

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 9, 2017 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Recreation Director, Betty Smith
Wellness Director, Christy Aldridge
Fire Chief, John Blackmore
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 September 11, 2017 regular session meeting.

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

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Regular Meeting:

Warsaw Police Department Special Recognition:

Police Chief, Eric Southerland advised he wanted to recognize one of his officers who had worked with law enforcement for about 20 years and has worked diligently to achieve advanced training credits. Detective Quinn was awarded her Advanced Law Enforcement Training Certification and a ribbon designating her award.

K-9 Retirement and Swearing in:

Police Chief, Eric Southerland also advised he wanted to recognize the retirement of K-9 Zeva. Chief Southerland read the resolution to retire K-9 Zeva. This resolution also transfers ownership to Officer Frank Moss.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution to retire K-9 Zeva and transfer ownership to Officer Moss.

Police Chief Southerland introduced K-9 Maya. Southerland advised that she and Officer Moss were working on training. Currently Maya is certified for narcotics detection and working toward tracking and criminal apprehension. They then had a brief swearing in and presentation of badge.

Financing proposal and Recommendation for Police Body/In Car Cameras:

Police Chief, Eric Southerland advised of a proposal for new cameras. The department is looking at adding car cameras and replacing body cameras. Southerland advised that the current body cameras are with Taser but their in-car cameras are new and they are not quite ready for production. Southerland advised that the new company they are looking at is through WatchGuard®. With this company they offer financing to be able to replace all cameras at once but pay over a five (5) year period. With the new system when you activate one camera, you would activate both cameras. Chief Southerland asked that since \$15,000 was budgeted this year, would the board consider a resolution to do a financing to replace all cameras at one time?

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution for financing.

Tax Release:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that County has asked the Town to release taxes for Bonnie Fern Davis in the amount of \$3.48, Richard Elmore in the amount of \$25.91, and Loistene Spencer in the amount of \$241.45.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the tax release. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the tax release.

Budget Amendment Recommendation; Memorial Park Grounds:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the County had generously donated some land to the Town. Manager Summerlin advised that the paperwork was picked up this

morning. Manager advised that the Board would need to accept the property in order for the deed to be recorded.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion that the Town accept the property and that the Town Manger write a thank you to the County for their donation. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the land and send a letter of thanks.

Manager Summerlin also stated that in order to move forward in the preparation of the grounds at Memorial Park additional money will need to be appropriated. The Sedimentation and Eerosion Control Permit will need to be revised and grubbing and piping will need to be done. Manager Summerlin advised that a budget amendment of \$20,000 would need to be done in order to get these jobs done.

After much discussion, Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve a budget amendment and spend up to \$20,000 in order to move forward. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was 4/1 with Commissioner Searles voting against the motion.

Recommendation to End Phone Tree System Service as Cost Cutting Measure:

Manager Summerlin advised that the phone tree system has proven beneficial but it comes with a cost. Manager Summerlin advised that there have been several technical issues and breakdowns and the invoice came in this month at \$1651.70 per year. Manager Summerlin asked for the recommendation of the Board as to whether to continue this service. Discussion included searching for a more local service but not to discontinue the service.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Russell Eason advised that James Kenan Cheerleaders were holding a hot dog fundraiser at Piedmont Tires on October 11th from 12pm-until.

Mayor Eason asked Recreation Director, Betty Smith to inform of the Trunk or Treat. Betty Smith advised that it would be held on October 31 from 7-8pm. Betty Smith also gave an update on what sports were coming up.

Manager's Update:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Wellness Center was now back to full staff and introduced Christy Aldridge as the new Wellness Director. He also advised that Laverne Padgett has stepped up to the other full time position and that Stroud Winstead was a new part time employee.

Manager Summerlin advised that the Milling and Resurfacing proposals were due by Friday and as of today only one had been returned. Summerlin advised that so far they

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had 3,000 feet laid out to be resurfaced but the actual total of resurfacing would depend upon proposals.

Manager Summerlin advised that the Recreation Advisory Board still had a few seats to be filled before being brought to the Board for approval. Summerlin advised they need another 2-3 people.

Manager Summerlin advised that there were a number of grossly dilapidated structures in the Town that needed to be taken care of. Manager Summerlin advised that he and Mayor Eason had been in contact with Fire Chief, John Blackmore about working with the Fire Department in order to get some live training. Manager Summerlin stated that he would be contacting about 12 home owners about voluntarily participating.

Manager Summerlin gave an update on new businesses to the Town. Taco Bell is making good headway and is anticipating a December opening. O'Reilly's has purchased the land and has approval for zoning permits. Manager Summerlin also reported that there were currently no open store fronts on Front Street.

Manager Summerlin reported that Contract Number 39 continues . College Street piping is completed, they are waiting for GIS to be done on the lines before the final grading and sidewalks. At the last progress meeting the contractor was asked to hold off for now on the extension request and see how things progress.


Manager Summerlin reported that Carbon Cycle Energy has pushed back their anticipated start date to December or January.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Al Searles advised that the Chamber had moved the General's Cup from this Wednesday to October 18th. He also reminded everyone about the Veteran's Day Parade on November 4.

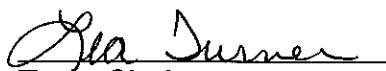
Adjournment:

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