

**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Special Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens, Council Members Denise Whitley, Dora Bridget, Matthew Jefferson, and Ned Beachum, TA Radford Thomas, Interim C/FO Tonya Johnson, DPW Steele, PD Thifault, and Chief Gaddy. Also present was John Edmondson of *The Home News*. Mayor Deese was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Council Member Jefferson. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget Work Session

TA Thomas presented each council member and department head with a budget work file. He commented that his intent for this work session was to highlight items from department to department. He basically wanted to present an overview of the budget to date. He commented that the total budget to date is at \$2,845,475. The General Fund is \$233,674 less than the current year's budget, and the Enterprise Fund is \$13,985 more than the current year's budget. He

He referred council members and dept. heads to a handout, "2010-2011 BUDGET PREPARATION SUMMARY", where he pointed out that total property valuation is approximately \$10,000 less than in 2009-2010. This amount represents \$10,000 less in potential revenue. This information is provided from the county. Sales tax revenues are expected to remain flat based upon estimated provided from the NCLM.

The proposed/recommended budget figures do not reflect an increase in the tax rate.

He explained that he did not look at increasing fees for planning/zoning or facilities.

TA Thomas conveyed that budget figures for salaries and related payroll expenses reflect a 2% COLA adjustment for all budgeted positions. This results

in an increase of base payroll of \$6,383. This results in an increase of payroll expenses of \$8,197.

He also stated that budgeted amounts for health insurance reflect a 21% increase in current rates. This would result in an annual increase of \$18,000. Quotes are being obtained from other providers in an effort to find more affordable coverage. Also, workers comp. coverage reflects a \$9,000 increase.

He also stated that solid waste collection fees will be increasing 1%, according to current contract. The current rate is \$18.00. This appears to be generating enough money to pay for itself.

### GENERAL FUND

#4100 – Elected Officials – line item 4500 (Contracted Services) reflects ½ of the amount quoted for re-codification of the Town Ordinances.

#4220 – Administrator – line item 7400 (Equipment) reflects the cost of a laptop computer for staff and council's use.

#5000 – Public Buildings – TA Thomas discussed the possibility of making changes with DPW Steele. At present, there is a vacancy in this department. TA Thomas conveyed his desire to create an Asst. DPW person with some certifications to free up DPW Steele so he can better serve the town. He would also like to create a part-time position (25 hrs./week). He feels this would save the town money.

#5100 – Police

Line item 3300 (Supplies & Materials) – reflects money, \$31,000, for new 800 Radios. To date there is no grant money but we will apply if/when funds become available.

Line item 0702 (Spec. Separation Allowance) – this is supplemental retirement money for police officers that must be paid by the Town until the employee reaches age 62. The Town does not presently nor has it previously had a reserve account for the Separation Allowance. The amount budgeted for this year is for a portion of the year (from Oct. through June). The amount will be approximately \$13,000 per year).

Line item 7401 (Capital O/L Equip.) includes money to purchase a new patrol car. Chief Gaddy commented that the GHSP grant purchased one car, but it does not purchase another vehicle.

*A brief recess was called from 8:05 to 8:15 p.m.*



#5600 – Streets – line item 3400 (Sidewalks) includes \$26,000 for sidewalks (some sidewalk work is paid for by Powell Bill Funds).

#5700 – Powell Bill – line item 4500 (Contracted Services) includes \$100,000 for street re-surfacing and sidewalks (new sidewalk construction).

#5800 – Sanitation – line item 4500 (Contracted Services) includes waste disposal contract.

#6200 – Park

Line item 4500 (Contracted Services) includes costs of mowing, concerts, and pest control)

Line item 1500 – includes budgeted amount to put up covered picnic at park. It was suggested by several council members that we look into grant money (Parks & Recreation Trust Fund).

Line item 3300 (Supplies & Materials) – some council members questioned why this is such a large amount (\$7,500). Alan explained this is for materials/supplies to take care of fields, etc. It was commented that the Marshville Athletic Association makes no contribution to the park facility.

#### ENTERPRISE FUND

TA Thomas informed council and staff that both Anson and Union counties have notified the Town of increases in water and sewer charges. Union County will be increasing the Town's cost of sewer by 10%. Likewise, Anson County will be increasing the Town's cost of sewer by 2.4% and water by 6.5%. Therefore, water and sewer revenue estimates reflect a 10% increase in base rates. Garbage will be increasing 1%, from \$18.00 to \$18.20 per month.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens commented that she is against raising the water and sewer rates. Council Member Bridget stated that there is no other way.

#8280 – Water Operations – line item 4800 (Purchase Water Anson County) – budget amount reflects the rate increase proposed by Anson County.

Line item 7401 (Capital O/L Equip.) includes ½ of the amount to purchase a new dump truck. The other ½ is budgeted to Sewer Operations.

#8290 – Sewer Operations – line items 4502(Cont. Ser. Union County) and 4503 (Cont. Ser. Anson Sewer) – budget amounts reflect the rate increase proposed by Union and Anson counties.

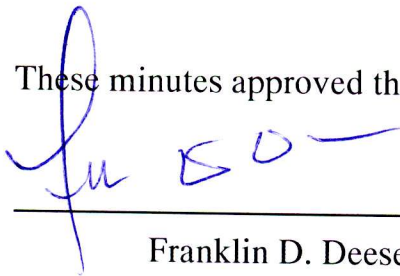
Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens asked about the availability of stimulus money.

TA Thomas commented that council would likely need to call for a Public Hearing at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Plans are to vote on budget at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

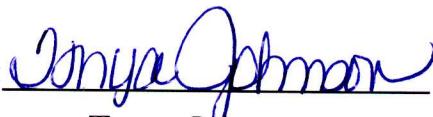
Adjourn

A motion was made by Council Member Whitley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bridget. Vote: All ayes.

These minutes approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

  
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Franklin D. Deese

Mayor

Attest:   
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Tonya Johnson  
Interim Clerk

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