



**Town of Marshville**  
**Town Council Work Session**  
**November 20, 2023, 7 PM**  
**Marshville Town Hall**  
**118 East Union Street – Marshville, NC 28103**



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

**Staff Attendance:** Town Manager Franklin Deese and Town Clerk Ashlie Vincent

## **Work Session Minutes**

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

**Public Comments:**

Thomas Goodman – He submitted two new public record requests. He received a phone call from the police chief and stated it was unprofessional conduct from the police chief. The requests are to make a better Marshville.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

**Discussion about the National Fitness Campaign:**

Manager Deese showed a three-minute video to the council about the National Fitness Campaign. The council has a brief discussion. The consensus of the council was not to pursue the opportunity at the time.

**Discussion about sidewalks on West Main Street:**

Manager Deese said there had been questions about why there are no sidewalks on West Union Street. At one point, the town had the money but could not obtain easements from landowners to construct them. He stated he could start looking for money for sidewalks. Mayor Pro-tem Staton suggested revisiting the landowners to see if they are open to giving easements for a future project. Manager Deese said he would do so if directed but would check with the attorney to see the legality of being given easements.

**Discussion concerning the Code of Ordinances:**

The council members were given binders containing the Code of Ordinances. Manager Deese said the ordinances had been adopted in 2011 and may be time to look at updating. He asked the council to review and bring suggestions and questions for discussion.

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

- Progress is being made on the 2045 Plan.
- AIA Water Study mapping is being done, and once completed, a CIP will be made.
- The Marshville water and sewer agreement is on Anson County's agenda. Need to start thinking about capacity distribution.
- Fire hydrants – We have six and are waiting for four more. Work will begin in neighborhoods before working towards downtown.
- Surveyors out in town for sewer turnaround and sidewalk/crosswalk projects.
- Wooten will install monitors for stormwater at schools.
- At the next meeting will need to designate delegates for CRPTO, Centralina, and Mayor Pro-tem, and possibly a liaison to the ABC board.
- Lake Update – waiting for landscaping proposal from the engineering firm. Potential cost for building the pier: \$400,000. Bids will start being sent out around the first of the year.

### **Council Comments:**

- Gary Huntley: Thanked the public for coming out.
- Paulette Blakeney: Thanked the public for coming out. She wished everyone a good Thanksgiving. Looking good with the trees and lights around town. Enjoyed the Christmas Parade.
- Margaret Bivens: No comments
- Monaca Marshall: Thanked the public for coming out. Reminded the public to come to the meetings and voice their opinions.
- Ernestine Staton: Thanked the public for coming out. Commented on the lights on East Union Street being very dark and dangerous. Interest in getting a town telephone for town use only.

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

- Enjoyed the Marshville Christmas Parade.
- Veteran's Day dedication – enjoyed it.
- Question for the town attorney regarding requests for council data.
- Asked Manager Deese to make a financial snapshot of the town to inform/refresh council members.
- Expressed his appreciation to Margaret Bivens for her many years on the board.
- There will be a vacancy on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment with Stephen Passarelli going to the council.
- Need to have some conversations and respect each other.

### **Closed Session G.S 143-318.11(a)(6): Personnel –**

**Motion:** To go into a closed session was made by Mayor Pro-tem Staton and seconded by Member Blakeney—all ayes.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

**Motion:** To end the closed session was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Huntley—all ayes.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting was made by Member Bivens and seconded by Member Marshall—all ayes.

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

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Larry B. Smith, Jr., Mayor

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Ashlie Vincent, Town Clerk