



Town of Marshville

Town Council Regular Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

Please sign in at the podium. Before speaking, state your name, address, and limit your comments to two minutes

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Consent Agenda

a. Meeting Minute Approvals

i. Work Session 10/21/2019

ii. Continued Work Session 10/22/2019

iii. Special Meeting 10/31/2019

b. Re-appointment of ABC Commission Board Members

i. Bob Morgan – Chairman – 3 years

ii. Stephanie Baumer – CFO – 3 years

iii. Patricia Gauthier – 2 years

iv. Olin Marsh – 1 year

v. Dora Bridget – 1 year

5. Fire Fee Presentation by Patrick Niland, Union County Assistant Manager

6. ABC Store Review and Projections

7. Discussion on Litter and Tidiness of Streets

8. Manager's Report

a. Planning and Zoning Presentation

b. General Discussion and Comments

9. Council Members' Comments

10. Mayor Comments

11. Adjournment

*Combined Town Council Meeting with Planning & Zoning Meeting January 13, 2019 –
Martin Luther King's Birthday and Town Hall Closing January 20, 2019 – No Work Session
Scheduled for January.*



Town of Marshville Town Council Work Session

Monday, October 21, 2019 7:00 PM

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Agenda

Attendance: Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan; Council Members Norma Carpenter, Gary Huntley, Ernestine Staton, and Margaret Bivens

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Franklin Deese; Town Clerk Ann Sutton; Police Chief Matt Tarlton

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Call to Order by Mayor Pro-tem Morgan. Council Member Huntley gave the invocation. All gave the pledge.

Public Comment:

Jim Rowell, 516 E. Union Street, wanted to discuss the hunting for the new Town Manager. The possibility is that on election day, there will be three new members on the board including a new Mayor. Mr. Rowell would like to wait until after the November election. The newly elected members need to be involved in the process. The process needs to be stopped and the Interim Town Manager should not be a part of the process. That would make it fair for the new board members who will be working with the new manager for the next four years.

Erin Moore, 711 Olive Branch Road, would like to thank the town for correcting the links to the board members on the website. Thank you for Council Member Huntley's phone number. She would still like to see Mr. Huntley have an email address. Mrs. Moore would like the police chief to be involved with the crosswalk on Elizabeth and Hwy 74. She thinks his input would be valuable since Chief Tarlton understands traffic patterns and turns at that intersection of Highway 74. Mrs. Moore said the council needs to stop the process of hiring a new town manager. If the process is not stopped, would Council please put some impartial citizens on the committee to help in the process. She has spoken with people on a Town Manager's/Town Government Forum and they agree this process has been handled unethically. She would also like the town council to adopt a Code of Ethics.

Roger Braswell, 520 South Elm Street, said his remarks were directed towards three candidates who came to the town's Candidate Forum. Marshville is appreciative of the governing officials who care about this town. Marshville is appreciative of the candidates who care about the town and attended the forum to answer questions concerning the town. These three candidates have

my utmost respect: Mrs. Nancie Mandeville, Mr. Jim Rowell, and Mr. Larry Smith. Thank you for your unselfish act by entering the Candidate Forum. Others deserve recognition. Thank you, Interim Town Manager Frank Deese, for your years of service and for attending the Candidate Forum. Council Member Carpenter, even though you will not be returning to office, you were present at the forum. We hold you in high esteem for your dedication to the town.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Interim Town Manager Deese would like to add a closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Motion to approve agenda with the addition of a Closed Session was made by Council Member Norma Carpenter and seconded by Council Member Ernestine Staton. All agreed.

Discussion of Interview Schedule for New Town Manager:

Interim Town Manager asked for an interview date so the Town Clerk would have time to get the candidates here. Council Member Staton said since we were asked to start the process by our citizens, she feels we should continue the process. Council Member Bivens agreed with Council Member Staton. The date of November 2, 2019, was chosen as the day to begin the interviews. The consensus was that all agreed with the date.

Council Member Huntley asked, “what were we elected for”? We all took an Oath of Office to do the right thing. Council Member Huntley asked that Council be allowed to do their job.

Review/Discussion of Proposed Changes to Town of Marshville Code of Ordinances:

Interim Town Manager gave the council proposed changes to the Limbs and Leaves Policy. Interim Town Manager Deese would like all to review and let him know what to keep or the things to change. Interim Town Manager Deese did not find a town that would pick up what contractors produced. Interim Town Manager Deese demonstrated allowed sizes of limbs that the town would pick up.

Discussion of Student Internships and Possible Hourly Wage:

We had three interns that are interested in working with the town. Council Members Bivens and Carpenter think \$10 an hour would be a fair rate for the work. The plan is to use them for the rest of this semester. All thought this was a good idea.

Manager’s Report:

Interim Town Manager Deese was asked to research Town Manager salaries. This was in response to citizen comments at the last town meeting. Zip Recruiter has an average salary of \$55,500. Indeed.com has an average salary of \$60,879. This is 22% less than the national average. The North Carolina League of Municipalities has an average salary of town with a population between 2,500 and 4,999 is \$71,446.

We have submitted our Fast Charge Grant Application.

