

December 12th, 2016

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 12th, 2016 at 7:30 in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Interim Town Manager, Lea Turner
Fire Chief, John Blackmore
Wellness Director, Lydia King
Recreation Director, Betty Smith
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Deputy Clerk, Carmen Gonzalez
Attorney, Gene Thompson

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

Public Hearing

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment for voluntary annexation of C2e Renewables NC/813 Penny Branch Road.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to open public hearing. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to open the public hearing to receive public comment for voluntary annexation of C2e Renewables NC/813 Penny Branch Road.

No Comments from the public.

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to close the public hearing.

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments for voluntary annexation of C2e Renewables/855 Penny Branch Road.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to open the public hearing for voluntary annexation of C2e Renewables NC/855 Penny Branch Road.

No Comments from the public.

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

Regular Meeting

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the minutes to the November 10th, 2016 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes from the November 10th, 2016 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 Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to open the public comments.

Matthew Howell of 744 E. Chelly St voiced his concerns about semi truck parking at 741 E Hill Street. He stated that this semi is becoming a nuisance. Mr. Howell stated that the driver of the semi turns the truck on very early in the morning and leaves it running. The noise the semi makes wakes them up and he wants something done about this. Mr. Howell stated that currently the town of Warsaw has no ordinance specifically addressing semi trucks in the town limits. Chief Eric Southerland stated that E. Hill Street is a state road. Mayor Eason asked Chief Southerland to get in contact with the property owners to find out if the driver has permission to be parking there.

Theresa Stevens of 744 E. Chelly St. voiced her concern over tethering. She stated that there were several dogs located at 741 E. Hill St. that currently had no adequate housing and were going days without being fed or watered. She also stated that they were tied up and not being walked. Commissioner Joal Smith directed her to contact Duplin County Animal Control.

Pat Kelly Royal voiced her concern about the town doing away with the community tree lighting. She stated that it was tradition for the families to come up town and put lights on a tree as a family while awaiting Santa Claus to arrive. Ms. Royal stated that the town needed to bring that tradition back to town. Ms. Royal then introduced Mr. Adan Quiroz as the artist that painted the mural on the side of her building located on N. Railroad St. Ms. Royal presented Mr. Quiroz with a check from the town for \$400.00. Mr. Quiroz thanked the town as well as Ms. Royal for the check and stated he would use the check to help with his school expenses.

Commissioners Joal Smith and Al Searles commented that they would like for the Planning Board to draw an ordinance that is specifically aimed at semi trucks in the residential areas.

Mayor Eason called for a motion to close the public comments. Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to close the public comments. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. Vote unanimous to close the public comments.

Regular Agenda

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the consideration to annex C2E Renewables NC/Dean Johnson property on Penny Braanch Road. Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to approve. Commissioners Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the consideration to annex C2E Renewables NC/Dean Johnson property.

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the consideration to annex C2E Renewables NC/ RSJ Properties, LLC property on Penny Branch Rd. Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to approve. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the consideration to annex C2E Renewable NC/ RSJ Properties, LLC on Penny Branch Rd.

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve sales fees for cemetery plots in Pine crest Cemetery. It was unanimous to table this item until the Board is provided with further information.

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the consideration of an open burning ordinance. Commissioner Al Searle's made a motion to send to the Planning Board for an updated more specific ordinance for in town burning. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to send to the Planning Board for updated ordinance.

Mayor Eason called for discussion on bulk item pick up. The Board decided to amend the current bulk item pick up schedule from twice a year to quarterly. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to the bulk item pick up ordinance. Commissioner Al Searle's seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the amendment to the bulk item pick up ordinance.

Mayor Eason called for discussion on shared water meters. The Interim Town Manager informed the Board of Commissioners that there was currently a couple of locations in town that were running off one water meter. It was explained that currently the total water consumption is calculated then divided evenly among the number of accounts running off that meter and this is now becoming an issue. Several complaints have been brought to Town Hall from tenants on a shared meter because they are disputing the amount of water they are being billed for. After discussion the Board agreed to table this topic until the February meeting giving the Town Manager time to notify property owners that they have 60 days to make sure each location has a separate water meter.

Other Business:

Mayor's Update:
No update

Commissioner Joal Smith addressed the Board and stated that he would be interested in the Town having a Veteran's Day Celebration and that the Town should over see this celebration because he is not satisfied with the way the Chamber is currently handling Veteran's Day. Commissioner Smith stated that a committee should be appointed to oversee the celebration and bring new ideas so that it is not just the parade but an all day event for the vendors as well as the Town. Commissioner Peggy Doran voiced her agreement with this idea. Commissioner Al Searle's who is currently the Chamber president voiced his disappointment in the negative comments about the handling of the celebration by the chamber. Commissioner Al Searle's stated that for many years the Chamber has overseen the celebration is held without any funding from the town and that he is extremely proud of the Chamber. No further comments were made on this topic.

December 12th, 2016

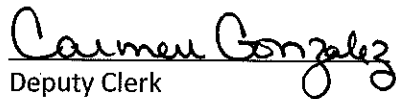
At 8:39 Mayor Eason called for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Commissioner Al Searle's made a motion to open regular session and adjourn. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was to open regular session and adjourn.



Mayor

Attest



Deputy Clerk