



Town of Marshville Town Council Work Session

Monday, December 2, 2019 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. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. July 15, 2019, Work Session Minutes
 - b. July 22, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes
 - c. July 26, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes
5. Presentation of Financial Statements by Eddie Carrick, CPA
6. Oaths of Office/Seating of New Town Board
 - Council Member – Elect Ernestine Staton
 - Council Member – Elect Margaret Bivens
 - Council Member – Elect Paulette Blakeney
 - Mayor-Elect Smith
7. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore & Oath of Office
8. Resolution of Appreciation
 - Council Member Norma Carpenter
9. Discussion & Appointment of Town Board Liaisons
 - a. Appointed Town Boards and Committees
 - b. Regional Representative
 - i. Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG)
 - ii. Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)
10. Manager's Report
11. Council Members' Comments
12. Mayor Comments
13. Adjournment

Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 15th, 2019 7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Work Session

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

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk; Michael Garrison, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Deese called the Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Diane Amundson, 1018 Hasty Rd., discussed the Town LED sign. She stated that it is butting heads with the ABC Store sign that is on top of it. She also brought up the issue of Manager Howard leaving and asked what the time frame is for the replacement.

Mayor Deese stated that this issue will be discussed in a closed session as it is related to town personnel.

Ms. Amundson also stated that since the board is discussing the park and purchasing land, she would like a map of the area of the park that is being discussed.

Mayor Deese asked if the town has changed anything about the electric sign.

Ms. Amunderson stated that it looks like the town is only advertising for the ABC Store and not town events or town related information.

Susan Drake, Planning Board Chair, stated that the sign is out of compliance because of its size.

Mayor Deese explained that the sign has been there before the ordinance.

Ms. Drake thinks that because the town sign is sandwiched between the two ABC Store signs, that creates one big sign that is out of compliance. Ms. Drake then stated that the Planning Board would discuss this and come back with recommendations at a future meeting.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes, motion passes unanimously.

Presentation of the Marshville Bicycle/Pedestrian Study:

John Cock from Alta Planning & Design gave the powerpoint presentation. Mr. Cock explained that funding for this study came from CRTPO and started in the fall of 2018. Mr. Cock discussed the study that was done, the recommendations, and the results of the surveys that were done.

After the presentation, Mayor Deese thanked Mr. Cock and stated those are good recommendations and asked if there were any questions.

Council Members Bivens and Carpenter discussed the people that have been hit of 74 and the amount of foot traffic.

Discussion of Utilizing section of Park Land:

Manager Howard discussed a narrow strip of land at the park that is too narrow to develop and too put a sidewalk on. Manager Howard stated that a person who lives nearby has been mowing and maintaining that strip of land and needs a decision from the Council about selling this person the strip of land and if so the next step would be getting the strip of land surveyed and find out what it is worth.

Mayor Deese stated that the town can't just offer it to someone, that it would need to be put up for sale so that everyone would have a chance to buy it.

Manager Howard agreed and explained that the town would utilize the upset bid method to use to sell it.

Mayor Deese asked how much land it is.

Manager Howard said it looks about a 4-foot strip, but it's hard to tell.

Council Member Staton stated that she saw it for herself and that it's not a lot of land.

Mayor Deese said to survey the strip to find out how much land it is.

It is the general consensus to have the survey done.

Next, Manager Howard showed a diagram of a small plot of land with adult swings and more tables to possibly add.

Discussion on Land Near Park for Sale:

Mayor Deese discussed the land near the park that a realtor is offering to sell and asked the Council if they would think it would be a good idea to purchase the land.

Council Member Staton said that the Town owns a lot of land already that is not being utilized and questioned the idea of spending taxpayer money on more land.

Council Member Bivens stated she feels that the Town can't afford this anyway.

Mayor Deese stated that it is short-sided thinking and that we need to think in the long term.

Council Member Carpenter thinks that the price isn't bad.

Council Member Bivens asked again if the Town can afford it.

Mayor Deese suggested to at least talk with the realtor and Manager Howard said it will be put on the next agenda.

Manager's Report:

Manager Howard explained that he had been in touch with Union County about the service transfer with a target date of January 1st. As it gets closer to the target date, the town and county will start doing an ad campaign. The water-booster pump project is moving along well. Estimates on the Town owned Tobacco Shop would cost more to fix than the town would get back in rent. The house on E. Main Street is also in bad shape.

Mayor Deese asked how many water & sewer loans the Town had.

Manager Howard named the North West Sewer Basin and the Outfall Project.

Mayor Deese asked if Union County is aware of these loans. Manager Howard confirmed the County is aware.

Council Member's Comments:

Council Member Huntley said he would love to see the Town have a fireworks show for July 4th in the future. Mayor Deese agreed.

Council Member Carpenter stated that she would like to see the cleaners become an exercise/community center.

Council Member Staton stated that she agreed with the presentation that was given and thinks it would be a good idea to implement and thanked Manager Howard for the work being done at the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan recommended reinstating a park advisory committee.

