

MINUTES

Town of Marshall Board of Alderman

Regular Meeting

March 20th, 2017

Mayor Wallin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Alderman in attendance were Billie Jean Hanie, Aileen Payne, Thomas Jablonski, Mayor Jack Wallin, Town Clerk Karen Kiehna and Town Attorney Jamie Stokes. Alderman Luther Nix and Christiaan Ramsey was absent.

Item 1

Mayor Wallin opened the regular meeting. Town Clerk Karen Kiehna added Item 6A – Board of Election. Alderman Haynie made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 2

Alderman Haynie made a motion to approve the February 20th, 2017. Alderman Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 3

Karen presented the Water/Sewer Report for the month of January. Unaccountable water loss is at 42.3 % for the month.

Item 4

Karen presented the financial audit contract for fiscal year 2015-2016 from Lowdermilk, Church & Co., Inc. in the amount of \$18,300.00. This is an increase of \$ 300.00 from this year's audit. The Town has a new grant which will be audited this year. Alderman Haynie made a motion to approve the audit contract. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 5

Connie Molland with the Downtown Marshall Association some on the things going on with the DMA including new business listing sign at Zuma's. Holly from Sweet Monkey discussed the upcoming 10th Annual Mermaid Parade which has been changed from a Friday to Saturday and will be a Mermaid Festival. Details are still being worked out but activities will include arts and crafts booths, water activities for the kids on the Island, live music, rummage sale, fundraising, etc. Connie asked for the Board to approve co-sponsoring the same DMA events for next year. The events are the Mermaid Parade, Dog Daze and the Christmas Crawl. Alderman Jablonski made a motion to approve to continue to co-sponsor these events. Alderman Haynie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 6

Karen presented the recommendation from the Housing Authority to re-appoint Johnny Ledford and Shawn Randall until March 16th, 2022. Doris Higgins will be replacing Nancy Messer with her term to expire March 16th, 2022. Edith Hampton has resigned due to illness and Annette Ipox will be filling her position with her term to expire December 21st, 2021. Alderman Haynie made the motion to approve the appointments. Alderman Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved.

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Item 6a

Karen presented the information to be approved from the Board of Elections for the municipal election to take place November 2017. The offices of Mayor (Jack Wallin) and three Alderman Seats (Billie Jean Haynie, Christiaan Ramsey, and Thomas Jablonski) are open for the 2017 municipal election. The Town of Marshall to authorize the Madison County Board of Elections to use the Marshall Depot as the 2017 Municipal Election polling place. The Board of Elections services for the 2017 Municipal Election services will be \$ 5,919.00 which will be included in the 2017-18 Budget. An agreement stating that the Town of Marshall will continue to contract with the Board of Elections to conduct its 2017 municipal election. Alderman Haynie made a motion to accept the Board of Election recommendations, agreements and contracts. Alderman Payne seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Item 7

Karen updated the Board on the Tax Collection rate at 94.5% and Water and Sewer Collection rate is at 103%.

Water-Infrastructure Project update - Easements should be signed by the end of the month and construction contracts should be happening by May 30th.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Finalized plans with engineer mid-April and ready for the bidding process.

ARC Emerging Opportunities Project - Karen will update in the Parks and Rec Report

Report from Boards

Board of Adjustments – No meeting

Planning Board – Postponed until April 27th.

Parks and Recreation – The Parks and Recreation Board is working on a PATF grant and Karen will bring the grant to the Board at next month's meeting for review and approval. The grant would be a 50/50 matching grant. Karen will present amounts next month. The Parks and Recreation Board would like to identify April 22nd as Downtown Marshall Beautification clean-up day. A roll-off container will be available for residents' trash along with road clean up and plants and flowers being planted in the Barnett Park and planters through downtown. Alderman Jablonksi made a motion to identify April 22nd (Earth Day) as cleanup day for Downtown Marshall. Alderman Haynie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Department Reports

Fire Department –Raymond Crowe reported a total of 16 calls for the month and 0 gallons of water was used for training.

Police Department –Chief Boone presented the monthly police department report and a copy of the report is in packet.

Water Department – Report is in packet

Maintenance Department – Report is in packet

Zoning Department –Nothing to report

Finance Department - Report is in packet

Public Comment – Lois Simbach spoke on behalf of several town residents that have complained to her and discussed among themselves over the handling of the Barnett Park project on Main Street. Some residents and business owners were not informed of this project and were not able to have an input on the project itself and residents are not satisfied with how the project has been handled. Karen responded to Lois's comments and in fact there were several community input meetings and the grant for the project was from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Buchi Company is partnering with the Town on this project and Karen is working with the High School to construct the raised beds in the park and a shelter is also planned for the park.

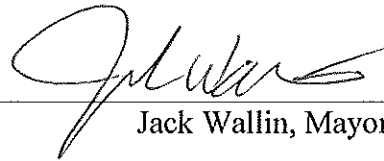
Alderman Haynie made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Alderman Haynie made a motion to return to open session. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.


Alderman Payne made a motion to approve .50 cent per hour raise for police part-time personnel. Alderman Haynie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Alderman Haynie made a motion to approve Randy Hensley as a full time police officer. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Alderman Haynie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Jablonski seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Jack Wallin, Mayor



Karen Kiehna, Town Clerk