In reference to the donation from Waste Pro, Interim Town Manager Deese got an itemized list for Waste Pro of what they have done for the town. \$3,800.00 of “in-kind” services are given

during the Randy Travis Festival such as porta-johns and event boxes. Cash of \$2,506.92 was given to pay for park improvements. And, \$996.00 was used to create our recycling calendar. That is a total of \$7,302.92.

Interim Town Manager Deese has sent a waiver letter for the PARTIF grant. The PARTIF Application is out for next year. Interim Town Manager Deese has begun work on the grant. It does require a Master Plan for the Park. 1997 is the last one we had. Site Solutions did the Master Plan for the park. Site Solutions was sold to another company. The new company probably does not have this information. Interim Town Manager Deese has contacted two other companies to see if they can do a Master Plan.

Interim Town Manager is trying to schedule a meeting for next week with the volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Interim Town Manager Deese will have a meeting with a citizen interested in the Downtown Associate Community Program. Their next application acceptance is 2021. Small Town Main Street did provide with us a Marshville Downtown Retail Market Study. So, we can use the study to formulate a process so that when the application process starts, we will be ahead of the game. All of these programs are community-driven programs that the town supports. We need a citizen committee to be involved.

Interim Town Manager Deese contacted Jeff Littlefield, a Division Management Engineer. Mr. Littlefield said the money for this year's road improvements is spent, the list is complete. Olive Branch Road has been put on the list for next year. Interim Town Manager did ask for some orange reflector signs to go over the 35 mph signs to bring attention to them.

Interim Town Manager Deese is still working with Union County on the Water/Sewer transition.

Interim Town Manager Deese spoke with Dr. Henry who is interested in helping with the maintenance of the ballfields.

Interim Town Manager Deese is still working on how to collect the solid waste fees. Council Member Carpenter said it should go on the property tax bill.

Interim Town Manager Deese is working with CRTPO in hopes of getting discretionary funding. It is possible the Park Drive project cannot be funded with Federal funds. Curtis Bridges of CRTPO is looking into that for us. We can't have the Union Street project information ready by the October 31st deadline. Because of the crest of the street, that will take a little more time. The Elizebeth Highway 74 Crossing project estimated cost did not come up to the minimum \$250,000 that is offered. However, it can be added to another project to get a minimum of \$250,000 that is offered. Other plans were discussed which could add points with CRTPO and the grant process.

Council Comments:

Council Member Margaret Bivens had no comments.

Council Member Carpenter went to the CRTPO meeting. She said she has enjoyed it quite a bit. CRTPO is very worthwhile. She asked all to have a safe and happy Halloween.

Council Member Huntley restated that when you take the Oath of Officer, you know what you are doing.

Council Member Staton agreed with Council Member Huntley. We all work to the best of our ability. At some point, we need to come together. We all want the betterment of the town. There is no reason to dislike anyone. I love what I do. I hope we can come back together and be positive.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem said that we should establish what the Town Manager is to do and not to do. What do you want the manager to do? Do you want the council to help in hiring key positions? Give it some thoughts. Do not overstep. The Board needs to be more policy oriented. The COG meeting was long and boring. However, they are writing a grant to get rapid rail from Charlotte all the way to Wadesboro. It will have stops along the way. Mayor Pro-tem thanked Interim Town Manager Deese for all his hard work.

Council Member Ernestine Staton made a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Bivens seconded the motion. All agreed. 8 pm
G.S. 143-318.11.(a)(5)

End Closed Session

Adjourned to Reconvene

Council Member Carpenter made a motion to recess the meeting to be reconvened Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 7 pm. Council Member Ernestine Staton seconded the motion. All said aye.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MARSHVILLE

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Reconvened Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Marshville Town Hall

118 E. Union Street

7 pm

Meeting of Monday, October 21, 2019, Reconvened

Attendance:

Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan, Council Members Ernestine Staton, Margaret Bivens, Gary Huntley, and Norma Carpenter.

Meeting Call to Order:

The invocation was given by Council Member Huntley. All gave the pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Return to Closed Session:

A motion was made to reconvene the October 21, 2019 meeting by Council Member Staton and seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said aye.

Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) at Marshville Town Hall Meeting Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2019...

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.... The public body may consider and give instruction to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure...

Discussion of Union County vs. Marshville

Motion to Return to Open Meeting:

A motion was made by Council Member Staton to close the Closed Session and return to an open meeting. This motion was seconded by Council Member Huntley. All said aye. 7:55pm

Council Discussion Resulting from Closed Session:
No further discussion.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Council Member Staton to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Huntley seconded the motion. All said aye.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk



**Town of Marshville
Town Council Special Meeting**

Thursday, October 31, 2019 3 pm

Marshville Town Hall, 118 East Union St., Marshville, NC 28103

Special Meeting Agenda

Attendance:

Council Members Ernestine Staton, Gary Huntley, Margaret Bivens, and Norma Carpenter.
Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan absent.

Staff in Attendance:

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Call to Order and Invocation given by Council Member Huntley.

Pledge of Allegiance given by all.

A motion was made by Council Member Staton to go into Closed Session for personnel discussion per:

NCGS 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; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Council Member Carpenter made a second. All said aye.

Motion to Come Out of Closed Session was made.

Discussion/Action from Closed Session:

Three candidates for Town Manager were chosen. Interviews to take place on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 9 am.

Adjournment

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Larry B. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk