

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 8th, 2017 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 Dr. Martin Owen
Commissioner Peggy Doran

Also Present:

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Russell Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 10th, 2017 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Mayor Russell Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 24th, 2017 budget meeting.

Commissioner Al Searles asked for corrections to the minutes then made motion to approve with changes. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes with corrections.

Public Comments:

Mayor Russell Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

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

Ms. Thomasina Williams spoke about the penalties for trash piled up on the highways. Ms Williams stated that not everyone receives The Duplin Times so they are not aware of the penalties. Ms. Williams suggested the Town make an exception for one month.

Mr. Leroy Dewitt spoke about water deposits. Mr. Dewitt asked how long deposits are kept and when they are returned. Manager Scotty Summerlin replied that deposits are kept for the life of the account and only returned when the account is closed. Mr. Dewitt asked the board to consider the possibility of a 5 year life of deposit.

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

Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with Other Law Enforcement Agencies:

Police Chief Eric Southerland presented the Board with a copy of a resolution authorizing the Chief to enter into mutual aid agreements with other agencies as he sees fit. Chief Southerland advised that each year they were having to authorize new mutual aid agreements. Chief Southerland advised that this would allow him to enter into mutual aid agreements without having to wait for a Board meeting in order to get approval to enter into such agreements. Commissioner Scotty Smith asked that Chief Southerland make sure that Manager Summerlin have input, prior to such agreements being signed.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution for mutual assistance with other law enforcement agencies.

Pinecrest Cemetery Burial Plat and Pricing Proposal:

Manager Scotty Summerlin reviewed the information from Blanchard & Associates about the plots for Pinecrest Cemetery. Manager Summerlin asked the wishes of the board in reference to the sale of the plots. Commissioner Al Searles suggested an upset bid process or a real estate sale. Attorney Gene Thompson advised that to do the upset bid process would require a public bid for at least 10 days. Commissioner Joal Smith was still not sure about the location as it was his interpretation that the new plots would be on the west side of the cemetery close to the solar field. More discussion related to not being in the real estate business and to try to sale the lots quickly and go back to perpetual care of the cemetery. Commissioner Scotty Smith asked about the mowing contract and how much of that contract was to take care of the cemetery. Manager Summerlin advised he would check on it and get back to them with an amount. The discussion was tabled until next month.

Appointment of John Hobson to Warsaw Planning Board:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Planning Board had made a recommendation to appoint John Hobson to the Warsaw Planning Board to replace Jeff Smith.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to appoint John Hobson to the Warsaw Planning Board.

Tax Releases for Linette Hodges:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that County has asked the Town to release taxes for Linette Hodges in the amount of \$134.75.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the tax releases. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the tax releases.

Preliminary Plat for Pinecrest Cemetery, New Proposed Plots:

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 Russell Eason advised that Farm Fest went off very well. Mayor Eason also thanked the Board, Public Works Director Craig Armstrong and Chief Eric Southerland as well as their staff.

Manager's Update:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that he and Craig Armstrong were working on prioritizing drainage by zones. Manager Summerlin stated that at this time they were working to improve drainage on North, Center, and Gum Streets. Manager Summerlin

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stated that requests for drainage are coming daily but everyone is working to do the best they can to meet the needs.

Manager Summerlin advised that a phone tree message had gone out to all citizens to inform of the change in bulk item pickup. Manager Summerlin also stated that he was beginning to send out notice of violations for dilapidated home and overgrown lots.

Manager Summerlin also advised that he was working on the draft budget. He also advised the next budget meeting would be May 22, 2017 at 6:30.

Board Comments:

No board comments.

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