

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2021
6:00pm

At 6:00pm, a ceremony was held for the swearing in of Nancy Allen as Mayor, following her appointment by the Board of Aldermen on March 8, 2021. The Honorable Larry Leake, District Court Judge, administered the oath of office.

After being sworn in, Mayor Nancy Allen invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Alderman in attendance were Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski (via Zoom), 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 6:06pm.

Item 1

Upon motion by Alderman Christiaan Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Item 2

Upon motion by Alderman Aileen Payne, seconded by Alderman Christiaan Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 8, 2021 Special Meeting.

Item 3

Dr. Terry Bellamy, Director of Community and Economic Development for Madison County, presented information on the potential for filming a television series in Marshall in the fall of 2021. Dr. Bellamy provided an overview of the potential benefit to the Town from having the series filmed here, and shared information on input sessions that have been held over the previous month with stakeholders in Marshall and the county. Board members asked questions about the extent and duration of any street closures, need for police presence, and other logistical issues that could arise. No action was taken, pending more details on the impact of the filming event on Marshall.

Item4

The Board followed up on an initial discussion that took place in February regarding the best way for the Town to officially memorialize Mayor Jack Wallin. Consensus emerged during discussion to erect a flag pole in front of Town Hall with a plaque honoring Mayor Wallin. Discussion took place regarding the need for a shorter pole to accommodate the power lines in front of the building. There was discussion about holding a dedication of the new pole in conjunction with a Memorial Day ceremony. Mayor Allen and Mr. Gilliam will work together to accomplish the project and will come back to the Board with any additional action that is needed.

Item 5

Upon motion by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie, seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Mayor Nancy Allen to the Land of Sky Board of Delegates and the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization.

Item 6

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented the Tax Collection and Water/Sewer Collection Report for February, 2021.

A copy of the Unaccountable Water Report and Monthly Operating Report for the Roberts Wells from Don Byers was presented to the Board.

The financial report for the month of February was provided to the Board.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented a copy of Budget Amendment #2021-12, which adjusts revenues and expenses based on actual year-to-date data. Upon motion from Alderman Laura Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Budget Amendment #2021-12.

The Board was presented a request by the Madison County Partnership for Children and Families to install an adaptive swing for non-ambulatory children at the playground on the Island, with the Partnership paying for the cost of the swing. Upon motion by Alderman Christiaan Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Thomas Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the installation of the swing.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented information on a drill press and an outboard motor owned by the Town but no longer in use. Upon motion by Alderman Christiaan Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to declare both items surplus and authorize their listing on Gov Deals.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented an outline of potential work session dates to discuss the FY 2021-2022 budget. Upon motion by Alderman Aileen Payne, seconded by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to set the first work session date for Monday, March 29 at 5:30pm.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator presented information on funding for local governments in the American Rescue Plan, recently signed into law by President Biden. The initial estimate for the Town of Marshall's portion of the funds is \$270,000. Mr. Gilliam provided an overview of the eligible use of the funds as outlined in the legislation and advised that the legislation allows local governments to use the funds by September 30, 2024.

Mayor Nancy Allen recognized Garry Moore, Vaughn and Melton, to provide an update on flood damage repair work to Nix Road and Sunset Drive. Mr. Moore shared photos of the mostly completed project on Nix Road as well as pictures of work that is underway on Sunset Drive. Both projects are ahead of schedule. Mayor Allen asked Mr. Moore to send copies of the photos to the town administrator.

Jamie Chandler, Maintenance Director, said that he had spoken with Vaughn and Melton and that they are going to get someone to come out and pour concrete to repair the sidewalk in front of Town Hall that was damaged during the culvert construction that took place in December.

Discussion took place regarding residents needing to put their household garbage in a can on pickup day, rather than leaving it in bags on the ground for animals to tear up. A reminder will be put with the next water and sewer bills that are sent out.

Boards Reports

Board of Adjustment – No meeting

Planning Board – Met March 2nd.

Parks and Recreation – No Meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to resume Parks and Recreation meetings and to coordinate litter cleanup efforts at the end of April. Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, agreed to work on scheduling a Parks and Recreation meeting and to follow up with Connie Molland and others regarding litter pickup efforts.

Department Reports

Fire Department – Report is in packet.

Police Department – Report is in packet.

Water Department – Report is in packet.

Maintenance Department – Report is in packet.

Zoning Department – Forrest Gilliam

There was no public comment.

Upon motion by Alderman Billie Jean Haynie, seconded by Alderman Christiaan Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into closed session to discuss legal matters.

Upon motion by Alderman Laura Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Thomas Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to return to open session.

Upon motion by Alderman Thomas Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Aileen Payne, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:55pm.



Nancy Allen, Mayor



Forrest Gilliam, Town Clerk