



**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Special Meeting  
January 21, 2023 9:00 am  
Marshville Town Hall  
118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103**

## **Special Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Ernestine Staton, Council Member Margaret Bivens, Council Member Paulette Blakeney, Council Member Gary Huntley, and Council Member Monaca Marshall.

**Staff in attendance:** Town Clerk Ann Sutton

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to capture Town Council Members' vision for Marshville's community and economic development efforts for the short term. Three phases are broken down over the course of five years.

### **2023-2024 Targets**

- Plan activities for the community center
- Create a community farmer's market
- Engage downtown stakeholders in the collective short-term vision
- Develop a plan for inviting downtown lighting
- Initiate town clean up

### **2024-2026 Targets**

1. Continue to define, plan and implement inside programs for the Community Center
2. Define locations and artists for community murals (ordinances should be final by 2024).
3. Define, plan, and implement music in downtown Marshville and the park.
4. Using the existing pedestrian study as a starting point, conduct a walkability study to increase accessibility across Marshville.
5. Install sidewalks and lighting according to the needs identified in the walkability study.
6. Clear the land near the lake. Create parking and trails.
7. Achieve sewer & water stability that will support town growth.

**2026-2028 Targets**

1. Complete lake trails and install playground equipment.
2. Install a football field and running track at the park.
3. Build a small amphitheater at the park.
4. Complete other park additions and renovations
5. Continue to add elements for revitalizing downtown Marshville.

A detailed summary report completed by Erich Schlenker and Carol Kline is available for viewing.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was given by Council Member Bivens. Council Member Blakeney seconded. All Ayes.