

February 8th, 2016

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 8th, 2016 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Russell Eason
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Al Searles
Commissioner Joal Smith
Commissioner Peggy Doran

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Collins
Public Works Director, Ivey Knowles
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Police Captain, Patrick Giddeons
Wellness & Recreation Director, Josh Crowell
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11th, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Public Comments:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to open for public comments. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open for public comment.

Ms. Brenda Edwards advised that she paid a water deposit at 122 W College. Ms. Edwards advised that she felt she was paying a double deposit as she was advised that this address shares a meter with another location. Ms. Edwards advised she didn't feel

this was fair to her as she doesn't even have restrooms to use any water. Ms. Edwards also advised that when the executive director came in to fill out the application she felt she was treated rudely by someone in the office. Manager Condon advised Ms. Edwards to come into the office to speak with him about this matter.

Mr. Shawn Brown spoke on behalf of Duplin Veterans Museum. Mr. Brown advised that they were having a Bike-A-Thon fundraiser on June 4th and wanted everyone to come out and support the museum.

Ms. Lawanda Wynn advised that she has an antique mall and is looking a building in Warsaw to move her business into. Ms. Wynn advised that she has several vendors that are interested in moving with her but at the rate individuals are charging and the condition of the buildings in the downtown area she had not found anything appropriate. Ms. Wynn asked for any suggestions from the board or citizens present.

Ms. Thomasina Williams advised that there was an article in the newspaper about a Facility Needs Survey. Ms. Williams advised that there with the amount of money needed to complete the Facilities Plan a possible 11% tax increase could occur. Ms. Williams advised that the Commissioners needed to get involved and represent the Town of Warsaw at the budget meetings.

Ms. Williams also spoke in reference to the Sherriff's Ball and that the funds go to Duplin Count Youth Foundation. Ms. Williams presented a flyer and asked for support from all present.

Mr. John Williams thanked the board for their consideration of a new utility policy. Mr. Williams also followed up what Ms. Williams had said in reference to the schools by saying this is the future of Duplin County and we need to do all we can for these students.

Mr. Haywood Blackburn spoke on the maintenance needed at Pinecrest Cemetery. Mr. Blackburn advised that he would like to see the open graves be closed and that the streets were in bad shape from the washouts that the solar farm had created.

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

Discussion of Recommended Vehicle Use Policy and Take Home Vehicles:

This item was continued from last meeting. Manager Shawn Condon advised he had put together a policy that allowed law enforcement and on-call employees to take their vehicle home. Manager Condon stated it was also his recommendation to have a 15 mile distance added to the policy.

After much discussion, Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to accept the policy with a 20 mile radius. There was no second and the motion died.

Discussion continued with no consensus so the item was tabled until next month. Commissioner Al Searles asked manager to write in to policy what employees living over the mile restriction would do if they would like to drive vehicle home. Commissioner Searles also wanted to know the number of employees and vehicles that would be taken home.

Consideration of Proposed False Alarm Ordinance:

Manager Shawn Condon explained that the Warsaw Fire Dept and Warsaw Police Dept receive numerous false alarm calls throughout the year which creates a burden on the departments and wastes limited resources. Manager Condon advised that with this ordinance there would be three (3) free false alarm responses and any further calls to this address would result in fees being charged to the user/owner of the alarm. It was explained that on the fourth alarm a \$100 fee would be charged, fifth a \$200 fee and for six or more alarms a \$300 fee would be charged.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Commissioner Al Searles recommended adding a notification letter in the ordinance. The vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance with the notification letter added.

Consideration of Eliminating Weekly Bulk Item Pickup:

Manager Shawn Condon advised that with the weekly deposit of appliances, furniture and other household junk the town is looking unsightly. Manager Condon is recommending doing away with the weekly pickup and offer maybe one or two days a year for free pickup. Manager Condon advised that this would be a cost savings of at least \$20,000 per year and also allow Public Works staff more time to focus on stormwater/drainage maintenance.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to do away with bulk item pickup on a weekly basis and only have one or two work days a year with the date to be selected later. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to do away with bulk item pickup and have work days to be determined at a later date.

Consideration of Approval of Voluntary Annexation of 136 Pete Quinn Rd:

Manager Shawn Condon advised Mr. Williams submitted an annexation petition for 136 Pete Quinn Rd to get water service at in-town rates. Manager Condon advised that a resolution would need to be adopted for the Town Clerk to investigate the petition for annexation.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution for the Town Clerk to investigate the petition for annexation of 136 Pete Quinn Rd.

Consideration of Resolution Regarding State Health Plan:

Town Manager Shawn Condon asked the board to consider approving a resolution to explore insurance options related to the State Health Plan. Manager Condon advised that the resolution authorizing participation would have to be submitted to the State Health Plan to put the town on the list of possible enrollees. Manager Condon advised that this resolution would authorize participation in the plan if it was determined to be the best overall option.

Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to adopt the resolution in regards to State Health Plan. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution in regards to State Health Plan.

Consideration of Approval of Audit Contract from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co for FY 2015-2016 Audit:

Manager Shawn Condon explained that the contract amount for the audit is \$8,650.00 and the amount for financial statement preparation is \$1000.00. Manager Condon advised this was the same amount as last year's contract.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the audit contract. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the audit contract from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co.

Consideration of Approval of Advertisement for Delinquent Taxes:

Manager Shawn Condon requested the Board's approval to advertise the list of 2015 delinquent taxpayers in the local newspaper on May 5, 2016. Manager Condon advised that the total amount delinquent at this time is \$131, 083.94.

Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to advertise the delinquent taxpayers. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to advertise the delinquent taxpayers in the local newspaper on May 5, 2016.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Eason invited everyone to attend the fundraiser, Bike-A-Thon, on June 4th to help raise money for the Veteran's Museum.

Manager's Report:

Manager Shawn Condon advised that he and the Mayor had spoke to the County about the Senior Meals program. Manager Condon advised that it had been discussed having this program at the new gym.

Manager Condon also advised he had received a letter from the planning board about solar farms as well. Manager Condon advised that there would be more information to come in reference to this topic.

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Board Comments:

Commissioner Al Searles thanked everyone for the work they did to help in the repairs both during and after the rains. Commissioner Searles also asked for community support in the senior meals since the Town was doing what needed to be done to try to bring it back to Warsaw.

Commissioner Scotty Smith also thanked everyone for their help with the stormwater repairs. Commissioner Smith advised that during the last rain he noticed how the water was really flowing.

Closed Session:

Mayor Eason requested closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(6) to discuss personnel.

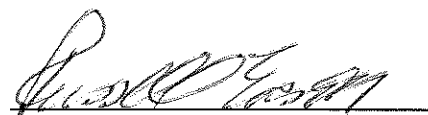
Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to go back into regular session. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into back into regular session.

No action was taken in closed session.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk