

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Board Room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Valerie Nelson
Commissioner Russell Eason
Commissioner Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (Loan Forgive) Application:

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates stated that he had met with the state about the layout of the loan process for modifications to the waste water plant. Mr. Gurley advised that the engineer report would be due by July 2 which lays out the scope of the project. Mr. Gurley stated that it would be about February of 2020 when the Town would enter the contract at which time the loan fee would be due. Then the loan payments would begin in 2021.

Commissioner Owen Martin made a motion to move forward with the project. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to accept McDavid as the engineer. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept McDavid as the engineer for the project.

Budget Workshop #2 Discussion:

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates advised that with the current water project there were some changes that were needed. Mr. Gurley advised that several of the bores would need to be changed to directional bores which would cost more money. Mr. Gurley asked that the Board consider a change order so that the state could then approve for this change in the budget. Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to approve the change order. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approved the change order.

Fire Chief, John Blackmore presented on the needs of the fire dept. Chief Blackmore advised they were requesting about a 2% increase for a budget of \$129,988. Chief

Blackmore advised that they had applied again for the state matching grant but with it being so competitive they were not sure the outcome. Chief Blackmore also stated that they did receive some funds for equipment.

Chamber President, Frank Rhodes presented on the needs of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rhodes stated that the centennial parade was fast approaching and they were trying to build up to it by adding more events. Mr. Rhodes advised that they were looking into more social events as well to build the public relations with the Chamber. Mr. Rhodes stated that they were looking into more fundraisers and were reaching out for donations as well.

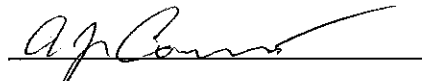
Manager Summerlin read the letter from the Duplin County Veterans Memorial Museum. Manager Summerlin advised of the contribution last year and Commissioners Eason and Martin suggested keeping the donation the same.

Police Chief, Eric Southerland shared a power point presentation on what the police depart has done over the last few years and what is needed for them to continue to move forward.

Manager Summerlin advised that revenues are good and seem to be increasing but so are expenses. Manager Summerlin advised that there were several ADA requirements and safety concerns that were needed in the next budget. Manager Summerlin advised that he had done a tax rate study and the Town is number five (5) out of ten (10).

Many commissioners were concerned about raising taxes and utility rates at the same time but stated if there were true needs then they would do what was absolutely necessary.

With no other business to discuss, Commissioner Peggy Doran 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

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