

March 13th, 2017

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 13th, 2017 at 7:30 in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Interim Town Manager, Lea Turner
Wellness Director, Lydia King
Recreation Director, Betty Smith
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Carmen Gonzalez
Fire Department Chief John Blackmore
Chief of Police Eric Southerland

Mayor Eason called for a motion to approve the minutes to the February 13th, 2017 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2017 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 Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to open the public comments.

First to speak was Pat Kelly Royal, owner of the HELP Center on 115 N Railroad Street. She addressed several issues. Ms. Kelly Royal stated that there was still a lot of confusion in town about the trash pickup policy and it needed to be made more clear. Next she stated that Warsaw needed to put out more information for the elderly. Finally Ms. Kelly Royal stated the town should have a bus stop for the senior citizens so that they do not have to pay someone to provide them with transportation.

Second to speak was Mrs. Jesse Ladson owner of the We Smell It 2 fish market on W. Hill Street. Mrs. Ladson stated that people are climbing over the Wellness Center fence and it needs to be better monitored. Mrs. Ladson also stated that on Hwy 117 off of Bruce Costin Road tractor trailers have been parking there and the town needed to do something about that especially after investing money to fix

this area. Mayor Russell Eason advised Mrs. Ladson that this is a state road and she would have to contact NCDOT.

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

Regular Agenda

First on the agenda was the approval of resolution authorizing application for financial assistance. Trey Gurley with McDavid and Associates spoke to the Board and informed them of the funding options. Trey also informed the Board that Warsaw did not qualify for 100% funding.

Second item on the agenda was the reappointment of Walker McNeil to the Warsaw ABC Board. Commissioner Joal Smith stated that in January the wrong board member was mistakenly reappointed. Commissioner Al Smith made a motion to reappoint Walker McNeil to the ABC Board. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to reappoint Walker McNeil to the Warsaw ABC Board.

Other Business:

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Russell Eason stated that the Town should have the ball field surveyed and put it to use as another softball field. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve having the field surveyed. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to have the ball field surveyed. Mayor Eason stated that Lee Swinson would be taking the old gym down the morning of April 14th. Mayor Eason ended his comments with informing everyone that the Farm Festival would be on April 21-22 and it will be to promote farming.

Manager's Update:

Interim Town Manager Lea Turner stated that the expansion of Pinecrest is at a standstill because ECC still has not called back. Turner stated that she had contacted Blanchard and Associates to do the surveying. Interim Town Manager Lea Turner stated that Scotty Summerlin would officially start as Town Manager on March 15. Turner ended comments by informing the board that Doug Peyton with FEMA had informed her the application submitted had been approved.

Board's Comments:

Commissioner Joal Smith thanked Town Clerk Lea Turner for stepping in as acting Interim Town Manager until the Town Manager was hired.

Commissioner Scotty Smith stated that the Town needed to start using the phone tree system.

Commissioner Al Smith stated that it needed to be made clear that C2E did specify that the amount of gallons would be 25,000.

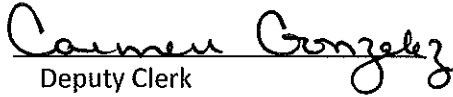
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Mayor Eason called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:14. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Mayor Russell Eason

Attest



Deputy Clerk