

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Marshall Board of Aldermen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 12, 2026, 6:00 PM**

In attendance were Mayor Aaron Haynie, Aldermen Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski, Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey and Laura Ponder Smith. Also in attendance were Ryan Cody, Town Administrator, and Kaitland Finkle with Land of Sky.

Mayor Haynie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Item 1

Public Comment – No public comment

Item 2

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

Item 3

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 15, 2025, Special meeting correction as noted. Upon motion by Aldermen Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 15, 2025, regular meeting.

Item 4

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a new contract with Specialized Consulting Services.

Item 5

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to approve negotiating a contract with ERC Landscaping for mowing and landscaping services with a not to exceed 20% increase in total bid price.

Item 6

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the MOU with Appalachian Design Center.

Item 7

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Town electronic payment policy.

Item 8

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to approve purchasing an RMS Software System for the Town Police department.

Item 7

The Board was presented with a report on the funding status and allocation from FEMA for Helene Recovery.

The Board was presented with a report of the Tax Collection and Water/Sewer collection rates for the month of July. The Board was presented with the financial report for the month of July.

**Reports from Boards and Community Organizations**

Downtown Marshall Association – No Report for January

Board of Adjustment – No Meeting

Planning Board - No Meeting

Parks and Recreation – Meeting on January 14, 2026

Depot Board – Pat Franklin presented on behalf of the Depot Board.

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Donna Ray Norton to the Depot Board.

**Department Reports**

Fire Department – No Report

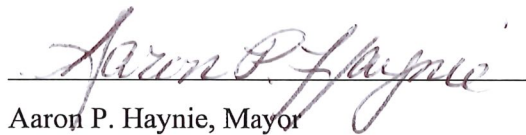
Police Department- Chief Kenny Brown referred to his written monthly and annual report in the packet.

Public Works Department- Jamie Chandler referred to his report in the packet.

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to enter closed session for the purposes of attorney-client privilege, personnel, and property.

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

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonksi, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

  
Aaron P. Haynie, Mayor

  
Ryan Cody, Town Administrator