

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2025, 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 Town Attorney Jamie Stokes, Kaitland Finkle with Land of Sky Regional Council, and Ryan Cody, Town Administrator.

Mayor Haynie called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Item 1

Public Comment - Crystal Ball signed up for public comments.

Item 2

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

Item 3

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025, April 21, 2025, May 8, 2025 Special Meeting, May 19, 2025, May 29, 2025 Special Meeting, June 3, 2025 Special Meeting, June 10, 2025 Special Meeting, September 15, 2025, and September 29, 2025 Special Meeting.

Item 4

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure Resolution.

Item 5

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the NC Department of Commerce Small Business Infrastructure Grant Resolutions. Alderman Jablonski recused himself from the vote.

Item 6

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve hiring of Adam Ray for the Maintenance Worker position starting at \$22.00/hour.

Item 7

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Ryan Cody, Town Administrator to begin property negotiations for a new WWTP location.

Item 8

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 – Rhesa Edwards presented an update from the association.

Board of Adjustment – Met on October 13

Planning Board - No Meeting

Parks and Recreation – No Meeting

Department Reports

Fire Department – Regina Bishop provided an update to the Board.

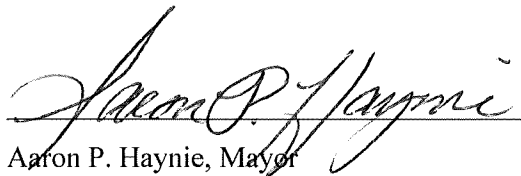
Police Department- Chief Kenny Brown referred to his written monthly report in the packet.

Public Works Department- Report was provided to the Board in packet.

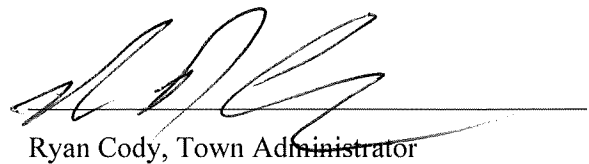
Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to enter closed session for the purposes of attorney-client privilege, personnel, and property.

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

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to continue the meeting to October 27, 2025 to continue review of the RFP's for Town Hall demolition.



Aaron P. Haynie, Mayor



Ryan Cody, Town Administrator