

Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 9th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor AJ Connors
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Valerie Nelson
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

Public: 37

Mayor AJ Connors opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Planning Board member Earl Rouse's wife. Mayor Connors proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance following the moment of silence.

Amendment to Agenda:

Mayor AJ Connors started by informing the Board and the public that Town Manager Scotty Summerlin wanted to make an amendment to the agenda. Mayor Connors asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to amend the agenda. Town Manager Scotty Summerlin stated that two items needed to be added to the agenda (1) Trey Gurley with update on contract #39 and (2) the clean water revolving fund. Mayor Connors asked for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept the amended agenda.

Public Comments:

Mayor Connors opened the public comments at 7:09pm.

1) Lawrence Padgett from 202 Wade Street was speaker number one. Mr. Padgett addressed the Board about his concerns with the flooding zone. Mr. Padgett stated that the flooding zone currently only covers the 500 block of East Chelly Street. Mr. Padgett wants it reconsidered to include Wade Street and Pollock Street. Mr. Padgett stated that his residence has been flooded several times.

2) Pat Kelly Royal was speaker number two. Ms. Royal addressed the Mayor and the Town Attorney. Ms. Royal stated that although speakers are given 3 minutes to speak during public comments no one should be forced to sit down if they speak over the 3 minutes. Ms. Royal also stated that during public comments it should not be allowed for people to be talking about people.

3) Marcela Morrisey was speaker number three. Ms. Morrisey addressed the board in reference to the town charter. Ms. Morrisey stated that she had documented locations in the Town of Warsaw that needed to be amended in the Town charter. Ms. Morrisey also stated that she understood the Commissioners have the ability to appoint who fills the Commissioner vacancy but it should be given to the Town to vote on.

4) Reverend Corbett was speaker number four. Reverend Corbett addressed the Board and stated that this was his first time attending a meeting. Rev. Corbett stated that there is a ditch beside his church and that he had previously spoke with the previous Mayor and Town Manager in reference to the ditch over flooding and water coming into the church. Rev. Corbett stated the church is in the town limits. Rev. Corbett also stated that anything the town can do to help with the over flooding would be appreciated.

5) Jack Hawes from 209 Wade Street was speaker number five. Mr. Hawes addressed the Board and stated that he learned of his nomination to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners and that he was very humbled by the nomination. Mr. Hawes stated that he had spent much time praying for answer and that right now he wanted to dedicate himself to his business. Mr. Hawes respectfully declined the nomination for Town of Warsaw Commissioner.

6) George Wilson from 2508 W NC 24 Hwy was speaker number six. Mr. Wilson addressed the Board and stated that he wanted to give everyone some food for thought. Mr. Wilson turned around and addressed the public present and stated that everyone should work together as one for the good of the town. Mr. Wilson stated that if anyone has an idea they should take the idea their elected officials.

7) Jack Hawes from 209 Wade Street took to the podium once again and stated to the public that he views the Board of Commissioners as an example. Mr. Hawes stated the Board was very diverse and should be given an opportunity to make a change in Warsaw to move it forward.

Regular Agenda:

First item on the regular agenda was the Board of Commissioners vacancy. After Mayor Connors read guidelines set forth by the School of Government to the public which explained in detail that the acting Commissioners had the authority to nominate and vote on who to fill the vacancy, Mayor Connors asked for the nominations and brief explanation on why that individual was nominated.

1) Commissioners Valerie Nelson nominated Al Searles because he is good at his job and is good with numbers.

2) Commissioner Scotty Smith nominated Joal Smith. Commissioner Smith stated that Al Searles chose not to run this past election, Russell Eason ran for mayor not commissioner and Joal Smith ran for commissioner that is why Joal Smith is his choice to fill the vacancy.

3) Commissioner Peggy Doran nominated Russell Eason. Commissioner Doran stated that Al Searles was not an option for her because he chose not to run during elections. Commissioner Doran stated that both Joal and Russell have given much to the town. Commissioner Doran stated Russell was very passionate and dedicated to Warsaw and moving it forward. Commissioner Doran stated Russell has volunteered much of his time and equipment.

4) Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin stated that Al Searles was sharp and smart, Joal Smith was passionate and Russell Eason was very dedicated and that is why Russell Eason was his nomination. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin stated that the town would be fortunate to have all three serve if that were possible.

Mayor Connors stated that Russell Eason was the winner and would be filling in the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. Mayor Connors asked for a motion to accept Russell Eason to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to accept the nomination. Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept Russell Eason as nominee to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. Russell Eason was sworn in by Mayor AJ Connors while wife, Crystal Eason held the bible.

Second item on the agenda was Jack Hawes Funeral Home opening at 115 Pershing Street. Mr. Jack Hawes addressed the Board and stated that this location had been selected because it provided the quietness that grieving families needed. Mr. Hawes stated that parking will not be an issue and that he will enforce towing. Mr. Hawes stated that he does not do cremations at the Warsaw locations because all cremations were done in Goldsboro. Mr. Hawes stated that 95% of the county and town business was done here in Warsaw and that all the revenue stayed in Warsaw. Mayor Connors called for a motion to accept the Planning Boards recommendation to allow Hawes Funeral Home to operate at 115 Pershing Street and allow Town Manager Scotty Summerlin negotiate the lease. Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to accept the Planning Boards recommendation. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept the Hawes Funeral Home to operate from 115 Pershing Street and allow Town Manager Scotty Summerlin to negotiate the lease.

Third on the agenda was Samuel Eric Southerland's request to put a mobile home on a lot on his land where there was already previously a mobile home. Samuel Southerland stated that the mobile home would be temporary. Samuel Southerland stated that there was already a mobile home there previously. Mayor Connors called for a motion to accept the Planning Boards recommendation to allow the mobile home on this property. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to accept the Planning Boards recommendation. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept the Planning Boards recommendation to allow the mobile home at this location.

Fourth on the agenda was the resolution to written and forwarded to Raleigh in reference to the signal light located at the intersection of Hill and North Pine. Mayor AJ Connors called for a motion to accept the writing of the resolution to be forwarded to Raleigh.

Fifth on the agenda was Trey Gurley with McDavid and Associates. Mr. Gurley gave an update with on contract #39. Mr. Gurley stated that the contractors were running six months behind schedule. Mr. Gurley stated that the contractors have tried to get sub-contractors to come in help with project but nothing has panned out yet.

Sixth and Eighth on the agenda were combined. April 17th at 6:30pm there will be a joint meeting to discuss the budget and McDavid and Associates. Mayor Connors called for a motion to accept a joint meeting on April 17th at 6:30pm. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to accept the date for the joint meeting. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion to accept the date for the joint meeting. Vote was unanimous to accept a joint meeting on April 17th at 6:30pm to discuss the budget and McDavid and Associates.

Seventh on the agenda was scheduling a public hearing to discuss the flood hazard prevention. This plan has to be adopted by June 20th. Town Manager stated Monday, May 14th at the next Board of Commissioners meeting would be best. Mayor Connors called for a motion to accept May 14th as the date to hold a public hearing on the hazard prevention. Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion

to accept the date of May 14th. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept May 14th as the date to hold the public hearing to discuss the flood hazard prevention.

Manager's Update:

Town Manager Scotty Summerlin expressed appreciation to Trey Gurley for coming and giving the update on contract #39. Town Manager Summerlin recognized Public Works Director Craig Armstrong for all of the hard work they have done at the Memorial Park and still handling all of the town work orders in a timely manner. Town Manager Scotty Summerlin also stated that Warsaw was the host form the community municipal meetings.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor AJ Connors welcomed County Commissioner Jesse Ladson to the meeting.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Peggy Doran recognized John Hobson and thanked him for all the work and contribution he has made since being elected onto the Planning Board.

Mayor AJ Connors called for a motion to go into closed session at 8:37pm. Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to go into the closed session. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

Carmen Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk



A.J. Connors, Mayor