

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Aldermen
Regular Meeting
September 15, 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 Larry Leake and 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 Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Item 3

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2024 Regular Meeting, July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting, June 24, 2025 Special Meeting, June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Item 4

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Agreement for Services with McGill and Associates.

Item 5

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to renew the Temporary Town Hall Commercial Lease for another year with a 6-month by 6-month clause.

Item 6

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt a special events ordinance to include: Safe Treat, Marshall Christmas Market, and the Town Christmas Parade.

Item 7

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the round 3 NC Treasurer Disaster Cash Flow Loan.

Item 8

Upon motion by Alderman Payne, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve cutting on streetlight M135.

Item 9

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ponder Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve putting out an RFP for Engineering and Design Services for potential construction related needs.

Item 10

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to approve hiring Sahrah McAree for the Town Finance Specialist position at salary of \$52,500.00.

Item 11

Upon motion by Alderman Ponder Smith, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to approve moving forward with an RFP to demolish the old Town Hall.

Item 12

Upon motion by Alderman Payne, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to declare surplus the white Ford Explorer and black Crown Victoria from the Town Police Department.

Item 13

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 – Connie Molland presented an update from the association.

Board of Adjustment - No meeting.

Planning Board - No Meeting

Parks and Recreation – No Update

Department Reports

Fire Department – No report submitted

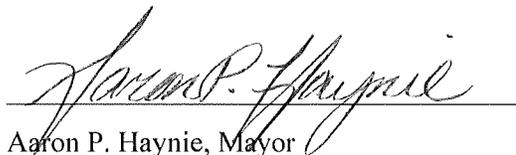
Police Department- Chief Kenny Brown referred to his written monthly report in the packet.

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

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

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.


Aaron P. Haynie, Mayor


Ryan Cody, Town Administrator