

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Aldermen
Special Meeting
June 25, 2024, continued to June 27, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Mayor Aaron Haynie called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance were Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski, Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey, and Laura Ponder Smith. Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, was also in attendance.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, provided an update to the budget presentation that occurred during a public hearing on June 17. The Madison County Tax Office provided revised estimates of new property values to go into effect for the 2024 tax year. The revisions increased values of several commercial and mixed-use properties in the central business and highway business districts. As a result of these increases, the overall property valuation within the town's jurisdiction increased, which decreases the revenue neutral property tax rate from the \$.37 per \$100 valuation included in the June 17 budget hearing to \$.355 per \$100 valuation. This is a reduction from the \$.49 rate in effect for the property values prior to the revaluation. There are still concerns that some commercial and mixed-use properties have new values that do not reflect recent sales data or the current status and use of the buildings, which staff will follow up with the county tax office regarding. There will also likely be a reduction of some values due to appeals from property owners once notices of value are mailed out by the county.

Mr. Gilliam presented an updated budget ordinance reflecting the adjusted values from the county. The revised values impact the General Fund budget, increasing it by \$22.00, for a total proposed General Fund budget of \$1,204,650. There is no change to the proposed budget for the Water and Sewer Fund.

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Smith, the board voted 5-0 to adopt the proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and the incorporated schedule of fees. (Attachment 1)

Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the board voted 5-0 to adopt the Ordinance Establishing Water and Sewer Rates for the Town of Marshall for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Attachment 2)

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the board voted to approve the contract for fire service with the Marshall Community Volunteer Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Payne, the board voted to approve the contract with Land of Sky Regional Council for Zoning Technical Services for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the board voted to approve the contract with Forrest Gilliam for services as Town Administrator for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Haynie, the board voted 5-0 to enter into closed session for the purpose of personnel.

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

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the board voted 5-0 to approve the list of employee salaries and pay rates included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon motion by Alderman Haynie, seconded by Alderman Payne, the board voted 5-0 to promote Kevin Payne to the position of Maintenance Crew Leader effective July 1, 2024. The pay rate and salary for the position is included in the list of salaries approved by the board as part of the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Smith, the board voted 5-0 to recess the meeting until Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Marshall Town Hall. The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m.

The Marshall Board of Aldermen reconvened the recessed meeting from Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Present were Mayor Aaron Haynie, Aldermen Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski, Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey, and Laura Ponder Smith. Mayor Haynie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

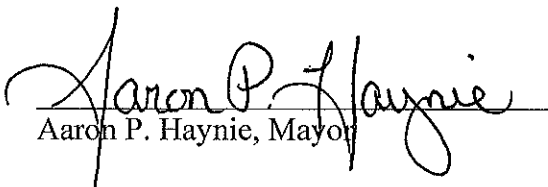
Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the board voted 5-0 to enter into closed session for the purpose of personnel.

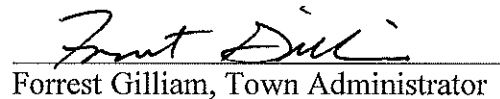
Upon motion by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the board voted 5-0 to return to open session.

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Smith, the board voted 5-0 to post the position of full-time police officer, night shift, at a pay rate of \$21.00 to \$23.00 per hour.

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Smith, the board voted 4-1 to employ Kenneth Tyler Brown as Police Chief, at a salary of \$64,000 annually, effective August 1, 2024. The position is classified as exempt-executive under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Aldermen Haynie, Jablonski, Ramsey, and Smith voted in the affirmative. Alderman Payne voted in the negative.

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Ramsey, the board voted to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.


Aaron P. Haynie, Mayor


Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator