

**Marshville Town Council  
Special Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Monday, June 9, 2008  
Marshville Town Hall  
201 West Main St., Marshville, NC**

Present: Mayor Franklin D. Deese, Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker, Council Members Ned Beachum, Margaret Bivens, Dora Bridget, and Denise Whitley, Director of Public Works Bivens Steele, Town Administrator Carl Webber, Park Director Alan Thifault, Police Chief Mike Gaddy, and Town Clerk/Finance Officer Shelley Maness.

Mayor Deese opened the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker gave the invocation. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discuss FY 2009 Budget, set date/time for any budget Special Meetings.

TA Webber distributed a revised budget proposal and amended budget memo that reflected the changes discussed at the last meeting. TA Webber noted that funds for the Park truck, the financial software and the cash collections workstation were not included in the current version of the proposed budget. He explained that the Clerk's computer had expired sooner than anticipated and would be replaced with a refurbished unit using FY 2008 funds. The revised budget proposal included funds to purchase new computers for the Clerk and Utility Billing Clerk, but no funds to replace the cash collections workstation which would be replaced with the refurbished computer.

Mayor Deese pointed out and Council concurred that funds were budgeted for one or more park events that may or may not include "Day in the Park". There was further discussion regarding the park and community center budgets, but no changes were suggested. PD Thifault was then excused.

Council Member Whitley asked about the \$3,000 per employee that was budgeted in the police budget. TA Webber explained that the police salaries were up for review and that Council must decide how much, if any, increase each officer would get. A discussion regarding funding for a new police vehicle followed. General consensus of Council was to leave the funding for the new vehicle as well as the \$3,000 for salary increases. Council agreed to evaluate the police salaries in July. Council also planned to donate the Ford Explorer to Beaver Lane Volunteer Fire Department and reduce their funding by \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Council Member Bivens felt that employees living outside of city limits should drive personal vehicles to and from home. Council Member Whitley asked TA Webber to get the distance and calculate the gas usage for police officers driving town cars to and from home.

Council Member Whitley asked if the Town was being reimbursed by DOT for mowing right of ways. C/FO Maness acknowledged that she had not invoiced DOT as she was not aware of such an agreement between the Town and DOT. TA Webber said that he would check the contract to be sure it was still in effect, but noted that it only pays for five mowings per year.

Council Member Bivens asked about fund balance. TA Webber explained that fund balance is appropriated every year in order to balance the budget. However, the Town had only actually used fund balance twice in the last nine years.

Council discussed funds for Christmas lights. DPW Steele said that funds were budgeted to decorate 14 poles on Highway 74 west of Southern States. Mayor Deese felt that the budgeted amount should be reduced and the decorations should remain in the downtown area. Council Member Bivens wanted to see decorations in her area of Marshville. Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker felt that the new signs should be decorated.

Mayor Deese called for a five-minute recess at approximately 8:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Deese decided to discuss revenues at the next meeting. He then asked to have funds budgeted for a feasibility study and/or a cost estimate for his proposed Wellness Center. Mayor Deese recognized that the Town would not be able to build such a facility without significant donations, but the first step was to determine if the project was feasible. Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker said that she was glad to hear Mayor Deese acknowledge that money would have to be raised. Council Member Bivens felt that something should be taken out of the budget in order to add funding for the feasibility study. Mayor Deese said that he would find something to cut before the next meeting, but commented that it was time to “put up or shut up” in regards to providing resources to the youth of Marshville. Mayor Pro-Tem Kiker agreed but felt that they needed to deal with the issues in the meantime. She felt that PD Thifault needed to continue to look into the skate boarding issue, noting that the tennis court was not being used. Council Member Bivens wondered why they would spend \$3,000 on a feasibility study and not put money toward a skatepark.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Franklin D. Deese  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley H. Maness  
Town Clerk