic and teen dating violence is imperative, and,

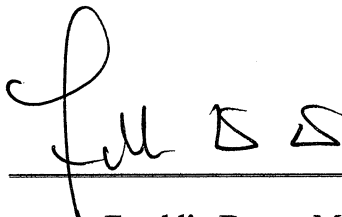
**WHEREAS**, Mothers On A Mission Domestic Violence Organization is dedicated to educating the state of North Carolina on the issue of Domestic and Teen Dating Violence, and,

**WHEREAS**, Mothers On A Mission has dedicated *Saturday June 15, 2013* to a statewide educational event on the issues of domestic and teen dating violence, and will set up radio and television interviews, and workshops across North Carolina.

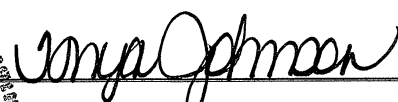
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Marshville, hereby officially proclaim Saturday June 15, 2013 as North Carolina Domestic Violence Proclamation 100 Day.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2013.

Attest:

  
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Franklin Deese, Mayor



  
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Tonya Johnson, Town Clerk

# Public Comments Sign-Up Sheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC OF DISCUSSION	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Donna Franklin	511 Cindy St.	Jeff (Billy)	704-624-0318	Donna.Franklin1963@yahoo
2	Mary m HARRILL	4109 W. Burn	Officers being disrespectful	704-434-6401	
3	Walterly J Ash	Clarest Apt 23	Nbise		
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**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda for the Meeting**
- 3. Public Comment**  
*Please sign in at the podium. Before speaking, state your name and address. Please limit comments to two minutes.*
- 4. Consent Agenda**
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- 5. Discussion & possible action regarding NC DOT Speed Limit Ordinance Requests**
- 6. Discussion of the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget**
- 7. Call for Public Hearing for the proposed FY2013-2014 Annual Budget, Fee Schedule and Amendments to the Code of Ordinances**
- 8. Town Manager's Report**
- 9. Mayor and Town Council Member Comments**
- 10. Adjourn**

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