

February 13th, 2017

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 13th, 2017 at 7:30 in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Interim Town Manager, Lea Turner
Wellness Director, Lydia King
Recreation Director, Betty Smith
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Carmen Gonzalez

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the minutes to the January 9th, 2017 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes from the January 9th, 2017 meeting.

Public Comments:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open the public comments. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to open the public comments. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to open the public comments.

First to speak was Mr. Hawes with Hawes Funeral Home. Mr. Hawes spoke in reference to wanting open his funeral home at 312 E. College Street and stated that this location continue to have its nonconforming use to allow for the opening of the funeral home. Mr. Hawes stated that the Planning Board advised him to come before the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Al Searles advised Mr. Hawes to follow the proper steps and file an application at Town Hall then go before the Planning Board for a public hearing.

Second to speak was Mr. JD Williams about a water bill for one of his apartments on Marion Drive. Mr. Williams stated that last year he called Town Hall and requested water to be turned on at 135 Marion but because the valve was broken and needed to be replaced water was not turned on the day requested. Water was turned on 2 weeks later after the valve was replaced by Public Works. Mr. Williams stated that he assumed that the water would not be turned on after the valve was replaced since it was after the date that he had requested. Since no water was ever used at this location he is requesting that the Board grant him a refund for the four months he paid a water bill for 135 Marion Drive. It was the consensus of the Board to grant Mr. Williams a refund. Next Mr. Williams inquired

about when the Board was going to schedule the bulk item pick up dates because he had a lot of trash that needed to be hauled off. Board stated that it would be announced.

Last to speak was Mary Morrisey who stated that she did not think that the railroad crossing on Plank Road should be closed and that the railroad belonged to the citizens. Mayor Eason stated that the railroad belonged to CSX. Next Ms. Morrisey stated that the Town needed to start cleaning the ditches out.

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to close the public comments. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to close the public comments. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to close the public comments.

Regular Agenda

First on the agenda was the approval of resolution for CDBG-1 bid award. Mr. Trey Gurley with McDavid and Associates updated the Board on the bids received on February 9th. Mr. Gurley stated that Central Builders from Rocky Mount were the low bidders and it was his recommendation to award them the bid. Mr. Gurley stated that he has worked with this company before and they were a good company to work with. Mr. Gurley read the Resolution to the Board and asked that they approve this resolution. They stated that once the project gets started it will take 6 to 7 months for contract to be completed so it would be around September - October for the contract to be completed. The Town would have to provide \$50,000.00 for their part of the grant. Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the resolution to award the funds for the CDBG-1 project. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the resolution for the CDBG-1 project.

Second on the agenda was the consideration of request from ABC Board to adopt travel policy. Commissioner Joal Smith informed the Board of Commissioners the State needed the ABC Board to have a travel policy adopted. Commissioner Joal Smith stated that the ABC Board wanted to adopt the same travel policy the Town had. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the travel policy for the ABC Board. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the ABC Board travel policy.

Third item on the agenda was discussion of fire hydrant testing and painting. Commissioner Joal Smith stated that there are major requirements the Fire Department has to complete in order to keep low insurance rates. Commissioner Smith informed the Board that the fire hydrants have to be flow tested once every 5 years. Commissioner Smith stated the Fire Department would like for the Town to pay to have the 300 fire hydrants painted at the cost of \$22.00 per hydrant. Commissioner Al Searles recommended that Public Works Supervisor Craig Armstrong and Trey Gurley with McDavid and Associates put in a work order to have the fire hydrants being installed through the CDBG grant certified so that it would eliminate the amount of hydrants the Fire Department would have to certify. Commissioner Al Searles recommended tabling the hydrant testing and painting until the next budget.

Fourth on the agenda was the approval of resolution for CSX closure at Plank Street. Interim Town Manager Lea Turner stated that this closure had already been voted on and all that was needed now was the approval of the resolution. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the resolution for the closing of Plank Street railroad crossing. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

Fifth on the agenda was the approval of tax releases. Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the releases. Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to approve the tax releases. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the tax releases.

Next on the agenda was the approval of amendment to audit contract for FY 2015-2016. Interim Town Manager Lea Turner stated that an extension had been requested by Thompson, Scott, Price and Adams due to Hurricane Matthew causing them to not have access to the office. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to amend the audit contract for FY 2015 - 2016. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the amendment to audit contract for FY 2015-2016.

Last on the agenda was the consideration of audit contract for FY 2016-2017. Interim Town Manager Lea Turner suggested the Town look into contracting with someone new for the upcoming audit. She stated the Town has been with Thompson, Scott, Price and Adams for a long time and it was time for change. Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to look into contracting with a new auditor. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to look for a new auditor for the FY 2016-2017.

Other Business:

Mayor's Update:

None

Manager's Update:

None

Board's Comments:

Commissioner Joal Smith stated that the money should be refunded to Mr. JD Williams for the 135 Marion Drive utility account.

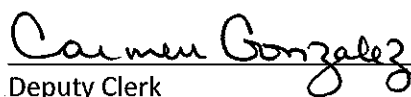
Mayor Eason called for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Mayor Eason called for a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to go back into open session.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to offer to Scotty Summerlin the job as Town Manager. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to make offer to Scotty Summerlin.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Attest


Deputy Clerk


Mayor Russell Eason