

MINUTES

Town of Marshall Board of Alderman

Regular Meeting

December 17th, 2018

6:00pm

Alderman in attendance were Billie Jean Haynie, Aileen Payne, Thomas Jablonski, Laura Ponder Smith, Dr. Christiaan Ramsey, Mayor Jack Wallin, Town Administrator Nancy Allen, and Town Attorney Jamie Stokes.

Item 1

Mayor Jack Wallin called the regular monthly board meeting to order at 6:04pm. Mayor Wallin requested to move the annual audit report to the first part of the agenda. Mayor Jack Wallin asked Town Clerk Nancy Allen if we have any items to add to the agenda. Town Clerk Nancy Allen requested to add under Administrator's Report 8. i. Division of Transportation Information Update. Mayor Wallin requested to moved Public Comment to Agenda Item 4. Mayor Wallin called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Dr. Christiaan Ramsey made the motion and Alderman Thomas Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 2

Audit report for fiscal year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 for the Town of Marshall was presented by Carol Avery from Loudermilk, Church and Company, L.L.P. Explained and highlight fund balances. Audit was sent and approved by the Local Government Commission.

Item 3

Mayor Jack Wallin presented certificates of appreciation to Garry Moore and Ben Wall for their service to the Town of Marshall Planning Board.

Item 4

Public Comment from the following individuals. Mayor Jack Wallin stated the procedure for making public comments to the Board of Alderman. Each comment will have the time limit of three minutes to address their concerns.

Elaine Robbins-People in the town are concerned about an asphalt plant being built. She shared there are petitions with over 500 signatures. Main issues we are concerned about health and tourism. Provided handouts to the clerk for the Board of Alderman.

Ellen Pearson-Concerned the asphalt plant would jeopardize our beautiful town and businesses in town. Emissions from the asphalt plant is a health concern. Map of radius demonstrating the area affected is in the packet. Requested consideration to pass a resolution that the permit for the asphalt plant not to be granted.

Emily Sontag-Similar situation in Burnsville. She had spoken with several people in that area. Location was too close to close to downtown. She expressed our area is the same. Focus on health, property values and schools in the area. Presented handouts for the Board of Alderman.

Peter Fland-What this issue is for this town? Clean industry or not clean industry. Issue different than a factory.

Environmental hazard that will impact the town. Compelling public interest here and asking for involvement when that time occurs.

Rob Amberg-Talked about value of family and land. We want to protect our beautiful land and our mountains. Gave a brief history of how we have improved our area over the past years. "Don't want to sell our souls, our community soul, for economics benefits that are really above our sentiments."

Sarah Schomber-How can jobs be created without impact on our water and air quality. We value land and family. Concerned about the impact an asphalt plant would have and if the Board of Alderman had the opportunity to speak to the county, to speak on the behalf of the businesses that are here.

Vivian Long-When and if there is a hearing in the county, if the Board of Alderman would give some input against this based on what you have heard. Discussed about the effects of the odors from asphalt plants. Considered the town will be impacted whether or not it is in the town limits,

Hollie West-Basically saying the same thing as the rest but what can we do as a group of people to not want this?

Ben Smith-Explained procedure for zoning request. Highlighted responsibilities of the zoning board and board of adjustment.

Cole (Doug) Simonson-Highlighted the health concerns and why he located in this area. Beautiful town and loved living here. Hope people will choose to do the right thing. Some type of resolution passed to be at least 15 miles away from homes and farms.

Dona Matera-Concerned about health issues associated the asphalt plant. The beauty of the community and the reason they moved here.

Tamara Hasty-Letter read to the public addressing concern of the pollution and toxic odors from the asphalt plant.

Hart Barnhill-Addressed his support of the asphalt plant. Addressed some of the comments that were made. Gave comparisons pertaining to size of plant and reasons for his support.

Mayor Wallin stated the Board of Alderman at this time is listening to public comment and no motion to take any action will be made.

Mayor Wallin called for a motion for closed session for legal and personnel matters. Alderman Dr. Christiaan Ramsey made the motion and Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Alderman Dr. Christiaan Ramsey made a motion to return to open session and Alderman Billie Jean Haynie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 5

Mayor Jack Wallin called for a motion to approve the minutes from November 19th, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing for Economic Development Incentives for Project Patriot from November 19th, 2018. Alderman Laura Ponder Smith made the motion and Alderman Aileen Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 6

Joseph Meliski, McGill Associates, presented updates on Phase II Waterline Replacement Project which included valve on Highway 25/70 and Kenpack highlighting electrical panel needs to be installed, meters connected and majority of the project is done. Requesting an extension from Colleen Simmons in order to complete the project. Alderman Thomas Jablonski questioned a meter connection today, December 17, 2018, at Walnut Creek Apartments that caused water damage at the apartments. Jamie Chandler, Maintenance Director, discussed the situation with the Board of Alderman. Joseph Meliski will check on the issue.

Mary Roderick, Land of Sky, did send a report concerning an update which is the basic information that Joseph Meliski has presented. Colleen Simmons will be meeting with us on January 25, 2019 for a monitoring visit on CDBG Grant at 10:30am at Town Hall.

Joseph Meliski addressed the expenditures concerning the CDBG Phase II Project.

Item 7

The Water/Sewer Report for the month of November 2018 was presented to the Board of Alderman. Nancy Allen explained monthly operating reports for treatment facility and gave unaccountable water loss is 24.4 % for the month. Water quality reports were presented to the board. Explanation of water loss was due to contractor's flushing water lines associated to the Phase II Waterline Replacement Project and adjustments were made to the report.

Item 8

Connie Molland and Hollie West, Downtown Marshall Association, gave update on upcoming events in the Town of Marshall. Highlights from Jingle Mingle on Main were presented. Mermaids will be June 8, 2019. Downtown Marshall Association will be meeting in January 2019 to start planning events for the new year. Cycle North Carolina Mountain Ride decided not to come for their event this year.

Item 9

Nancy Allen presented administrator's report for the month of November 2018 which included briefing the Board of Alderman of meetings, events, and monthly administrator calendar. Tax Collection and Water/Sewer Collection Report was presented for November 2018.

Updated information was presented concerning the purchase of a police car. Car purchased was \$3,000.00 from Gov Deals. Motion was made to approve monies and budget amendment if necessary, received from the 2013 Dodge Charger insurance claim of \$9,150.00 go back into the Police Department Budget by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie. Motion was seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith. Motion approved.

Keith Rice prepared a quote of \$3,000.00 to repair the main stage structure. Motion was made by Alderman Dr. Christiaan Ramsey and seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith to begin work on the island stage with Keith Rice.

Nancy Allen, Town Administrator, presented information to apply for a Bike Helmet Incentive Grant through NC DOT.

The Town of Marshall had received a copy of the Marshall Community Volunteer Fire Department audit report for June 30, 2018. Certified by Young, Miller and Gillespie, PA. Copy will be on file.

Proposed Information for Section 6. Metering Ordinance of the Town of Marshall to Regulate Water and Sewer System tabled.

Town of Marshall Maintenance Building request for the Board of Alderman considered location of the building and directive to proceed. First phase of building project would be the consideration of an open bay storage facility located on Blannahassett inside the Wastewater Facility.

Information was presented concerning any intersections in the town limits to be consider for future improvement and working with NCDOT Division 13/14 on developing a list of 10 intersection projects in the RPO for pre-submittal design work by NCDOT Congestion Management Unit. Discussion of traffic light at the intersection of Bailey Branch and US Highway 25/70.

Boards Reports

Board of Adjustment – Cancellation due to Weather

Planning Board – December 11, 2018

Parks and Recreation – December 12, 2018

Department Reports

Fire Department – Report submitted by Regina Bishop, Fire Chief for the month of November, 2018. The fire department responded to 59 calls.

Police Department – Report is in packet.

Water Department – Report is in packet.

Maintenance Department – Report is in packet. Jamie Chandler highlighted his report. Included in the report was a request to recommend Plumb Pro for repairs and maintenance improvements concerning the public restrooms on Blannahassett Island. Motion was made by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie and seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith. Motion approved.

Maintenance Director, Jamie Chandler, presented estimates for consideration to purchase a diesel generator. The following estimates were considered:

Nixon Power Services-\$27,733.00

Carolina Energy Systems-\$37,938.00(Includes Optional Equipment)
\$31,788.95

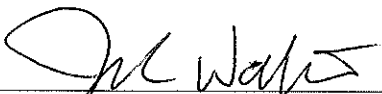
Recommendation to request KDT Service Technologies, LLC. for installation of new generator switch panels with camlock plugs at Redmon Road, Rollins Road, Island Road and Bailey Branch lift station located at the old jail building. Nancy Allen will check on a budget amendment for next board meeting to secure funding for this item. Board of Alderman requested for Jamie Chandler to research a price for salt spreader.

Zoning Department – Report was presented in the administrator’s report.

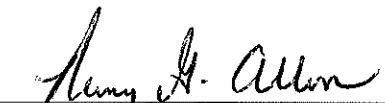
Finance Department - Report is in packet.

Personnel Recommendation to approve Justin Gantt to permanent status as maintenance worker for the Town of Marshall. Motion was made by Alderman Thomas Jablonski and seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith. Motion approved.

Alderman Dr. Christiaan Ramsey made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Haynie seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.



Jack Wallin, Mayor



Nancy G. Allen, Town Clerk