

**MINUTES**  
**Town of Marshall Board of Alderman**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 20, 2021**  
**6:00pm**

Mayor Nancy Allen invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Aldermen in attendance were Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski, Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey, and Laura Ponder Smith. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Forrest Gilliam and Town Attorney Jamie Stokes.

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Item 1

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

Item 2

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting and the August 31, 2021 Special Meeting.

Item 3

Upon motion by Alderman Payne, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Logan Clark to the Depot Committee.

Item 4

Bass Hampton, Location Director for the streaming series scheduled to be filmed in Marshall in September and October, presented a request to the Board for the Town's support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to approve a full closure of the Bailey's Branch Bridge across the French Broad River for filming on two weekend days, September 25 and September 26. Joining Mr. Hampton were Executive Producer James W. Skotchdopole and Director Vincenzo Natali. The presenters stated that the two full days would allow for quicker and higher quality filming of a particular scene on the bridge. The presenters answered questions from the Board regarding the details of the closure and ways that it would be advertised in advance, including lighted signs at key intersections to be put up by a contractor recommended by DOT. The bridge will be opened for any emergency vehicle/call and will be open most of the time to pedestrians, though there will be times during filming when pedestrians will be asked to wait a few minutes until filming stops. Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to express its support to NCDOT for the full closure of the Bailey's Branch Rd. bridge from 5:00AM until 9:00PM on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26.

Item 5

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented the Tax Collection and Water/Sewer Collection Report for August, 2021.

A copy of the Unaccountable Water Report and Monthly Operating Report for the Roberts Wells from Don Byers was presented to the Board.

The financial report for the month of August was provided to the Board.

Discussion took place regarding Halloween Safe Treat, scheduled for Friday, October 29, and the impact of COVID-19 on the event. There was consensus to proceed with holding the event unless the situation with COVID-19 worsens significantly or additional state restrictions are put in place.

## **Boards Reports**

**Board of Adjustment** – Met September 13

**Planning Board** – Met September 2

**Parks and Recreation** – No meeting.

## **Department Reports**

**Fire Department** – Report is in packet.

**Police Department** – Report is in packet.

**Water Department** – Report is in packet.

**Maintenance Department** – Report is in packet.

**Zoning Department** – Forrest Gilliam

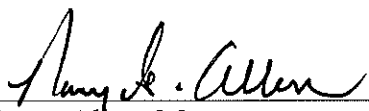
## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into 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 Haynie, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:51pm.

  
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Nancy Allen, Mayor

  
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Forrest Gilliam, Town Clerk