

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Russell Eason  
Commissioner Scotty Smith  
Commissioner Tommy Jones  
Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon  
Town Clerk, Lea Futrell  
Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Collins  
Public Works Director, Ivey Knowles  
Town Attorney Jene Thompson

Mayor Russell Eason opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

**Public Comments:**

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to open for public comments. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open for public comment.

Mr. Blackburn spoke in reference to digging up the cross line at the 200 block of S. Bell St. so that the water will flow from one side of the street to the other. This is causing water to back up at Taylor Field and in yards. Mr. Blackburn advised that the line is not level so the water is not properly flowing. Mr. Blackburn also advised that there was a piece of pole in the pipe.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to close public comments. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close public comment.

**Consideration of NC Marine Fisheries Resolution:**

Manager Condon introduced Mr. Jerry James as being a representative of the NC Marine Fisheries Committee. Mr. Jerry James spoke on behalf of recreation fishermen. Mr. James explained that in 1997 the State passed the Fisheries Reform Act to try to control the fish in NC so that they remain viable for fishing. At this time they are trying to do a Management Plan on Southern Flounder to keep them from being over fished so that they have a chance to grow. This Plan is not currently working. The resolution that is being proposed is to help to limit the size of fish being kept to allow fish time to grow so that individuals will have something to catch when they go to the beaches. If there is not a change then fishers will not be able to continue fishing. This will restrict the flow of consumers to local businesses as well. This resolution is to ask the Marine Fisheries Committee to go ahead and consider a change to their Management Plan instead of waiting another two years for the change.

Mayor Eason asked how it would affect the commercial fishers. Mr. James advised that they would probably be cut back to a larger size. Mayor Eason asked if they were asking for them to cut back for a certain amount of time or to a larger size. Mr. James advised that he felt they needed to cut back for a certain time period so that the feeder fish have time to grow to a size worth fishing. Commissioner Tommy Jones asked how long Mr. James felt it would take for the population to get up enough it would be worth going fishing. Mr. James advised that they needed to extend closing the season an extra month then in about two years the fish would be of a decent size.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to accept proposed resolution. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the proposed NC Marine Fisheries Resolution.

**Consideration of Resolution regarding the Warsaw Veterans Parade:**

Manager Condon advised the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce would like to have the Town's Veterans Day Parade designated as the "Official Veterans Day Parade of NC". Condon stated that Duplin County was also being asked for a similar resolution. These resolutions would then be forwarded to the NC General Assembly in order for the designation to be approved. The official designation would assist the Town in marketing the parade to gain more exposure and publicity for this annual event.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to adopt the resolution designating the Warsaw Veterans Parade as the "Official Veterans Day Parade of NC. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution.

**Consideration of Decommissioning Taylor Field as a Town Park:**

Manager Condon advised that after the concerns addressed at last month's meeting in regards to the condition of Taylor Field he and the Wellness & Recreation Director had decided to lock the facility and put up no trespassing signs. Condon advised that the facility was considered to be a safety concern. It was the recommendation that given the condition that Taylor Field be decommissioned as a Town park.

There was discussion of the concerns of the children that play soccer in the field and discussion of repair of the facilities. Discussion also included the possibility of having a Porta Potty placed there since restroom facilities were not accessible.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made a motion to remove the unsafe structures from the facility but still allow access to fields. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to remove structures.

**Consideration of Changing Bulk Item Pickup:**

Manager Condon advised that currently we are picking up bulk items weekly. Condon advised that with weekly pickup the appliances, furniture, and junk sitting on the curb make the town unsightly. Condon informed the board about how other towns in the county manage their bulk item pickups. Manager Condon proposed only picking up white goods and that pickup is limited to once or twice a year to coincide with any "free dump" days that the landfill has.

Commissioner Tommy Jones advised that if it is not picked up he feels we will have more problems with illegal dumping. Commissioner Jones feels we have a good system as is. Manager Condon advised that currently there is a fee of \$1000-\$2000 a month for dumping. Condon advised that we are currently negotiating a contract with Waste Industries. Commissioner Jones advised to speak with them about the containers and dumping.

This consideration was tabled until the next meeting when the contract has been completed.

**Consideration of Resolution Declaring Ford Crown Victoria Surplus and Authorizing Sales by Electronic Auction:**

Manager Condon advised that the 1997 Ford Crown Victoria was formerly used for code enforcement. Due to the condition of the car the Town's Trail Blazer is now being used for code enforcement. Condon advised that with this change there is no longer any need for this vehicle so he is recommending sale by electronic auction.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to adopt a resolution to declare the car surplus and sale by electronic auction. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to declare the car surplus and sale by electronic auction.

**Consideration of Tax Release:**

Manager Condon provided tax release information from the County for First Fleet Corporation in the amount of \$440.62.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to accept the tax release. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the tax release.

**Consideration of Scheduling Budget Workshop for Week of May 18-22:**

Manager Condon advised that the board needed to set a date for the budget workshop for the week of May 18-22.

Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to have the meeting on May 21 @ 6:30 pm. Commissioner Tommy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to have the meeting on May 21 @ 6:30 pm.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Eason advised that the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce is selling \$100 tickets for a reverse drawing in June.

**Manager's Report:**

Manager Condon advised that the Town received several bids for the street repair work. Tarheel Grading and Paving, Inc came in with the lowest bid at \$48,530 which is well below the budgeted \$70,000. Condon advised that with this low bid he would speak with them about adding on a few more projects to take full advantage of the \$70,000 that was budgeted.

**Board Comments:**

Commissioner Scotty Smith asked about the town paying for the phone service. Manager Condon advised that the Town was paying. Smith advised that no one had called him and asked if we were still using the system. Condon advised that was one topic for discussion in budget meeting as there had been more complaints about the system than good.

**Closed Session:**

Mayor Russell Eason asked the board to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(93) to consult with the Town Attorney in order to preserve the Attorney-Client privilege.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Commissioner Scotty Smith made the motion to return to open session. Commissioner Tommy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to return to open session.

No action was taken in closed session.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk