

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

**Present:**

Mayor Pro Tem Scotty Smith  
Commissioner Al Searles  
Commissioner Joal Smith  
Commissioner Dr. Martin Owen  
Commissioner Peggy Doran

**Also Present:**

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin  
Town Clerk, Lea Turner  
Wellness Supervisor, Lydia King  
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong  
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

Mayor Pro Tem Scotty Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Pro Tem Scotty Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

**Public Comments:**

Mayor Pro Tem Scotty Smith asked for a motion to open public comments.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to open public comments. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open public comments.

Ms. Evelyn Frederick spoke about the trash piled up on the highways.

Mr. JD Williams spoke about bulk item pick up and that there are people in the town that cannot afford to take their items to the landfill.

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

**Audit Presentation, Year Ending June 30, 2016:**

Mr. Greg Adams from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co gave a presentation on the audit from FY 2015-2016. Mr. Adams stated that the large deficit was in water and sewer. He stated that this was due to depreciation. Mr. Adams stated that there was a transfer from general fund but it was not as large as what had been planned to be transferred however the Town could not continue to make these transfers.

**Water/Wastewater Projects - Ongoing and Pending:**

Mr. Trey Gurley from McDavid Associates spoke about his meeting with C2 Energies. Mr. Gurley stated that C2 Energies was in the process of completing a sewer study which should be available at the end of March.

Mr. Gurley also advised that he had met with Mayor Eason and Manager Scotty Summerlin about moving forward with the \$4 Million grant/loan application. Mr. Gurley advised that with this grant/loan the Town needed to replace/upgrade the tertiary filters at the plant and upgrade the influent pumps. Mr. Gurley stated that it would also cost about another million to do the sewer study. Mr. Gurley stated that with current sewer rates as they are the Town only qualified for a 25% grant and the rest would be loans. He advised that the Town needed to look at an increase in sewer rates. His suggestion was a 2% increase which would equate to only an \$0.85 increase to the average customer. Mr. Gurley also stated that it might be a possibility to request that C2 assist with the expense of upgrading our facility. Mr. Gurley then asked the board what their wishes were.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion for the Mayor and Town Manager to work with McDavid Associates to apply for the grants/loans to continue to move forward. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the Mayor and Town Manager to continue with the grant/loan process.

Mr. Gurley also reported that the Preconstruction meeting for the water line replacement had also been postponed. Mr. Gurley advised that the bonding agency for Central Builders had asked to be released for bonding. Mr. Gurley advised they had sent letters to the bonding agency to see why they were trying to be released from their obligations and they were just waiting to hear back from them.

**Tax Releases for Shirley Carlton Shuler:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that County has asked the Town to release taxes for Shirley Carlton Shuler in the amount of \$11.79.

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

**Reconsideration of Audit Contract and Engagement Letter:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that with him being new to the Town and there being such limited time left in this budget year he was recommending reconsideration of the audit contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & CO. Manager Summerlin advised that he had reviewed the contract fees and that from his experience these were very competitive rates.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to approve the audit contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the audit contract.

**Resolution Approving Surplus Sale of Property:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Maintenance department had a 2003 Ford F-350 and 2 Exmark Lawnmowers that they would like to surplus.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution for the sale of surplus property. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

**Resolution to Amend the Tax Discount Rate:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the County Tax Office had asked that the Town adopt a Resolution to amend the tax discount rate. This would amend the Town rate from 1% to 2% which would match the County discount rate.

Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to approve the Resolution to amend the tax rate. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the resolution.

**Preliminary Plat for Pinecrest Cemetery, New Proposed Plots:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin reviewed the information from Blanchard & Associates about the plots for Pinecrest Cemetery. There was much discussion on this topic relating to the location of the plots. Commissioner Joal Smith advised that it was his interpretation that the lots would be in the southwest corner of the cemetery by the sprayfield. Commissioner Al Searles asked if the Town really wanted to get in the cemetery business of selling plots and how much the plots should sell for. There was also discussion about taking up more Town property for the cemetery. It was noted that the current plot recommendations were in the crossways and would not take up any more Town property.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to table this discussion. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to table this discussion until next month.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Pro Tem Scotty Smith advised that Farm Fest was to be held April 21-22 and invited everyone to come out and enjoy.

**Manager's Update:**

Manager Scotty Summerlin spoke about the bulk item pick up. He advised that this continues to be a problem and at this time the Town needed to look at enforcement options. He also mentioned that Mr. Dennis, Chamber Director, has asked about relocating pictures in the Town Hall lobby so that the framed Declaration of Warsaw as the Veteran's Day Parade of North Carolina. Manager Summerlin also spoke about the dilapidated buildings and that enforcement was going to have to be done. Manager Summerlin advised that notices had been sent out about the "circus lights" in Town and that there had been some response. Finally Manager Summerlin set a budget workshop meeting for Monday April 24th at 6:30.

**Board Comments:**

Commissioner Owen Martin would like to think of other options for the bulk item pick up. Commissioner Joal Smith commented that enforcement has to be the key.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk