

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 14, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Town Hall.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin  
Town Clerk, Lea Turner  
Deputy Clerk, Carmen Gonzalez  
Police Chief, Eric Southerland  
Fire Chief, John Blackmore  
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson  
Planning Board: Earl Rouse, Laverne Padgett, John Hobson, George Wilson

Pastor Scott Kennedy opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Amend Agenda:**

Town Manager Scotty Summerlin asked that the agenda be amended to remove item 3, Barry Merrill from Mount Olive Tribune to speak about live streaming the Board meetings. Mr. Merrill advised he would reschedule.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to amend the agenda.

**Public Hearing: Public Hearing for Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update:**

Mayor Connors called the Public Hearing to order. Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was originally adopted July 17, 2006. Manager Summerlin advised that this update included new delineations which currently only affects 3 property owners. These property owners have been notified of the change. Manager Summerlin advised that it was dealing with the construction of storage buildings on their properties. After this report, Mayor Connors opened it up for public comments relating to the ordinance update.

Ms. Morrisey asked if this update was related to storm water. Manager Summerlin advised that it has nothing to do with storm water. Manager Summerlin advised that adding additional buildings onto properties would now involve different stipulations. Manager Summerlin also advised that this mainly affected Meadowbrook St., Acacia St., and College St. Ms. Morrisey also asked about erosion in the area of College St near the canal. Manager Summerlin advised this was out of the scope of the Public

Hearing but advised he would speak with her in reference to her concerns after the meeting.

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close the Public Hearing on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update.

### **Public Comments:**

Prior to opening public comments Mayor Connors advised that no decisions would be made on the topics discussed in public comments, there would be a three (3) minute time limit, and that if multiple individuals were speaking on the same topic they would need to select a delegate to speak.

Attorney Thompson reiterated what Mayor Connors stated and advised that it was the Mayor's discretion as to how long individuals could speak and that he could determine how many were allowed to speak. Attorney Thompson also stated that there would be no comments made in relation to the event as it is pending an outside investigation.

Mr. Robert Moore, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) read a letter in regard to the purpose of the NAACP. Mr. Moore advised they were disturbed by the event at Waffle House on Friday, May 4th. Mr. Moore advised that they would like the officer to remain suspended until the investigation is complete and they would like to see a truthful investigation.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes for regular meeting on April 9th; Approval of Minutes for budget meetings on March 19, April 17, and May 7; and Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting on April 4.

### **Adoption of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update:**

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update.

### **Schedule FY 2018-2019 Budget Meeting #4:**

Manager Summerlin advised there had been great progress made at the prior budget meetings and he feels there only needed to be one or maybe two more meetings.

Manager Summerlin anticipated adoption on June 11. Budget Meeting 4 was scheduled for June 7th at 6:30pm.

**Manager's Update:**

Manager Summerlin advised the PARTF phase II application had been submitted and it was anticipated that a response would be announced in September.

Manager Summerlin also reported that the Engineer was working on the paperwork for the \$3.5 Million sewer loan.

**Mayor's Update:**

Mayor Connors stated that he had spoken with the Planning Board in reference to updating the current ordinances.

Mayor Connors also expressed thanks to those who helped with the cleanup efforts on Saturday, May 5.

Mayor Connors also expressed concern about some of the homes in Town that need to be cleaned up. Mayor Connors mentioned that several homes have come under tax foreclosure if anyone is interested in these homes. Finally Mayor Connors asked that if anyone sees any areas that are unsafe for them to be reported to the Town Manager.

**Board Comments:**

Commissioner Russell Eason advised he would get in touch with Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong, in reference to continuing to clean up the remainder of the proposed ballfield area.

**Closed Session:**

Mayor Connors asked to go into closed session in reference to NCGS 143-318.11(3) to consult with the Town Attorney. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to reopen the regular meeting. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to reopen regular session.

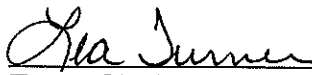
No action was taken in closed session.

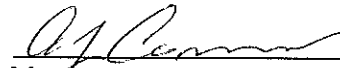
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**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Attest

  
Town Clerk

  
Mayor