

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 16, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Mayor Franklin Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Kiker, (*arrived at 7:28 p.m.*) Council Members Ned Beachum, Margaret Bivens, Dora Bridget and Denise Whitley, Interim Town Administrator John Munn, Town Clerk and Finance Officer Shelley Maness and Attorney Bobby Griffin.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gail Kiker (*Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker called Mayor and said she would try to make the meeting*)

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

Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

Adopt Agenda.

Council Member Whitley made a motion to remove Item #7 Consider Forming a Subcommittee to Conduct Interviews for Town Administrator Position from the agenda. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 2 opposed. Mayor Deese voted in opposition to the motion to break the tie. The motion was denied. (Ayes: Council Member Whitley and Bivens; Nays: Mayor Deese, Council Members Beachum and Bridget)

Council Member Beachum made a motion to add a closed session regarding personnel matters according to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Council Member Bridget seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 2 opposed. Mayor Deese voted in favor of the motion to break the tie. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mayor Deese, Council Members Beachum and Bridget; Nays: Council Members Bivens and Whitley)

Council Member Bridget made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended with the addition of a closed session. Council Member Beachum seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 2 opposed. Mayor Deese voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mayor Deese, Council Members Beachum and Bridget; Nays: Council Members Bivens and Whitley)

Action Regarding Carolina Thread Trail Participation

Town Clerk and Finance Officer Maness advised that the Council needed to confirm their financial commitment to participate in the Carolina Thread Trail project and select a member for the steering committee and a member for the technical team. Council Member Whitley expressed her feeling that the town did not receive any benefit from participation, and therefore, made a motion for the Town of Marshville not to participate in the Carolina Thread Trail project. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. Vote: All ayes.

### Consider Giving Employees Gift Cards in Lieu of Annual Christmas Dinner.

Mayor Deese asked Council to consider giving gift cards in the amount of \$25 to the employees in lieu of the annual Christmas dinner. After discussion regarding whether to add \$25 to the employees' Christmas bonus or purchase a gift card, Council Member Bivens made a motion to authorize Finance Officer Maness to add \$25 to the employees' Christmas bonus check in lieu of the annual Christmas dinner and \$25 to the part-time employees' regular payroll check. The motion was seconded by Council Member Whitley. Vote: All ayes.

### Consider Forming a Subcommittee to Conduct Interviews for Town Administrator Position.

Mayor Deese advised that a Council Member had suggested having a subcommittee to handle the interviews for the position of Town Administrator consisting of Town Administrator Dryw Blanchard from Wingate, Interim Town Administrator John Munn and Town Clerk and Finance Officer Shelley Maness.

*(Mayor-Pro-Tem Kiker arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:28 p.m.)*

After discussion by council of the advantages and disadvantages of a subcommittee, Council Member Whitley made a motion to appoint Dryw Blanchard, John Munn and Shelley Maness to review the applications for the position of Town Administrator for the purpose of selecting the top three candidates to be brought to Council for final interviews and consideration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bridget and passed by a 4 to 1 vote. (Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker, Council Members Beachum, Bridget and Whitley; Nays: Council Member Bivens)

### Comments

Council Member Beachum complimented the public works department for the great job they are doing with the leaf collection and the lighting in the town.

Town Clerk Maness reminded everyone of the Christmas Tree lighting Friday at 6:30 p.m. and the parade at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Mayor Deese advised that he would not be in town and asked Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker take his place.

Interim Town Administrator Munn advised that Mr. Thifault had two choral groups to sing at the tree lighting and the council members were invited to the stage at the end of the singing.

Council members were asked to be at Town Hall at 1:45 p.m. for the parade.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel matter according to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded by Council Member Bridget. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 2. (Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker, Council Members Beachum and Bridget; Nays: Council Members Bivens and Whitley)

### Closed Session

### Open Session

Mayor Deese asked Chief Gaddy for a status report on Officer Chaffin. Chief Gaddy advised that Officer Chaffin was in school, but he did not have his schedule. Council discussed Officer Chaffin's responsibility to be at work when he was not in school and still on salary. Council Member Whitley made a motion to direct Chief Gaddy to contact Officer Chaffin, get a copy of his school schedule and assign him work in the Town when he is not in school. Council Member Bridget seconded the motion. Vote: All ayes.

Council Member Bridget made a motion to pay Officers Tarlton and Gerald for 10 days of suspension. Council Member Beachum seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 3 to 2 vote. (Ayes: Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker, Council Members Beachum and Bridget; Nays: Council Members Bivens and Whitley)

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Franklin D. Deese  
Mayor

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

*(Minutes transcribed by Karen B. Price)*