

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on December 11, 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 Dr. Owen Martin
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Joal Smith

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Police Captain, Patrick Giddens
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
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 November 13, 2017 regular session 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:

There were no public comments.

Board Comments from outgoing elected officials:

Commissioner Joal Smith thanked the citizens for their support over the years and wished the new board luck.

Mayor Russell Eason stated that there were still businesses coming. He also stated there had been many improvements over the last four (4) years and he hopes to see things keep moving forward.

Commissioner Al Searles thanked the citizens, businesses, and employees for their support and dedication to the Town. He also stated that he had learned a lot in his time on the Board and he appreciates the opportunity he had to serve.

Special Recognition of Outgoing Officials:

Town Manager Scotty Summerlin presented a plaque to Mayor Russell Eason and Commissioners Joal Smith and Al Searles recognizing their service on the Board.

Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials:

Judge Carol Jones was recognized and asked to administer the oath of office for the new mayor, AJ Connors.

Judge Michael Surles was recognized and asked to administer the oath of office for the new commissioners, Valerie Nelson and David Rouse.

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore:

Mayor Connors asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to nominate Commissioner Scotty Smith. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous for Commissioner Scotty Smith to be Mayor Pro-Tem.

Appointment of Official to Serve on Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECCOG) General Membership Board:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised what the Eastern Carolina Council was and that each year someone would need to be designated to serve on the General Membership Board. Commissioner Peggy Doran offered to serve as an alternate if needed.

Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to designate Town Manager Scotty Summerlin to serve on this board. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for Scotty Summerlin to serve on the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments General Membership Board.

Board Consideration of Triple S Farms Sludge Hauling Contract Renewal:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that Town currently had a contract with Triple S Farms but it was in need of renewal. Manager Summerlin advised that there was approximately 330,000 gallons of sludge hauled yearly. Manager Summerlin advised that the company is asking for a 5.5% increase yearly in the contract price and that this would be a 3 year contract.

Commissioner Owen Martin made a motion to renew the contract. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to renew the Triple S Farms Sludge Hauling contract.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin reported that Contract Number 39 continues. Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates reported that the project was about half completed. Mr. Gurley also reported that the deadline for the project was November 14th but a 60 day extension had been requested. The State still has not responded on the extension request.

Manager Summerlin advised that the milling and resurfacing project has been completed for Prospect and Cross Streets.

Manager Summerlin advised that he had completed and submitted the Solid Waste Annual Report.

Manager Summerlin advised that the Christmas Tree Lighting was a success and that he felt it was well attended.

Manager Summerlin advised that the audit reports were back and available for the Board's review. Manager Summerlin also advised that it would be scheduled for the auditor to come and report at the January meeting.

Manager Summerlin stated that the Board would need to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board to meet in reference to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Finally, Manager Summerlin stated that he had been contacted about live streaming of the Town Board Meetings.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Connors thanked Judges Carol Jones and Michael Surles for coming to support the new board members. Mayor Connors stated that he believes in unity and that he would like to see everyone work together for the betterment of Warsaw. He also stated that he would like to see Warsaw form an Economic Development Committee to work with the County in bringing in businesses. Mayor Connors also stated that he would like to see the meetings changed from 7:30 to 7:00 pm if possible. Mayor Connors also stated that he would like to visit all the businesses.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Valerie Nelson thanked everyone for coming and showing their support. She stated that she would like to continue the work that has been done and that we continue to work together to do more.


Commissioner David Rouse stated that he had lived in Warsaw for the biggest part of his life and had been involved in many different organizations. He stated that he would like to see the Town to finish commitments that have been started and to continue to grow Warsaw but remembering that Warsaw does have a budget. Commissioner Rouse also thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Scotty Smith stated that he enjoyed working with the former board members and was looking forward to working with the new board members.

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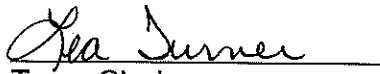
Adjournment:

Commissioner Peggy Doran 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