

**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Meeting  
Sunday, August 21, 2011  
2:00 PM  
Marshville Town Hall – 201 W. Main St.**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Present: Mayor Deese, MPT Margaret Bivens, CM Dora Bridget, CM Matthew Jefferson, CM Ned Beachum, Clerk/FO Tonya Johnson,

**Open/Welcome/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Frank Deese opened the special meeting of the Marshville Town Council at 2:07 p.m. He welcomed those attending and thanked them for coming out on a Sunday afternoon. All gave the Pledge of Allegiance. CM Ned Beachum gave the invocation.

Mayor Deese asked for a motion to go into closed session per *G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(6), To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee ...*

In open session a motion to go into closed session per *G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(6), To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee ...*, was made by CM Ned Beachum. The motion was seconded by MPT Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At approximately 3:10 p.m. a motion was made by CM Dora Bridget to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by MPT Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes.

**OPEN SESSION**

There was no action as a result of the closed session.

Mayor Deese gave the council members an update regarding the ammonia leak at Pilgrim's Pride that occurred last Tuesday. An ammonia odor was reported and the plant began to be evacuated. An explosion occurred in a blast freezer that knocked down a wall and blew a hole on the ceiling in an area of the plant. There were no injuries. Approximately 25 families were evacuated in the proximate vicinity. The Union County Information Officer was away on vacation so Mayor Deese was asked to coordinate with the public and make statements. To date there are no more leaks and cleanup is in process for the ammonia that settled. Pilgrim's Pride is working with OSHA to safely cleanup the ammonia. Pilgrim's Pride has suffered a tremendous loss. There is talk of the possibility of having to demolish and reconstruct the freezers. Pilgrim's Pride is compensating employees' for last week and this week's lost wages.

**Adjourn**

There being no further comments a motion to adjourn was made by CM Dora Bridget and seconded by MPT Margaret Bivens. Vote: All ayes. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

These minutes approved this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

BY: 

Frank Deese, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Tonya D. Johnson, Clerk

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