Council Member Bivens stated that she is thankful for the bike/pedestrian study. She then thanked Manager Howard for all that he has done for the Town.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to call a special closed session meeting be called for July 22nd to discuss personnel.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2019 by:

Mayor Pro-tem Virginia Morgan

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

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Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 22nd, 2019 7:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Special Session

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

Staff Present: Scott Howard, Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Deese called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

Barbara Simpson, 6911 Austin Grove Church Rd, stated her concern about what the Council was looking for in a town manager and if the town has received any applications, and questioned if discussing applicants should be discussed in closed session.

Mayor Deese explained the statute that requires discussion in closed session.

Council Member Carpenter explained that no votes could be made in closed session.

Tracey Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Rd, thanked Scott Howard for everything he has done for the town. Ms. Stancill requested that the Council consider the qualifications of each applicant and that we take our time in choosing a town manager, and one that will help the town grow.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Staton made a motion, and Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Vote to Accept Scott Howard's Resignation:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to accept Scott Howard's resignation. Council Member Staton made the motion, Council Member Bivens seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6). Council Member Bivens made a motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously. Council moves into closed session at 7:15 pm.

Return to Open Session:

The Council comes back into Open Session at 7:43 pm.

Council Member Staton makes a motion that upon Mayor Deese's resignation, that he be appointed Interim Town Manager. Council Member Huntley seconded. All agreed except for Council Member Carpenter. Motion passes.

The Council was directed to create a contract for Mr. Deese. Also, the Council was asked to begin the search for a new Town Manager.

Manager's Report:

Manager Howard gave his report, saying that Monroe was looking at gas line placement. He wants to discuss with the Town Attorney about the possibility of obtaining a Quit Claim Deed for the strip of land near the park that the town owns.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Bivens stated that she will miss Manager Howard and appreciates all he's done.

Council Member Carpenter stated that she will miss Manager Howard and she wishes him luck in his future endeavors.

Council Member Huntley thanked the public for coming out and thanked Manager Howard for his service.

Council Member Staton stated that she enjoyed working with Manager Howard and that she learned a lot.

Mayor Pro tem Morgan wished Manager Howard luck.

Adjournment:

Mayor Deese requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made a motion, Council Member Carpenter seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Approved this _____ th day of _____ by:

Virginia Morgan - Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Town Council Meeting
Friday, July 26th, 2019 3:00 PM
Marshville Town Hall

Special Session

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

Staff Present: Frank Deese, Interim Town Manager; Chief of Police Matt Tarlton; Ann Sutton, Town Clerk

Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Council Member Huntley gave the opening prayer. Everyone stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to add public comments to the agenda and to adopt the agenda. Council Member Carpenter made a motion. Council Member Staton seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Public Comments:

Marlene Griffin, 317 N. Elm Street, stated that she saw in the newspaper that the town was changing the form of government and that Scott Howard had left and wanted to know more about the situation. She also asked why the town wasn't accepting applications.

Mayor Pro tem Morgan explained the two different forms of governments.

Frank Deese explained that this meeting does not have anything to do about the form of government. Mr. Deese also told that an advertisement for the Town Manager Position has already been posted.

Tracy Stancill, 6820 Austin Grove Church Rd, stated that Council Member Huntley does not have an email address posted online and that each of the Council Members need to have their emails posted online and they need to be checking them.

Frank Deese explained that Scott Howard resigned while Mr. Howard was out of town and sent his resignation letter to a person in Town Hall.

Ms. Stancill stated that Scott could have stayed on longer to help out the town before fully taking his job in Norwood.

Gail Kiker, 905 Forest Drive, explained that she is upset with Scott Howard for sending an email and not a resignation letter, and found it disrespectful.

Susan Drake, 306 S. Elm Street, stated that her question had already been answered. She did state that she found Scott Howard very helpful to herself and the Planning Board. Ms. Drake

stated that the previous Town Managers didn't just walk off; the Council just didn't renew their contracts.

Barbara Simpson, 6911 Austin Grove Church Rd, expressed qualifications for what a good manager should possess, and that the manager will help make the town grow and not beat around the bush. She also stated that the town needs to have a manager.

Frank Deese explained that change comes over time, not overnight and said that the Council will be looking for someone qualified. Mr. Deese said he hopes that everyone that signed up to speak will step up to help.

Gail Kiker stated that there are no good lease rates in this town.

Before entering Closed Session, Council Member Huntley stated that he does not want to see what he saw last Monday, that we all need to respect one another.

Closed Session:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to go into closed session. Council Member Staton made a motion. All Ayes. Motion passes. The council moves into a closed session at 3:36 pm.

The Council returns from closed session at 4:10 pm.

Council Member Staton made a motion to approve the contract for Frank Deese as Interim Town Manager upon approval from Town Attorney

Frank Deese requested to add to the motion to authorize the Mayor Pro-tem to execute the contract.

Council Member requested a motion to approve the contract for Frank Deese as Interim Town Manager and for authorization for the Mayor-Pro tem to execute the contract. Council Member Bivens seconded. Council Members Staton, Bivens, Huntley, and Mayor Pro tem Morgan voted aye, Council Member Carpenter voted nay. Motion passes 4 to 1.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro tem Morgan requested a motion to adjourn. Council Member Staton made motion, Council Member Huntley seconded. All Ayes. Motion passes unanimously.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Virginia Morgan, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST

Ann Sutton, Town Clerk