

**Marshville Town Council
Special Meeting
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Marshville Town Hall
201 West Main St., Marshville, NC**

Present: Mayor Franklin D. Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens, Council Members Ned Beachum, Dora Bridget, Denise Whitley, Matthew Jefferson, Interim Town Administrator John Munn, Interim Clerk/Finance Officer Tonya Johnson.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Adopt Agenda

Mayor Deese requested to add to the agenda to have a resolution drafted by staff to formally present to Mrs. Elise Caudle Chambers a key to the city. Mrs. Chambers is the oldest living resident in Union County and Marshville. Council Member Ned Beachum made a motion to add item to the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Presentation to Mrs. Elsie Chambers

Mayor Deese commented that he would like staff to draft a resolution for Council to present to Mrs. Chambers at the next meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Denise Whitley to recognize Mrs. Chambers. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

John Edmondson of *The Home News* inquired if that presentation would be done at the next meeting. Interim TA Munn suggested we try to have Mrs. Chambers at the meeting to make the presentation. Mayor Deese agreed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens made a motion to go into closed session, per *G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6)*, to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ned Beachum. Vote: All ayes.

Comments

John Edmondson of *The Home News* asked if Council expected to take any action tonight. Mayor Deese commented there would be no final action tonight in open session. Mr. Edmondson inquired if Council would vote to hire someone tonight. Mayor Deese responded that there would be no vote to hire anyone. Mr. Edmondson asked if Council would vote to offer the job to someone. Mayor Deese commented that is a possibility.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

At approximately 7:26 p.m. Council Member Denise Whitley made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

Comments

Interim TA Munn brought to Council's attention a serious surface drainage problem. He was informed of this situation by DPW Steele. This could be a costly issue to deal with. The problem is the Town doesn't own the houses, therefore, it can't control problems. Too many houses on small lots are making the land unable to handle water run-off. The Planning Board is dealing with zoning issues. The Board needs to think through the type of zoning.

Council Member Denise Whitley asked if the properties are zoned R-10, or approximately four houses per acre.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens stated that the problem is the number of houses on such a small area. She indicated that some properties have been rezoned.

Mayor Deese commented that some properties would be grandfathered even if the zoning is changed now.

Council Member Whitley commented there may be certain requirements because the area is considered a subdivision.

Mayor Deese asked if this Board could enact something from a drainage standpoint to prevent building the houses so closely together.

Interim TA Munn suggested Council talk to DPW Steele about this drainage issue. A choice right now would be to reject action requested from the Planning Board. Too many houses stress the land. There just isn't enough land to handle water run-off. This may be another issue the Town will have to spend money on. DPW Steele is concerned the Town is going to get stuck with a very costly issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bivens commented about the same thing happening in other areas of town.

Mayor Deese questioned whether or not the cost could be attached to the homeowner.

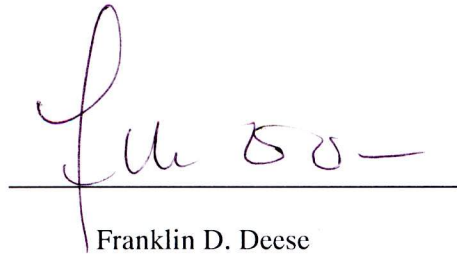
Interim TA Munn responded that the problem is the drains are off-site. In other words, they may be on someone else's property.

Mayor Deese requested that Interim TA Munn get some information on subdivisions.

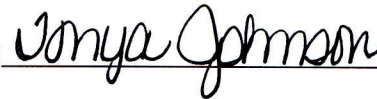
Interim TA Munn commented about issues with First Baptist Church. He stated he doesn't know exactly what's going on. He had a visit from Bob Chandler. The county doesn't want to provide a tap at the church. They want the Town of Marshville to buy into a tap at an estimated \$40,000. According to our engineers, we have an old system with small lines and hooking onto a large line would blow our lines out of the ground. We would have to install a pressure reducer valve. It doesn't do any good to us if we reduce the pressure. The town agreed to furnish a domestic tap to the church, not fire flow. According to DPW Steele, after meeting with our engineers, tapping onto that line doesn't seem to be a solution for us. The church doesn't want to install a pump and generator. The town is being encouraged to help with a solution. It is my understanding that Autumn Care has a similar arrangement. They have a pump and generator for fire flow. I don't see that the Town is obligated in any way. I have talked with DPW Steele and we are going to try to work with them. We are probably going to have to raise rates again this year. Problems are coming quicker than solutions.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes approved this 22nd day of March, 2010.

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Franklin D. Deese
Mayor

Attest: A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

Tonya Johnson
Interim Town Clerk

A brief recess may be called every 30-45 minutes as desired by Council.