

March 14th, 2016

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 14th, 2016 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Russell Eason
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Al Searles
Commissioner Joal Smith
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Dr. Martin Owen

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Collins
Public Works Director, Ivey Knowles
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Wellness Supervisor, Ryan Lee
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

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

Addition to Agenda:

Manager Shawn Condon asked to add two items to the agenda. Manager Condon advised he needed to add Consideration of a Conditional Use Permit and add to the Annexation portion of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 8th, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Public Comments:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

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

Mr. Haywood Blackburn spoke on the maintenance needed at Pinecrest Cemetery. Mr. Blackburn advised that the roads in and out of the cemetery are in bad shape and need maintaining. Mr. Blackburn also had concerns about tire tracks on markers and plots.

Ms. Thomasina Williams read an article from a Charlotte newspaper in regards to the most miserable places in NC to live. According to the article Ms. Williams stated Warsaw was number 6. Ms. Williams advised that she was disappointed by this.

Mr. John Williams advised he had spoken with Manager Condon in reference to his concerns about take home vehicles and them not being driven all over the county. Mr. Williams also spoke in reference to his concerns regarding raises being given to the Wellness and Recreation staff after the dismissal of the Wellness & Recreation Director.

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

Consideration of Conditional Use Permit for Solar Farm at 134 Water Tank Ln:

Manager Condon advised that the Planning Board had a public hearing in regards to a Solar Farm being permitted by Conditional Use Permit. Manager Condon stated that it was the recommendation of the Planning Board to allow Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to accept the proposal as the Planning Board had recommended. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to allow the Conditional Use Permit for a Solar Farm at 134 Water Tank Lane.

Discussion of Recommended Vehicle Use Policy and Take Home Vehicles:

This item was continued from last meeting. Manager Shawn Condon advised he had revised the policy to include repayment to the town if vehicle is driven outside of mileage allowance. Manager Condon stated it was also his recommendation to have a 20 mile allowance.

After much discussion, Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to accept the policy with a 20 mile radius. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote passed with a 4/1 vote, with Commissioner Scotty Smith voting against.

Consideration of Approval of Voluntary Annexation of US Cold Storage Facility and Williams Property;

Manager Shawn Condon advised that the Town Clerk had reviewed the deeds and application for voluntary annexation on both properties and that all qualifications had been met. Manager Condon advised that a public hearing would need to be set prior to approval of voluntary annexation.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to set public hearing for US Cold Storage for the next board meeting. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to set the Public Hearing for April 11, 2016.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to set public hearing for Williams Property for the next board meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to set the Public Hearing for April 11, 2016.

Discussion of Amending Town Code of Ordinances regarding Alcohol on Town Property;

Manager Shawn Condon advised that the mayor had requested the Board to consider allowing alcohol to be served at certain events on Town property. The proposed amendment would only allow alcohol to be served at events sponsored by the Town, the Chamber of Commerce, or other civic organization upon applying for and obtaining a permit.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to amend the ordinance to allow alcohol on Town property. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to amend the ordinance allowing alcohol on Town property.

Consideration of Approval of Façade Grant Application:

Manager Shawn Condon advised that he had received a Façade Grant Application for a mural at 115 Railroad St. Manager Condon advised that the grant was for 50% of the project. Manager Condon advised that the total project cost was \$700 so there would be a cost to the Town of \$350. Manager Condon also advised that if there were any questions Pat Kelly Royal was present to answer those questions.

Ms. Royal advised that JSCC students had agreed to paint the mural. Ms Royal presented a picture of the design idea to the board.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the Façade Grant Application for a mural at 115 Railroad St.

Consideration of Approval of Tax Releases:

Town Manager Shawn Condon asked the board to accept the tax releases as presented from the County.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to accept the tax releases. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the tax releases.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Eason had no report.

Manager's Report:

Manager Shawn Condon advised that Tesla Motors had added a charging station at the Quality Inn and it had its first customer today. Manager Condon stated that this of one of three charging stations in the state.

Manager Condon advised that invitations had been received for the Commissioners to attend the Solar Farm Ribbon Cutting on April 6th at 10am. Manager Condon asked that the board members notify him if they would be in attendance so that he could send response to Duke Energy.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Al Searles stated he just wanted to welcome US Cold Storage to Warsaw.

Commissioner Scotty Smith asked about businesses being run out of their home. Manager Condon advised he was not aware of any businesses like this but if he had information the Code Enforcement Officer could check on such. Commissioner Scotty Smith also asked about being added to the phone tree system so that he would be notified of any announcements from the Town.

Closed Session:

Mayor Eason requested closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6) to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into closed session.


Commissioner Owen Martin made the motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into back into regular session.

No action was taken in closed session.

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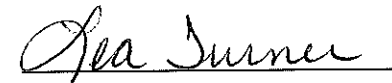
Adjournment:

Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Turner", written over a horizontal line.

Town Clerk