



**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Work Session and Public Hearing**  
**Monday, April 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 Gary Huntley, Paulette Blakeney, Monaca Marshall, Margaret Bivens(late)

**Staff Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese, Planning and Zoning Administrator Jonathan Wells, Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent

**Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Member Huntley gave the invocation. All shared the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Hearing Minutes**

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Blakeney—all ayes.

**Staff Presentation:**

Jonathan Wells said he worked closely with Community Coordinator Lakeysha Medlin and the Planning Board in revising Article 15 Special Events and Temporary Structures. There has been an increased interest in hosting special events. The goal was to use the same ordinance structure but have more precise definitions to make it easier to understand and execute. There is one area in which the Planning Board and Town Council differed: whether Not for Profit organizations should require permits. The Planning Board's recommendation was Consistency Statement A.

**Input from the Public:**

Ginger Tucker is the Secretary of Treasure for the Marshville Chamber of Commerce. Ginger Tucker inquired about Section 15.2-2(e): Would the Randy Travis Music Festival and Marshville Christmas Parade, which the Marshville Chamber of Commerce sponsors, fall under this category? If not, could the town council and chamber representatives come together for a work session to address the permit process? The representatives have years of experience to share to help generate structure outlines, forms, safety plans, etc. The Chamber of Commerce would like to be kept in the information loop.

**Questions from Council:**

Mayor Smith asked if the Randy Travis/Parades would fall under the ordinance. Mr. Wells said yes. Mayor Smith asked if town-sponsored events would follow the same rules. Mr. Wells deferred to the town manager but felt the town should be held to the same rules. Manager Deese

confirmed they would follow the ordinance. Mayor Smith asked about the permit fees. Manager Deese said they are working on fees for permits. Food vendor permits must come from the health department.

Mayor Smith asked if you must have permission to use a location. Mr. Wells said the application form would have the information needed. Manager Deese said the council would have the final say in the amended fee structure. Mayor Pro-tem Staton expressed that the ordinance didn't read easily and concerned smaller organizations. Manager Deese explained that the ordinance might be complicated, but the application won't be. He will make a reasonable fee structure not to dissuade small organizations from holding events.

Mayor Smith hopes the applications will be more transparent and recommends working with the Marshville Chamber of Commerce. He also asked if the Randy Travis festival would work with the ordinance. Manager Deese said the town would work with everyone to have events. Mr. Wells feels that the festival will work and is reassured by Lakeysha and the Planning Board. Manager Deese suggested this could be a test run and tweak the ordinance later.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

#### **Discussion/Action as a result of the public hearing:**

Manager Deese asked the council what they would like to do. The council expressed their need for clarification about the red text in the text amendment. Mayor Smith asked about enforcement if there was a violation. Manager Deese said there would be consequences if the ordinance is violated. Member Huntley suggested tabling the decision until next month.

A motion to table the text amendment for next month was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Bivens. Vote 2 to 3 – motion failed.

A motion to adopt the text amendment, including the red text and omitting section 15.2-2(e), was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

#### **Result: Consistency Statement A**

- A. *"The proposed Text Amendment is considered consistent with the Marshville Town Plan 2035 by continuing to meet the Objective of the Plan 'To improve the quality of life of the citizens of Marshville by encouraging responsible growth management decisions, protecting the small Town character, developing an attractive community, preserving natural areas and historical assets, and ensuring a healthy local economy', and to align with the adopted Goals of Sec. 6 (General Development Strategies) to 'Ensure that Marshville's development policies are conducive to the long-term vision for the future and adequately control the location and appearance of future development.' It is considered to be reasonable and in the public interest."*

### **Discussion/Action as a Result of Anson County Interlocal Agreement**

Manager Deese told the council that Anson County agrees to accept 600,000 gallons of sewage. Marshville is sending 200,000 gallons per day to Anson County and 170,000 gallons per day to Union County. This agreement will add 230,000 gallons to allow for development. The council needs to approve and sign the agreement. Manager Deese thanked everyone that helped bring it together. Anson County will pay for its system, and Marshville will pay for its own.

Mayor Smith asked about his suggestion of 780,000 gallons. Manager Deese said the limit for Anson County's system is 600,00. In the original agreement, Anson County was responsible for dealing with industrial customer violations. Anson County will have Marshville enforce and correct violations in this new agreement.

A motion to approve the Anson County Interlocal Agreement was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

A motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

### **Work Session Minutes**

#### **Public Comments:**

Rusty Johnson – 115 Shady Lane

Mr. Johnson commented on the need to enforce the ordinances and hopes there will be money in the budget for a code enforcement officer. He also mentioned that Mr. Wells would be needed more or need someone else to help with permits.

**Adoption of Agenda:** A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Member Huntley and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

#### **Budget Discussion:**

Manager Deese said to Mr. Johnson's point that there would be money in the budget for a part-time code enforcement officer and to have Mr. Wells two times a week some weeks.

Member Huntley asked if the police department would be getting a new vehicle. Manager Deese said yes, they would. Member Bivens asked what was done with the old one. Manager Deese said they are auctioned off if they can't be used.

Mayor Smith asked if Mr. Wells would respond to questions outside of Mondays. Manager Deese said he would answer the following Monday. He understands the importance of having him more available and thinks he is doing well with the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Smith suggested making marketing literature to send out to let others know Marshville is open for business. Mayor Pro-tem Staton asked about larger signage by the highway. Manager

Deese said now would be the time to include it in the budget. He reminded the council of the branding event at the Spring Fest. Manager Deese said to be ready with what you want to add or remove from the budget. He will have a proposed budget to send out on Friday.

**Manager's Comments:**

Manager Deese said an AIA grant for \$181,000 was received. He is working on sending out On Call RFQ to multiple firms. People are still tampering with meters, and there is a need for a policy to enforce.

Member Marshall said she thought that they had something in place. Manager Deese said it was sent back with no approval. He said they would discuss it before the fiscal year's end. He reminded the council about the groundbreaking pictures at the lake at 9 am on Saturday.

**Council Comments:**

Member Bivens: said the caution light should be a stop light instead. Manager Deese said he would look into a traffic study.

Member Blakeney: Hippy Fest on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm at the Candle Factory. Inaugural Spring Fest May 20, 10 am to 9 pm. Juneteenth on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 2 pm.

Member Marshall: Glass on the street, and the street light is still out. Request for brighter lights in the budget.

Mayor Pro-tem Staton: The website needs to have the correct time for the Juneteenth celebration

**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Smith asked for an overview of sewer CIP. Manager Deese said AIA suggested \$500,00 into the budget last year. They have yet to use much of it but will use it towards Anson County Agreement. Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of June 2023.

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Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

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Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk