

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023
6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Nancy Allen, Aldermen Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey and Laura Ponder Smith. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Forrest Gilliam and Town Attorney Jamie Stokes.

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Item 1

Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Item 2

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting, the May 4, 2023 Special Meeting, and the May 10, 2023 Special Meeting.

Item 3

The Board continued discussion that took place during the April meeting regarding a request to change the name of the upper end of Hardwick Branch, which is accessed from Hill Street, to differentiate from the lower end of Hardwick Branch, which is accessed from South Main Street. The middle section of the road is not maintained in a manner sufficient for daily traffic. Since most commercial GPS services show the road as a through road that is drivable from one end to the other, there have been complaints from residents and property owners on both ends of the road about people having trouble turning around when they realize they cannot get through to the other end. A change of name for Town owned streets does not require permission of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, but the Town does need to verify that any new proposed name for the road does not conflict with other street names in Madison County, as verified by Madison County Addressing and 911. Upon motion by Alderman Payne, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to change the name of Hardwick Branch Road to Lower Hardwick Branch Road for the portion of the road beginning at the road's intersection with South Main Street and ending at the current end of the pavement on the south end, and to Upper Hardwick Branch Road beginning at the road's intersection with Hill Street and ending at the current end of the pavement on the north end. The change is pending verification from Madison County Addressing that the names do not conflict with other road names in Madison County.

Item 4

A report the Tax Collection and Water/Sewer collection rates for the month of April was presented to the Board.

A copy of the Monthly Operating Report for the Town's wells from Byers Environmental was presented to the Board, along with the monthly Unaccountable Water Rate for March.

The financial report for the month of April was presented to the Board.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, reminded the Board that their next budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 5:15 p.m. at Town Hall. This will be the third budget workshop the Board has held to prepare the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The budget must be adopted by the Board prior to July 1.

Mr. Gilliam reminded the Board of the Town's upcoming Memorial Day Observance scheduled for Monday, May 29th, 11:00 a.m. on the lawn of the Madison County Courthouse.

Reports from Boards and Community Organizations

- Downtown Marshall Association** – No report
- Board of Adjustment** – No meeting
- Planning Board** – Met April 18th
- Parks and Recreation** – No meeting

Department Reports

- Fire Department** – No report.
- Police Department** – Report is in packet
- Water Department** – Jamie Chandler
- Maintenance Department** – Jamie Chandler
- Zoning Department** – Forrest Gilliam

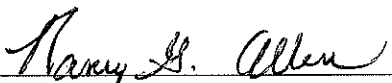
Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the Town in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, which privilege is hereby acknowledged for the suit Gregory et. al. vs. Town of Marshall et. al., and pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 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 officer or employee.

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to return to open session.

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.



Nancy Allen, Mayor



Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator