



**Town of Marshville  
Town Council Work Session  
Monday, January 17, 2023 7 pm  
Marshville Town Hall  
118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103**

**In Attendance:** Mayor Larry Smith, Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Staton; Council Members: Monaca Marshall, Paulette Blakeney, Gary Huntley, Margaret Bivens

**Staff Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese, Town Clerk Ann Sutton, Planning Administrator Jonathan Wells, ABC Chair Robert Morgan, Board Member Stephanie Baumer

## **Work Session Minutes**

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

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Adoption Work Session Agenda:** Town Manager Deese requested a closed session as item 9b statute 143-318.11(a)(3). A motion was given by Mayor Pro-tem Staton. Seconded by Council Member Paulette Blakeney. All Ayes.

### **ABC Board Presentation:**

Chair Robert Morgan brought the audit report to the town council showing a gross income of \$2.55 million. Mr. Morgan credited the 77% growth to the manager and assistant manager and thanked them for their hard work in the store. Mr. Morgan discussed with the town manager and mayor having a capped rent fee of \$3,000. Mayor Smith was presented with a check by the ABC board for the Marshville Police Department for \$19,000. Mr. Morgan told the council that the town could expect to receive a similar check each year contingent on having an Alcohol Law Enforcement officer trained and continued Alcohol education for the town. The ABC board would like a report on how the funds given to the police department are used. The board requested the police department to purchase ballistic shields for active shooter situations.

### **Presentation of Special Events and Temporary Structures Text Amendment**

Planning Administrator Wells spoke to the town council about the coming changes to Article 15 that will need to be approved. The changes will help structure Article 15 to be user-friendly and easier to administrate for permitting and approval. There will be adjustments to the rules, application procedures, and fee structure. Mr. Wells said he hopes to bring the final draft to the council by April 3<sup>rd</sup> for approval.

### **Presentation of Rezoning Text Amendments**

Planning Administrator Wells told the council he has been working with Union County GIS to get updated maps. Three parcels need to be included in the map. Mr. Wells plans to work with the planning board to make recommendations for the three parcels and have the town council approve them at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Manager's Comments:**

Town Manager Deese reminded the council of the visionary meeting on January 21, 2023. Member Huntley asked Mr. Deese about the progress on the lake property. Mr. Deese commented on cutting down trees on the east side of the lake. Mayor Pro-tem Staton informed the town manager of kids pushing in the gated area surrounding the basketball court. Mr. Deese said he would tell Allen about the situation.

### **Council Comment:**

Mayor Pro-tem Staton said she would attend the town state dinner on February 22 in Raleigh.

Member Marshall had no comments,

Member Huntley said he enjoyed the MLK parade and breakfast

Member Blakeney said she enjoyed the weekend and wished everyone a blessed week.

Member Bivens apologized for being late to the meeting.

### **Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Smith asked for public works to investigate the Forest Drive tap issue. He also asked if there was signage to be displayed for the community center. The town manager said a banner is in place while they work on an official sign.

### **Closed Session 143-318.11 (a)(3) – Attorney:**

*To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.*

Council Member Huntley made the motion to go into Closed Session and Council Member Marshall seconded this. All Ayes.

There was no action from the Closed Session.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton motioned to come out of the closed session with a second from Council Member Huntley. All ayes.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Pro-tem Staton gave the motion to adjourn. Council Member Gary Huntley seconded it. All Ayes.