



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Regular Meeting
August 07, 2023, 7 PM
Marshville Town Hall
118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103**

In Attendance: Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton; Council Member Monaca Marshall, Gary Huntley, Margaret Bivens

Absent: Paulette Blakeney

Staff Attendance: Town Manager Franklin Deese and Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent

Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Larry Smith called the meeting to order. Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Adoption of Agenda: Item 4a – Discussion of amendment to the fee schedule. Item 10a – closed session G.S 143-318.11(a)(3): To confer with the attorney concerning a legal matter (if the attorney attends the meeting). The motion was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

Consent Agenda: The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Bivens—all ayes.

Discussion of amendment to the fee schedule:

Manager Deese spoke with the Land Use Administrator and Community Coordinator about proposed fees for special events and temporary structures to add to the fee schedule. The application fee would be \$20, and the temporary structure fee would be \$40.

Mayor Smith asked if you were having a yard sale on your private property and putting up a shelter, would this fall under the ordinance? Manager Deese replied yes, it would require a temporary structure permit. Temporary structures still apply to public and private properties. He will take the questions that the council has to Mr. Wells and Mrs. Medlin to get answers.

Manager Deese spoke to the council about adding the print to the fee schedule about grave marking. The fee has already been set previously at \$150. This fee applies to the funeral home, not citizens. Member Marshall commented that the town should mark the graves, not the funeral home. Mayor Pro-tem Staton agreed.

Discussion/Action regarding CEC Master Plan for sewer turnaround:

Manager Dees shared the map of the sewer system with the public. He explained the current flow path to Union County and Anson County. The master plan will be split into two phases. Phase One will turn two sections to the lagoon and pump stations to send it back towards Anson County. Currently, Marshville is sending 250,000 gallons per day to Anson County. With the turnaround, it will allow for 600,000 gallons.

Phase Two will allow additional upgrades to the force main to allow 1 million gallons to be sent to Anson County.

The town has received a grant for \$4 million for Phase One, and we are waiting for the state to pass their budget to get allotted an additional \$4 million projected. Mayor Smith asked what the price tag is for the master plan. Manager Deese said roughly \$7.9 million.

The motion to approve the sewer system turnaround master plan was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Bivens—all ayes.

Discussion about Christmas Flags on Highway 74:

Manager Deese explained to the council that many decorations needed to be replaced. Some of the electrical poles do not work. A solution was suggested to have decorative Christmas flags instead of lights on Highway 74 for just this year. This will allow for repairs to the poles and replacing the decorations. Mayor Pro-tem said the flags would be uniform and look much better down the highway.

A comment from the public of possibly having a solar light illuminate the flags at night. Manager Deese said the flags would cost between \$200 to \$350, but he could research what solar lights would cost. The council requested the manager to research and bring back information about the costs and size of flags.

Discussion concerning the gazebo at the cemetery:

Manager Deese said the estimate to repair was \$12,000. For an additional \$4,800, the gazebo can be painted. He asked the council if the staff should do the painting themselves or have the gentleman. He did budget to allow for additional costs. The consensus of the council is to have the gentleman paint the gazebo.

Manager's Comments:

Manager Deese said he had looked back at the April 03, 2006, minutes to find the original members. He contacted Sue Helms to invite her and a few other members to meet with the staff. The projected meeting date is August 15. He is waiting to hear back to finalize.

The update on the lake: Engineers are getting to the point of drawing the pier. Once the drawing is available, bids can be sent out for construction. There is still no progress on the septic tank/drip system. The staff has been looking at the idea of holding tanks or options.

Member Marshall asked about progress on the Saturday market. Manager Deese said it had been discussed previously, but nothing was planned. He will speak with Mrs. Medlin to reach out to the citizen interested in possibly hosting the market and bring back information.

Council Comments:

Margaret Bivens: Had a meeting at the museum. Wants the town to look good as the home of Randy Travis.

Gary Huntley: Happy to see the public. We are working hard for the town. He gave his condolences to Member Bivens for the loss of her brother. He said he would not see the town divided over race or politics. We need to get along together.

Monaca Marshall: Thanked the public for coming out.

Ernestine Staton: CRPTO meeting – DOT analysis of Marshville bypass. August 25th, back-to-school paint party at the community center. Ages 8-13. Thanking the public for coming out and condolences to Member Bivens.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Smith told the public that the piece of land on which the largest pump station resides was part of a strategic move for this sewer turnaround.

He said he would like to see if the newsletters can be sent electronically to those who don't receive their water bill in the mail. Manager Deese said he would try to figure something out for digital format.

Mayor Smith asked the manager about a satellite annexation for the lake property. Have him look into the pros and cons. Manager Deese replied that he believed it was far enough away from Peachland. He will look into it and report back to the council.

Mayor Smith spoke to the council, relaying that things will start moving. Ask questions and challenge ourselves. We need to be ready for it.

Closed Session G.S 143-318.11 (a)(5) instruct staff on negotiation: The motion to go into closed session was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

The motion to end the closed session was made by Member Marshall and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Staton—all ayes.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Bivens—all ayes.

Approved this ____ day of September 2023.

Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST

Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk